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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I don't know the official numbers — but numbers aren't everything. What I do know after having been the assistant director and director of Home Tour, and having had my own home on tour, is that this year's event was fantastic.

Not only were this year's homes of great variety and superb examples of the best Fairmount has to offer, but the art fair, Wine Down and all the goings on of the tour itself were probably the best they've ever been. It's almost cliché to say that this year's tour was the best ever, but it proves itself so every year because each year outdoes the previous.

There are too many people to thank for all the time, effort and anguish that go into putting on such a huge event. From our genuinely talented co-directors, Chelsie and Ashley, to the Home Tour committee and all the docents and other volunteers, it is nothing short of miraculous that we are all able to come together and pull off this amazing event, despite some of our obvious and very distinct differences.

I got to thinking about what motivates people to volunteer because Fairmount consists of nothing more, nothing less, than those same people. What draws us to give so freely of our time and energy and go through such tribulation that comes from volunteering with people that, in any other place, might be total strangers? I'm sure the answers are as numerous as the residents. And I will put away my cynicism and give benefit of the doubt that there are some truly altruistic people in our midst. But I know that for myself, besides the deep appreciation I have for historic architecture, I also have an economic and social reason to make Fairmount better, because at some point I'm investing in my own future, my own property and the quality of my own life. That is what results when we get up on a Saturday morning before 8 a.m. and help pick up trash, plant daffodil bulbs, or put on Home Tour. Each year I live here, my sense of place becomes deeper and more cherished and Home Tour is the element that feeds that feeling. I hope the hours you spend volunteering brings you the same satisfaction. And please don't ever forget that whatever you do, however you feel the need to contribute, you are appreciated and you help make Fairmount better.

See you Tuesday at the potluck.



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On the Cover

Eric Paz, right, teaches his daughter Vera how to paint a flower pot following the Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade Saturday, May 7. See more Home Tour photos on pgs. 10-17.

Photo by Stacy Luecker

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

During the April Fairmount Neighborhood Association meeting, a question was raised about whether or not homes with alarms were less likely to be broken into by burglars. As you can imagine, you can find pages of statistics and facts related to home burglaries. Below is one source that not only helps shed light on the alarm question, but also provides some other statistics to think about. Everyone can access UCR (Uniform Crime Reports) on the FBI's website, but I found after reading for awhile that the information below sums it up rather well.

For more general crime stats, check out the FBI's *Crime in the United States* report (2003) or the newest UCR reports, the source for much of the information below.

- Burglary is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. A person can be convicted of burglary even if nothing was actually stolen.
- A burglary occurs approximately every 15 seconds in the United States.
- On average, a burglary results in a dollar loss of about \$1,600.
- About 30 percent of all burglaries are classified as "unlawful entry," meaning the burglar was able to gain entry without using force — often through an unlocked door or window.
- Nearly 66 percent of all burglaries are residential, and of those 62 percent occur during the day. Most burglaries occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., when no one is likely to be at home.
- Renters are more likely to be the victims of property crime than homeowners.
- Only 13 percent of reported burglaries are solved or "cleared" by the police.
- Only about 15 percent of property stolen in burglaries is recovered by the police.

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- Nearly 85 percent of all burglaries occur in large metropolitan areas.
- Almost half of the nation's reported burglaries occur in the South: 45 percent, as opposed to the Northeast's 11, the Midwest's 20 and the West's 24.
- The highest percentage of burglaries occur during the summer months of July and August, when many people are away from their homes on vacation, or have left windows open for ventilation.
- Arrest records reported to the FBI indicate that approximately 70 percent of all burglary arrests are white and 86 percent are male.
- About 30 percent of private homes have security systems. Homes without security systems are two to three times more likely to be broken into.

The second topic I want to discuss is that we have seen an increase in theft of packages left at homes by delivery services such as UPS, Federal Express, etc.

A Ryan Place resident took an active role in speaking to delivery companies about this problem and what could be done about the issue. The following recommendations were made:

- Include delivery instructions when the order is placed.
- Require a signature.
- Request the delivery for a specific date that you know you will be home, or pay extra for Saturday delivery. You can not request a specific time for delivery because of how they route their deliveries.
- Request a notice of Attempt to Deliver note to be left and make ar-

rangements for a "Will Call" for you to pick up the package, or other delivery options.

- Make arrangements with a neighbor to accept the delivery and leave a note on your door for delivery personnel.
- Have the package delivered to your work address.

Outside of utilizing these ideas, if a package is stolen that was delivered to your home, please report it immediately. This can be done by either using the non-emergency number 817.335.4222, using the online reporting tool at www.fortworthpd.com or by calling 911 and having an officer come to the offense location and speak to you.

I would also like to address using the non-emergency number versus calling 911.

You have often heard me say to call 911 for suspicious activity and to report crimes that have occurred on your property.

Although you can still have an officer meet with you by utilizing the non-emergency number, you have to remember that response time can be affected (much slower). The reason for this is that 911 calls will initially have priority over non-emergency calls.

The non-emergency number is only to be used for non-emergencies. If you are watching something happening, then an officer needs to get there as quickly as possible or be started in that direction as quickly as possible.

