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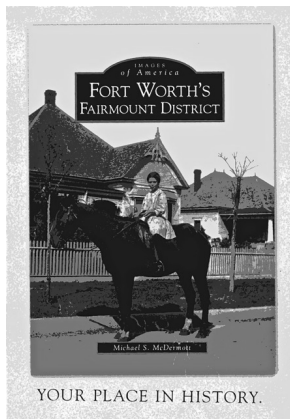
HISTORIC DISTRICT

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MIKE McDERMOTT TO PRESENT FAIRMOUNT BOOK AT JUNE MEETING

Fort Worth is called the city “where the west begins” and 100 years ago, the neighborhood known as Fairmount was where the south side ended. Now squarely in the heart of the city, the Fairmount Southside Historic District is actually numerous smaller subdivisions including the largest, the Fairmount Addition, and the two smallest, Chase Court and the dubiously named Swastika Place. The neighborhood was home to early merchants, lawyers, judges, artists, and small business owners—many of whom went on to local and even national fame. Today that legacy continues. Fairmount welcomes new generations of urban pioneers and benefits from a neighborhood renaissance that has brought this historically and architecturally significant gem of the city back from the brink of extinction.



A native Texan and 44-year resident of Fort Worth, Michael McDermott has called Fairmount home for more than 25 years, having been one of the first of the new generation of urban pioneers. The restoration of his 103-year-old home gives testament to his love of all things historical and to his neighborhood, in which his own ancestors added to Fairmount’s colorful stories. He



was one of the founders of the Fairmount Southside Historic District in 1990, and has served as liaison to the city as director of historic preservation. Michael collected many of the photographs from former and current Fairmount residents, county archives, library archives, private collectors and university collections. He even had to purchase many off the Internet.

At this month’s meeting on Tuesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm, Michael will give a talk about the book, including a visual presentation, in the sanctuary at College Avenue Baptist Church, followed by reception, refreshments and book signing in the meeting hall. Books will be available at the meeting. If you are planning to buy a copy before the event, please wait as a portion of the proceeds from the sale of each book will be donated to the Fairmount Association. Please come join us and please tell interested neighbors who may not receive the newsletter to come join us as well.



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FAIRMOUNT ASSOCIATION MEETING



Tuesday

June 22

7:00 p.m. at

College Avenue

Baptist Church

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Mike McDermott will present his new book, *Images of America: Fort Worth's Fairmount District*.



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NPD 2 PATROLLER OF THE YEAR

Geri Cotten

Geri has been a Fairmount Citizens Patrol Co-Captain for about 8 years. Geri faithfully attends all Division Captain's Meetings, Citizen's Police Academy Assn. (CPAA) Meetings, Fairmount COP Meetings, Fairmount Neighborhood Association Meetings, quarterly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Trainings and quarterly Chief's Meetings.

In 2009 Geri was a committee leader for planning and executing the "Operation Installation." This was sponsored by The National Homeland Security Department. The Fort Worth CERTs, CPAA Fire Department Red Hats, and COP groups all participated. This was a practice project for disaster planning of all groups, working together, for the first time. She also attended the organizational meeting of the Texas COP Association in Granbury, and the state meeting of the Texas CPAA in San Marcus. In 2004 Geri was on the committee sponsoring the State CPAA Convention in Fort Worth

Geri can always be depended upon to take an active part in any venture from building and riding on a COP or CPAA float in a parade to bringing and setting up refreshments for a meeting; from attending every COP training class that is offered to planning and working National Night Out each year. When there used to be COP Search Team callouts, Geri was always a first responder.

And she is always there to remind us of meetings and activities which we would have forgotten without her.

Of all the Captains and Patrollers in Fairmount who have won Patroller of the Year, some even twice, Geri has never won. I'm afraid we have taken her for granted because she is just always there, and we always depend upon her. Geri is long overdue for an award which she has earned many times over for many years. For these reasons, and many more, Geri Cotten was selected as the 2009 NPD2 Patroller of the Year.



Sue McLean
Fairmount COP Co-Captain



THE FAIRMOUNT BEAT

Neighborhood Patrol Officer Joel Stary

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I am no weather man, but I think it is safe to say that summer is here along with the Texas heat! Speaking of heat, it is also time for us all to turn up the heat with criminals wondering into our neighborhoods during the summer months. Over the past few weeks, Officers in the area have made some excellent arrests of thieves and car burglars. It seems that in our area the target is lawn equipment and tools of any kind. Contractors working in the neighborhood are being hit hard. If they leave their trailers/vehicles open and unattended they may lose equipment and tools. Some homeowners are also being targeted when they leave their lawn equipment out in the yard or in unlocked garages. Please speak with your contractors and let them know to keep an eye on their property. Please make sure your property is locked up and marked with RAPIDS labels (unique bar code labels available through the Fort Worth Police Department). Remember, we do not want to invite criminals into our neighborhoods by providing easy "shopping" for them. Take care of your property and watch out for each other. As always, if you see something suspicious call 911 immediately and report it. Let's have a great crime free summer and try not to melt! Please remember to be safe today and safer tomorrow.