If a crime has occurred on your property call 911, have an officer come out and check the area for any evidence that may help with the investigation and apprehension of an actor.

I hope I haven't confused anyone and thank you for all that you do to make our neighborhoods safer.

Until next time, be safe today and safer tomorrow.



Photos by Stacy Luecker

Above: Nathan Garwood (right) receives a copy of the Fairmount newsletter from Brenda Howell during a recent fund-raising event at Rahr and Sons Brewery.

Below: Some of the Fairmount neighbors attending the Rahr social event pose in front of a Fairmount Neighborhood Association sign while holding their Rahr beer glasses.



Anita Almanza (center), Home Tour t-shirt and ticket winner, poses with Brenda Howell (left) and Ashely Paz during a recent fund-raiser at Rahr and Sons Brewery.

Fund-raiser brews neighborly talk, promotions, cash

Brenda Howell, Fairmount director of promotions, wanted to promote the Fairmount Neighborhood, and what better way to bring to visibility than to be the charity of the week at Rahr and Sons Brewery during their weekly Saturday tour.

Rahr visitors were greeted and informed about the wonderful and friendly Fairmount neighborhood, and Anita Almanza won the raffle for a free t-shirt and two tickets to Home Tour.

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1507 Alston — bought and sold after three prior attempts to restore, the Bomar Building is very close to being finished as six completely renovated apartments with all wood restored flooring and win-



dows. Exterior brick falling off the sides was removed, cleaned and replaced, plus an additional 2,700 matching bricks were found to replace those missing and broken. Thank you Alyssa Banta!



Photos by Sue McLean

1939 Hurley — threatened with demolition, the home was sold and undergoing restoration with a rear addition. Thank you Jose Luis Jr.!

Fairmount

Endangered

Structures

Properties in danger of destruction and those being saved

by Sue McLean, director of preservation

- 1316 Adams – Code working with owner
- 1824 Adams – recently sold to be restored
- 1425 Alston – sold, to be restored after 1423 Alston is finished
- 1700 Alston – upcoming neighborhood shore-up and paint project
- 1724 Alston – sold, to be restored after 2219 5th is finished
- 1966 Alston – sold and undergoing restoration
- 1968 Alston
- 2000 Alston – sold and undergoing restoration
- 2004 Alston – sold and undergoing restoration

- 1908 College – undergoing restoration
- 2000 College
- 2256 College – plan/materials in place to restore front porch
- 1400 Fairmount – sold and undergoing restoration
- 1405 Fairmount – FNA and FW South saved from city demolition, sold, and undergoing restoration
- 1507 Fairmount
- 1509 Fairmount
- 2008 Fairmount – Code working with owner
- 1800 Hemphill – hope for restoration in city tax foreclosure sale. Also on Historic Fort Worth’s Most Endangered Places list
- 1900 Henderson – sold and about to be restored



1423 Alston — sold and about to be restored to mimic a historic house to better fit in with the neighborhood. This house was moved in on the lot sideways in the 1950s. Mostly a slum rental in its recent past, then abandoned, vandalized and boarded up, it ended up in foreclosure along with the large foursquare next door. Its style is not characteristic of Fairmount, making it a non-contributing structure to the district, and therefore would have been allowed to be demolished had a new owner bought and requested it. But its new owners, who also bought 1925 next door, had a unique idea. Renovation was approved at the May Historic and Cultural Landmarks meet-



1409 Henderson — now finished and for sale — my personal Silk Purse from a Sow’s Ear exterior restoration award goes to Jimmie Johnson.

- 1906 Henderson – about to be sold to be restored
- 1921 Hurley
- 2222 Hurley
- 1518 Lipscomb – sold and undergoing restoration
- 1620 Lipscomb – sold and about to be restored
- 1626 Lipscomb – sold and undergoing restoration
- 1950 Lipscomb
- 1969 Lipscomb – undergoing restoration to be sold
- 804 Morphy – need nearby corner lot to move to
- 1017 Richmond
- 1420 Washington
- 1716 Washington – sale pending from city
- 1728 Washington – sold and undergoing restoration



ing to add historic features to make it appear to face the street and mimic a historic house. This will be done by adding a wrap-around porch with tapered columns, pergolas and a railing, lengthening the eaves, and adding pergola-style window awnings, and shingles to the gables. The proposed attached garage addition (not allowed on contributing structures) was recommended for approval by the Fairmount Historic Preservation Committee due to the size of the lot and the owner’s needs. It will remain a non-contributing structure. Once this house is finished, the owners will live in it while 1425 is being restored. Thank you John and Brenda Pereda!



Fairmount Business Incubator holds business fair

June 25, 9:30 a.m.-noon

The Bastion
2204 Lipscomb St.

\$15 per space. Free if attending as an aspiring entrepreneur.

The Fairmount Business Incubator was recently formed to help Fairmount residents get small businesses up and running. Part of their mission is to provide funding to assist people in starting their own business in Fairmount. This fair is for two groups of people. The first group is small business owners in the Fairmount neighborhood who would like to advertise their enterprises and who would be willing to meet with aspiring entrepreneurs to offer advice and encouragement. The second group served by this fair is individuals thinking of starting a new home based or small business who would like to network with folks who are already established. Fairmount is a growing area and this is a good way to assist in its growth.

E-mail administration@historicfairmount.com to reserve a space today.

Raffle tickets for a 23 inch square, portable butcher block cart will be sold as a fundraiser benefitting the Fairmount Business Incubator group. Tickets are \$5 each, and 100 tickets must be sold for the raffle to be held. Need not be present to win.



A butcher block cart to be sold as a fundraiser to benefit the Fairmount Business Incubator group. Tickets are \$5 each and a minimum of 100 must be sold.



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FAIRMOUNT

General Meeting Potluck Social

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m.
1400 College Ave.

The next Fairmount Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 24 at the College Avenue Baptist Church, 1400 College Ave.

This month's meeting will be a potluck social. Please bring any of your favorite dishes to the meeting to share with the other members. There will be tables with electrical connections available if you wish to bring your food in a warmer or crock pot. The FNA will also supply plates, napkins, eating utensils and drinks. Be sure the whole family attends so everyone can visit with others in our neighborhood.

If you are not a member of the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, the general membership meeting is a great time to sign-up or you can fill out the membership form at www.historicfairmount.com.

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Parents and children painted flower pots in Fairmount Park following the Home Tour Kick-off Parade Saturday, May 7. The event was part of Home Tour held annually on Mother's Day weekend. Home Tour proceeds help fund Fairmount Neighborhood Association projects.



Visitors gather to paint flower pots and plant sunflower seeds for Mother's Day.

SEEDS OF HOPE *for Mother's Day*

Following the Fairmount Home Tour parade there was a great turnout at Fairmount Park for children to participate in Plant a Seed for Mothers Day.

Children of all ages enjoyed painting flower pots and planting sunflower seeds for their mothers.

Thanks to Brenda Howell for planning the event and to her sister Mona Conner for helping with the event and donating sunflower seeds.

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Above: Bicyclists participate in the Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade Mother's Day weekend.

Below: A Kindercare lion hands out bottled water and bottles of bubbles to parade onlookers.



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Robin Glaysher, Fairmount Bike Taxi, tows Jay Ellis (left) and Larry Kemp. Jay and Larry are members of the Night Riders.

Magnificent menagerie of merriment

Neighborhood finds inspiration for community, fun in annual Home Tour Kick-off Parade.

Everyone loves a parade, and especially Fairmount residents on Home Tour weekend. The annual Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade signaled the beginning of Mother's Day weekend festivities and another successful Home Tour event for the neighborhood.

Despite difficulties with the City of Fort Worth's new requirements for neighborhood parades, Fairmount still managed to pull-off a great event.

Residents came out to watch floats garnished with colorful streamers, flags and signs as they made their way through the parade route.

Participants included the Fairmount Community Garden, Girls' Night Out, Fairmount Bike Taxi, Young Women's Leadership, Greater Fairmount Retired from Marching Band, politicians, Old Home Supply, the Boys & Girls Club and many others.

Awards were given following the parade. Fairmount Bike Taxi received the You are a Reel Winner award, Community Garden was voted most creative, the Greater Fairmount Retired from Marching Band won for neighborhood spirit, and

the Young Women's Leadership Academy won for most fun float. The Circle L5 Riding Club took home the prize for the best dressed pets, as well as Debbie McGhee's yellow lab who sported a fashionable tu-tu.

There was one more winner in the pet category who has yet to be identified. There was a bulldog in costume who won the Top Dog award. If you know who owns that dog, there is a complimentary check-up and vaccination certificate waiting for him or her, compliments of University Animal Hospital.

Judges were Michelle Grap Beniak, Christina Lerma Elbitar and Sherrie Rice.

The parade committee would like to acknowledge Christina and Nehme Elbitar of Chadra Mezza Grill, and University Animal Hospital who graciously donated prizes.

Special thanks to parade committee members for all of your hard work: Pat Bradley (coordinator), Larry Schuessler, Sheryl Helt (behind the scenes), Kathy Halliday, Brenda Howell and Jann Jeter (brainstorming and execution). This event would not have been possible without you.



Fairmount Community Garden members display a colorful array of paper fruits and vegetables. The float won the award for most creative.



Left: Don Maunder, Fairmount resident, rides his bike with flags flying during the Fairmount Home Tour Kick-off Parade.

Above: The Greater Fairmount Retired from Marching Band plays in a trailer sponsored by Southside Preservation Hall. The band won an award for neighborhood spirit.



Photo by Martina Treviño

Pamela Power takes tickets and points out details to guests at Blanchard Schaefer Advertising and Public Relations during the Fairmount Home Tour. Power is one of several people that volunteered to help during the event which is held annually on Mother's Day weekend.

Home Tour

Fairmount style

**TWO DAYS + 154 VOLUNTEERS + 1,662* TICKETS =
ONE AWESOME NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT**

by Chelsie Thornton

The 29th annual Fairmount Home Tour was clearly a resounding success, and co-directors Chelsie Thornton and Ashley Paz couldn't be more proud to have been a part of it.

Over 1,600 people came from far and wide Mother's Day weekend to experience the Fairmount neighborhood. Visitors were wowed by the properties

they visited and delighted by the businesses they patronized. Zio Carlo's Magnolia Brew Pub (set to open soon) served as the ticket booth location and was a hub of activity all weekend as tour-goers stopped in for tickets and to peruse the goods offered for sale by local artists and craftspeople.

Home Tour simply wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication



Photo by Martina Treviño

A sitting area at the Blanchard Schaefer Advertising and Public Relations firm.

* Attendance figures to be verified during Home Tour audit.

Right: Mike McDermott signs copies of his book *Fort Worth's Fairmount District* at Zio Carlo's during Home Tour.
Below: Visitors explore the dining room at Dale and Jane Kucko's home. The Kucko home was one of seven featured during the tour.



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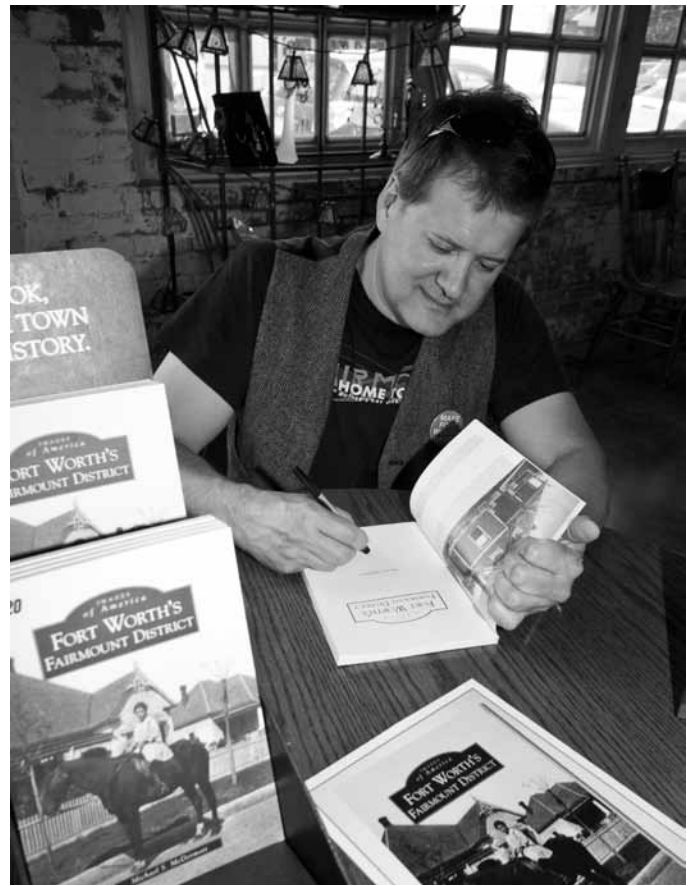


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of numerous individuals and businesses.

A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who gave both time and energy to make the event a success.

Thanks to Phil Bordeleau, Katie Clifton, Dale and Jane Kucko, Jeff and Cynthia Nissen, Leslye Nunnelee, Patti Randle and Blanchard Schaefer Advertising and Public Relations for being crazy enough to open their doors more than 1,500 guests during Home Tour weekend.

The Home Tour committee members also deserve extra special thanks for a job well done. This event would not have come together without the knowledge, expertise and countless hours of service provided by Pat Bradley, Daisy Cromer, Steve Halliday, Stacy Luecker, Mike McDermott, Dena Silva and David Thrapp.

And finally, thanks to Wells Fargo, The Bastion, and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* for sponsoring the tour, and also to the many businesses who purchased ads in the tour book.



Photo by Stacy Luecker

Brian (right) and Shelia Portwood (center) show Home Tour visitors John and Ever Horan, photos of their home at 1405 Fairmount before restoration began. The home was initially rescued from demolition by the Fairmount Neighborhood Association. The home was featured on this year's tour as a work in progress. Construction is scheduled for completion sometime this summer.

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Photo by Martina Treviño

Above: Pete Locke works at the Home Tour ticket booth. Right: Pedro Escamilla displays his work during the artist fair at Zio Carlo's Brew Pub during Home Tour weekend.



Photo by Stacy Luecker



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Carol King signs a guest wall in the basement of Leslye Nunnelee's home at 2203 Lipscomb St.

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Photo by Eric Luecker

Above: An inviting deck welcomes visitors at 2243 Fairmount Ave.

Below: Lori Gallagher, docent, talks to guests at 2203 Lipscomb St.



Photo by Stacy Luecker



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Left: Wine Down guests bid on silent auction items donated by area businesses. Above: The swimming pool at Kelly and Jason Bowden's home offers a foot-cooling experience and place to chat during the Wine Down celebration following the first day of Home Tour weekend.

WINDING DOWN AT WINE DOWN

by Daisy Cromer

Hosted by Kelly and Jason Bowden and with catering donated by The Bastion, Wine Down 2011 will certainly not be forgotten any time soon.

Centerpieces comprised of vintage ware, on loan from Old Home Supply and The Butler's Antiques, under white tents strung with lights, set the mood for the evening.

A delicious meal of passed appetiz-

ers, lasagna, salad and dessert was accompanied by assorted beverages donated by Finn MacCool's, Put a Cork In It, and Rahr and Son's Brewery.

Hyry and Sullivan provided both rockin' and relaxing tunes and entertained the crowd all evening.

The silent auction featured goodies donated by numerous area businesses and raised nearly \$2,400 which will go

directly toward neighborhood improvements.

What really made the event extra special was the guest list.

Each person attending Wine Down earned their ticket by donating time to Home Tour.

An extra special thanks goes out to everyone who helped make the night a success — you know who you are.



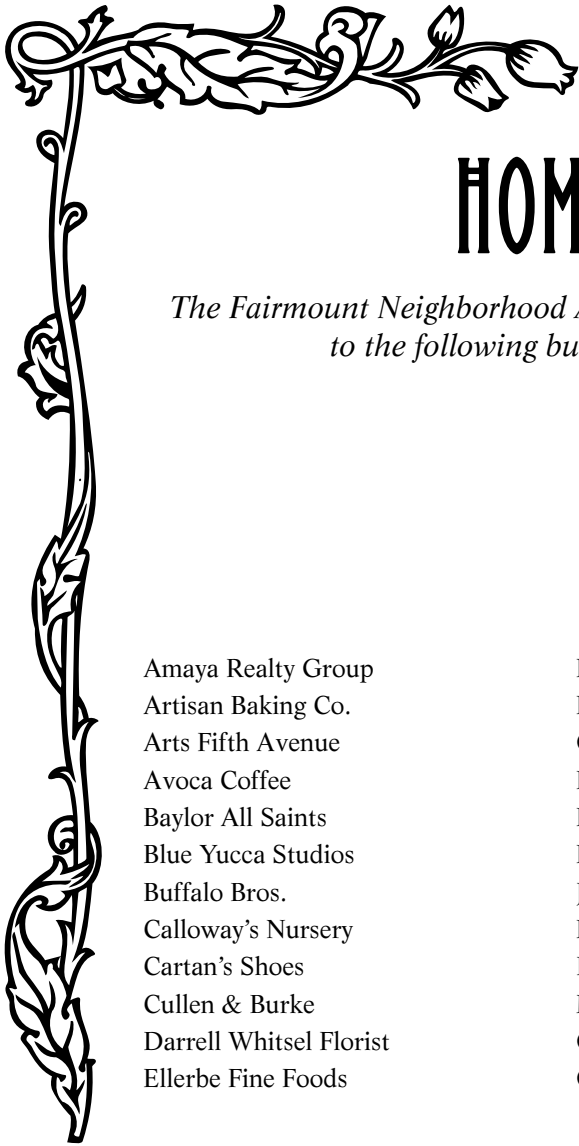
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Left: Hyry and Sullivan provide evening musical entertainment during the Fairmount Wine Down celebration. Above: A heaping plate of lasagna is served by The Bastion. Catering and beverages were donated by Finn MacCool's Pub, Put a Cork In It, and Rahr and Son's Brewery.

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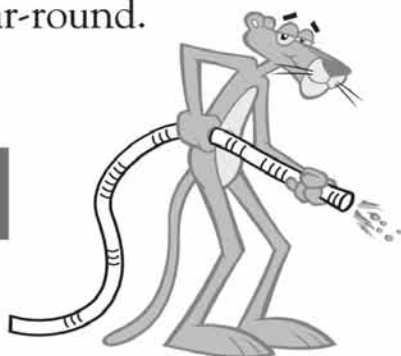
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1808 College Ave.

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May Yard of the Month

The beautiful yard at 1808 College began long before Terry and Jorene Swift moved into their home in 2005.

Terry began developing his interest in organic gardening more than 30 years ago. He has been a faithful subscriber to *Organic Gardening* magazine and nary a bag of chemical fertilizer or weed killer has darkened the Swift door since. The lush green lawn is fed with home grown compost along with shredded leaves and vitamin-packed manure.

Terry is the strange man who sees a bag of leaves by the curb and comes to your door to ask if he can have them. This soil treatment creates a rich home for the perennials blooming in the Swift's yard.

The tall plant just to the right of the front steps is called Sweet Almond Verbena. It is nothing like the low growing Ver-

vena found in most yards. When the flowers bloom in the summer the sweet smell permeates the front porch.

The two redbud trees in the front yard were given to Terry in memory of his mother who died in 2007. What you can't see from the curb is his amazing vegetable garden in the back yard. You will never want to eat a tomato from the grocery store again after tasting one of his.

In 2007 the Swift home, a modified Victorian, was on the Fairmount Tour of Homes.

The home and the lovely yard have been restored to their original beauty and add to the charm of the Fairmount neighborhood.

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

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Texas Hospice is looking for additions to their volunteer team.

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FNA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2011

7 p.m. Call to order.

Welcome to new neighbors representing 6th Ave. and Alston!

Joel Stary — Crime in our neighborhood down 50 percent February to March. It is important to call 911 for all incidents. Noted that if an incident isn't reported, it essentially didn't happen. Lock doors and garages and report any cars in alleys. Advised the use of RAPIDS labels.

Announcements:

- Clean up Saturday at 8 a.m.
- Four neighborhood association member signs available. Contact Robert W if more needed.
- Lockheed Martin awards employees who volunteer and Brenda Howell received recognition for her work. She received a \$250 award, which she donated to the Fairmount Park.
- The Home Tour 2010 audit was not performed in a timely manner due to a variety of circumstances, but was completed April 21, 2011.

Director Reports:

Membership — 10 new members enrolled last month. Next month's membership meeting is a potluck meeting, so bring a dish and spend time chatting with neighbors. If you haven't paid your yearly dues, please do so.

Finance — current bills paid, leaving a balance of \$48,309 (plus \$250 from Brenda). Some funds from Home Tour have arrived but not yet entered. Advertising revenue from Home Tour and the newsletter is arriving as well. Home Tour 2010 audit is available for inspection

Administration — block captains still needed. Fairmount Business Incubator committee is writing grants to various federal and state agencies to obtain funding and is also raffling off a butcher block cabinet. The cabinet will be on display at the 1208 Magnolia Building and a number of businesses have offered to

help sell raffle tickets. A business fair is being conducted June 25 at The Bastion.

Public Safety — window etching is available and is helpful in reducing stolen vehicle incidents. Turn on porch lights at night — this is an easy but very effective way to prevent criminal activity.

Communications — The latest newsletter was distributed, and this note taker would like to add the editorial comment that it is absolutely beautiful!

Historic Preservation —

- 1301 Hurley awning approved
- 2002 Lipscomb porte cochere approved
- 2261 6th columns and new garage doors approved
- 1330 7th — garage demolition performed without a permit, approved after.
- 1906 Henderson — a salvageable property according to Fairmount, but owner wants to demolish. Could make a great renovation project.

Code Enforcement is looking for rotting garages that may need demolition. Remember — demolition requires a permit and a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Promotions — Rahr Brewery tours and tastings this Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Fairmount Neighborhood Association will receive a \$2.50 contribution for every paid admission when using a recycled Rahr glass. A raffle will be held for two Home Tour tickets and a t-shirt. A parade will occur on the Saturday of Home Tour, with prizes for the best dressed pet and for the best participant — as judged by official judges. Prizes will be given at the park on 5th Ave. Look for parade route information in the newsletter. Mother's Day flower pot painting for kids will be in the park after the parade.

Home Tour — we're getting close to the big event. Volunteer docents still needed — two shifts available (11:30 a.m.-

3 p.m., and 2:30-6 p.m.). T-shirts for sale. Tickets on the day of the tour will be available at Zio Carlos Brew Pub on Magnolia. Food trucks will be here, and taxi service will be available from Fairmount Bike Taxi. Please clean up your yard before Home Tour.

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Speaker — Joanne Webber gave a talk about renovation of the T&P Tavern. She discovered hard work and perseverance paid off when the tavern opened January, 2009. Initially operated out of a small outside kiosk as the interior was renovated. Unique features are a 5,000 square foot covered patio, a kid and pet friendly environment, and a 1930s original interior. A great place to wait for the train with WiFi access, 24 beers on tap, a nice wine selection, and daily featured drinks. Food will be on the menu later. The 12th floor of the building was said to have been used to hold German POW's during WWII (and Joanne found German coins during the renovation), the building was used as a designated fallout center in the 1960s, and there are tunnels beneath the building that were used to transport money to banks downtown.

Fabulous Fairmount Familiares — Kari Crowe presented a slide show about her trip to Sudan. She was able to spend about a week travelling and visiting various locations. She had many pictures and stories of the people of Sudan. This note taker was impressed by the joyful demeanor of the kids despite the horrific hardships they face on a daily basis, and the eerie juxtaposition of beautiful countryside and warning signs advising travelers to stay on the road to avoid mines.

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

FNA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2011

Present: Geri C, Brenda H, Stacy L, Sean L, Sue M, Ashley P, Ricky P, Chelsea T, Greg T, Jane L, Robert W,
Ad Hoc: Fred H, Patti R

7:05 p.m. Call to order

Motion by Geri to approve minutes of last meeting, Second by Brenda — minutes approved.

Home Tour — Ashley P, Chelsea T

Trash pick-up prior to Home Tour — Patti R to see about bulk trash run. Green space pick-up priority. A few outstanding payments remain from last year, but no problem anticipated collecting. Wine Down food and music set. Thursday home owner dinner set. Zio Carlo's to house ticket booth. Food trucks available at Zio Carlo's as well. Promotions going well. *Star-Telegram* has been helpful. Parade is set. It will cost \$150 for a permit, \$35/hr each for 3-5 officers with a three-hour minimum, \$700 refundable deposit for damage contingency. Banners not placed on poles due to insurance cost. Business banners will be in place. Flags to be set up this Thursday.

Administration — Greg T

Stacy will create a Constant Contact notification for the Fairmount Business Incubator Business Fair. Raffle ticket sales for the butcher block cabinet slow.

Historic Preservation — Sue M

Fairmount Historical Society sponsoring the *The Fall and Rise of the Fairmount Historical District* on May 12. Ticket cost of \$37 per person will cover the 6 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner, and 7:30 p.m. presentation by Mike McDermott. Plaque cost increase to \$116. Three are left at \$100. Fort Worth Board of Realtors Historic House Specialist conference scheduled for Friday, May 6. Cost is \$150 per person. Attendees receive a Historic House Specialist Certification. Robert W, Sue M, and Patti R will attend. Motion by Jane W to have FNA pay

for the cost of all attendees. Second by Stacy L. Passed. Sue to give Fred door prizes for May's neighborhood meeting.

Promotions — Brenda H

Raffled free t-shirt and two Home Tour tickets. FNA will receive portion of the event proceeds. Flower pot painting in the park after Home Tour parade.

Public Safety — Geri C.

Patrols will occur during Home Tour weekend. Yard of the Month sign was stolen. Stacy L to order new sign.

Communications — Stacy L

The newsletter is generating improved ad revenue (\$2,370 last year, \$4,660 this year). Suggestion that new neighborhood members be interviewed for the newsletter to provide a story about them. Ricky P to e-mail new members asking for biographical details.

Infrastructure — Sean L

\$280 generated from garage sale. May 14 presentation to Fort Worth Public Arts about grant for art in Fairmount Park. Noted Fairmount Library opted not to participate in writing a letter of support for the project. Will need a committee to pick the artist should Fairmount win. Advised sponsoring organization that FNA can allocate \$10k to the project. No permit fee required for future FNA neighborhood yard sales. Suggestion to purchase larger ad in the *Star-Telegram* next year and use printed flyers.

Finance — Jane W

\$50,200 in current checking/savings/CD accounts. Need to spend money as a 501(c)3 organization is predicated on spending funds. Suggested projects include the community park art project, park pergola or pavilion, streetlight in-fill, street sign toppers. Membership in 2010 generated \$2,500 in dues. Membership in 2011 has generated \$2,700. Need to match budget chart of accounts with QuickBooks chart of accounts.

Old Business:

Fire Station Park Board — Ashley P to verify that Eric Paz will volunteer to act as Fairmount representative.

Green Space Signage — graphic designer still working on design. Discussion of honorarium for his work was rejected. Stacy L will add a four-square house to current logo and finish it. Robert W to research cost to print a metal sign using the new design from Stacy L.

1700 Alston gas station project — no news.

New Business:

Parliamentarian (attend board meetings to see FNA rules are followed) and Sergeant at Arms (attend neighborhood meetings to see side-conversation disruption among members is kept at minimum) needed. Robert W to advise why we are seeking a Sergeant at Arms. Discussion that Parliamentarian position be filled from Advisory Committee.

NUSA awards — TCU paying for Susan Harper to attend meeting in Alaska. Motion by Jane W for FNA to pay for Susan's expenses (meals, local transportation such as taxi fare), second by Geri — passed.

Expiring board positions — membership, president, promotions, infrastructure. Brenda H volunteered to run again for promotions. Board needs to form nominating committee no later than July, and needs to identify individuals who would like to fill positions.

Curb numbers — Fred H proposed painting house addresses on curbsides for every house in Fairmount (address mandated by the Fort Worth Fire Department). 1400 homes in the neighborhood, and only a subset of them will require an address on the curb. Fred to research if we can perform painting ourselves.

Motion to adjourn — Geri, second by Stacy.

Flags Over Fairmount needs your patriotism

Honor our nation's fallen soldiers this Memorial Day weekend by helping post the Fairmount neighborhood flags Thursday, May 26. Volunteers should meet at 1418 Washington Ave. at 7 p.m.

In addition, flags will need to be removed Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. The meeting place will be the same.

The American flags are just one more element that makes Fairmount one of the most unique neighborhoods in Fort Worth. Everyone seems to love the flags and the neighborhood association receives e-mails and calls from other neighborhoods wanting to know how Fairmount is able to do this.

We would really like to continue the Flags Over Fairmount program but your help is needed.

With three trucks working it only takes about 45 minutes to put the flags on the posts along Allen Ave.

Please take a few minutes to help your neighborhood look its best.

For additional information on the Flags Over Fairmount program or to volunteer, contact David Thrapp at thrappville@sbc-global.net or call 817.734.3403.



Photo by Stacy Luecker

Tea time

Kelly Bowden (left) in vintage apparel, serves tea to Jennifer Martinez on the front porch of her home on S. Henderson. Whether it's afternoon tea on porches, vintage cars or croquet matches in early 1900s attire, Fairmount residents always find new ways to entertain.

Fairmount recycling program

General membership meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month. During these meetings cell phones, PDA's and ink cartridges are collected for recycling. There is also recycling available for fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. If you have any of these items you would like to recycle, please bring them to the meeting and leave them in the box provided.

Lost or found pet?

If you have lost or found a pet, please visit the Fairmount Neighborhood Association website at www.historicfairmount.com to post a notice. Click on the Discussion Board link in the sidebar and sign-up to post comments or notices.



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Signs are \$10 each and orders may be placed at the Fairmount general meeting on Tuesday, May 24 or by e-mailing president@historicfairmount.com.



Forest Park pool discussion open for community

Please join Council member Joel Burns to discuss the current condition and your vision for the future of Fort Worth's Forest Park Pool, 2860 Park Place Avenue, on Saturday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m.

The morning will start at 9:30 a.m. with a detailed tour of the pool conducted by Councilman Burns, city staff and local parks historian, Susan Kline.

At 10 a.m. the conversation moves to St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2700 McPherson Ave., for a short presentation, followed by a citizen-lead workshop on ways the community and city can work together to reopen — and keep open — Forest Park Pool.

The workshop is open to all, including kids, and should conclude before noon. Bring your Forest Park Pool memories, ideas for the future and creativity.

For more information, please contact Joel Burns at 817.392.8809 or e-mail joel.burns@fortworthgov.org.

Gas lease alert for Fairmount residents

by David Thrapp

Don't get in a hurry!

Here we go again with neighborhood gas leases. If you have been in the neighborhood for the past five years you may remember the lack of information Fairmount had regarding gas leases.

At that time we were on a big learning curve and scrambling to learn all we could to share with you. We were too late in some cases and I personally feel that some people got burned.

I have been notified by several neighbors that they are being offered new contracts for their mineral rights. Some are lease renewals and some are flat buyouts. Don't get in a hurry to sign that contract just yet. Good things came to those who waited and stuck together with the rest of your neighbors in the last round of leases.

Beware of total buyout offers that will take away your right to your property for ever. I'm not a lawyer, but the way I

understand it is that Texas mineral rights trump property owner's rights. If you sell your mineral rights as a total buyout, don't whine if the gas driller wants to park a water truck on your front yard.

There were examples in the newspaper of people on the east side stepping over foot-tall water lines in their front yard. The lines had been run across the front sidewalk all the way down the block.

I'm seeking information now. If you are contacted by someone for your mineral rights, please forward any information you get.

Please be very careful what you sign in relation to gas leases. If someone sends you a contract, it will most likely not be in your favor. Don't get burned and be sure you get the full value for your minerals.

For additional information, contact David Thrapp at thrappville@sbcglobal.net or call 817.734.3403.

Research resource helps neighbors learn home history

If you haven't visited the resources section of the Fairmount website, you should definitely take a look. Click on the link labeled Research Your Property to find links to the Sanborn fire maps, a deed card search prior to 1984, the Tarrant Appraisal District and more.

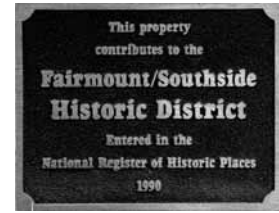
These links are provided to aid in the research of a property and can help locate previous owners, surrounding property values, census records and newspaper articles.

Researching your home's history can be a rewarding experience. Visit the Fairmount neighborhood's website at www.historicfairmount.com

Looking for past issues of the Fairmount newsletter?
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24	Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting potluck
May 30	Memorial Day
June 3 (First Friday)	Buddy's Big Band at Southside Preservation Hall
June 3 (First Friday)	First Friday on the Green
June 6 (First Monday)	FNA Board Meeting
June 9	Historic Preservation Committee meeting
June 10	Newsletter submission deadline
June 11 (Second Saturday)	Community Garden work day
June 13	Landmarks hearing
June 14	Flag Day
June 19	Father's Day
June 20 (Third Monday)	Bulk trash collection
June 20 (Third Monday)	COP meeting
June 20	Landmarks filing deadline (5 p.m.)
June 25	Fairmount Business Incubator Business Fair
June 28 (Fourth Tuesday)	Fairmount Neighborhood Association general meeting



Historic Plaques Available

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

Currently three left for \$100 each. Price increase coming on next order.

Contact Sue McLean
preservation@historicfairmount.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Trap and Release Program help needed

Fairmount has lost its Trap and Release Program coordinator. Diana Koch always did an excellent job and now we are looking for someone to replace her. Responsibilities include aiding in trapping feral neighborhood cats, taking them to a vet where they can be spayed or neutered and then returning them to the neighborhood. The program is funded by the neighborhood association. If you are interested in taking on this project as an individual or as a group, please contact Robert Wedding at president@historicfairmount.com.

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COP classes in 2011

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

Automobile window etching

The Fort Worth Police Department offers free window etching on automobiles. Etched window glass sends a message to car thieves that they don't want to steal the car. Please pick up the phone and dial 911 if you see anyone walking the streets or alleys that look suspicious. No one should be in an alley unless it is the homeowner cleaning up, the utility company, fire department or police department personnel.

Neighborhood resources

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

Opening board positions

The following board positions are coming up for renewal: membership, president, promotions and infrastructure. Brenda Howell has volunteered to run again for director of promotions.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please e-mail president@historicfairmount.com.

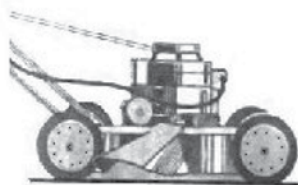


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E-mail: FMCops@att.net

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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



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