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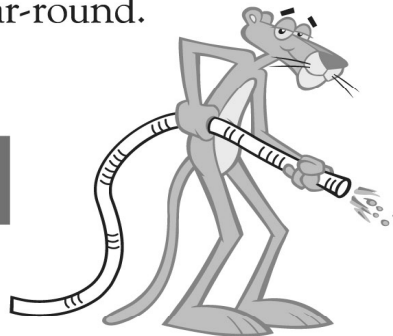
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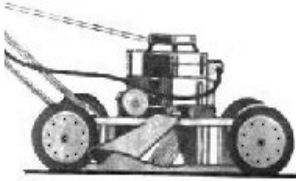
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PROPOSED SPECIAL-EVENTS ORDINANCE

The Fairmount Board of directors is currently following the proposed new Special-Events Ordinance city staff will propose to council on July 13. The need for this new ordinance originated with all the festival events downtown. Many business in the downtown area complain some street event take business away from the established restaurants. Unfortunately, the new regulations have been extended to include extreme regulation on just about any event the neighborhood association sponsors. Most impacted would be Fairmount Hoe Tour, parades, block parties.

Some of the extra burden that would fall upon the organizers would be: (1) 4 mailed notices to residence, business, and hospitals with 1/4 mile of an event. (2) 3 or 4 meetings per event with city staff. (4) extreme additional fees, insurance, and damage deposits for any event in a public owned area.

Read the proposed Ordinance
 at <http://www.fortworthgov.org/specialevents/>

Keep the evening of July 13 open on your calendar. We may need your tar, feathers, and pitch forks at city council.

—David Thrapp



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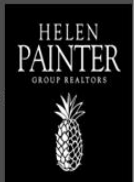
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FAIRMOUNT RESIDENT PROPOSES PHILANTHROPIC CHALLENGE FOR OPRAH WINFREY NETWORK

A Fairmount woman is taking her dream of a philanthropic reality television series to the Oprah Winfrey Network, and she's looking for neighborhood support to do it.

Mindy Audlin, her husband Shawn and daughter Jenna moved to Fairmount in May 2009. Mindy has recently submitted an audition video to Oprah's Search for the Next TV Star competition that shares her vision for a national service movement, where small groups representing churches, civic organizations, office teams, and family teams compete to "make the greatest impact" with specific challenges that serve their communities. By asking friends, family and neighbors to log on to the contest website and vote for her video, Audlin hopes to garner enough support to be named one of five online finalists for the competition.

"It's all about people helping people," Audlin said. "We would bring in celebrities to talk about their favorite causes, talk to the people whose lives are changed by these charities, and create challenges that teams across the nation could tackle together to help make a difference. It's really designed to be more than a television show. We're aiming to start a movement to address many of the urgent challenges facing our world today."

According to Winfrey's website, the five videos that receive the most online votes will be considered for a reality television competition series, along with semifinalists from four casting calls in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas and Atlanta. Participants will compete in a series of challenges, and the winner gets their own show on the Oprah Winfrey Network. The channel will debut in approximately 80 million homes on January 1, 2011 on what is now the Discovery Health Channel.

Audlin is currently the author of a new book, "What If It All Goes RIGHT? Creating a New World of Peace, Prosperity & Possibility" and works with church groups, corporate teams, and college students teaching techniques to develop a positive mindset while cultivating creativity and innovation.

"There is a huge need in our society today for social innovation," Audlin said. "The program aims to provide a collaborative platform for businesses, non-profits, and individuals to gather together for the common goal of serving humanity."

To vote for the "People Helping People" video as your choice for Oprah's Search for the Next TV Star, go to www.voteformindy.com.

For more information about Mindy's workshops, keynotes, and book signings, visit www.whatifup.com or contact Mindy Audlin at www.mindyaudlin.com.

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OUTSIDE YOUR OLD HOUSE

Susan Harper

Have you heard the constant “scree, scree, scree” around your house lately? It’s the sound of babies screaming “feeding time” to Mom and Dad on a nearly continual basis. The silly wren built her nest inside a small decorative watering can sitting in a basket hanging in my greenhouse! Trying to pot new plants and refresh old ones for the growing season was really a trick. If you have bird feeders they’re probably emptying out more quickly at the moment as parents feed their offspring.

The Hummers are back so put out your feeder. Remember to change the nectar every four days or so. It ferments in this hot weather and that’s not good for the birds. Add a water moat above it to keep out the ants too.

By now your spring blooms should be about done and your summer flowers should be starting: phlox, Monarda, daylilies, salvias, hydrangeas to name a few. Garden phlox likes good air circulation or it will develop dirty petticoats. Sometimes it will anyway. But the won-

derful scent makes it well worth it! Phlox is one of those plants that likes cool roots so keep it well mulched as we go into summer. Most of your perennials—and annuals—will have a longer bloom time if you’ll deadhead the spent blossoms. Last year my sweet potato vine developed flea beetles—this year it’s brown stink bugs I’m seeing. Spinosad which is considered an organic has some success in controlling the beetles and an application of horticultural oil with a hose end sprayer will take care of stink bugs. Those stink bugs may show up on your melon plants also—along with the cucumber beetle which looks like a long version of a ladybug in green and black.

If you planted a bed in the Community Garden and it doesn’t seem to be thriving, try adding some straight nitrogen fertilizer before each watering. Sprinkle it lightly as nitrogen can burn your plants and be sure to water it in well. The soil we used was 60% compost which is still breaking down. That process uses a lot of available nitrogen in the soil. We’ll be bringing in a load of good mulch soon for mulching the beds. Mulch your beds at home too—except the iris. They don’t like their corms covered and tend to sulk so it’s best to keep them well drained.

See you in the garden!



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The following board positions are up for election in August. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions or being a member of the nominating committee, please contact Robert Wedding or Ricky Pike (see page 2 for contact info). The Association membership will elect the new directors at the August meeting.

- **Director of Administration:** Keeps the minutes of all meetings of the General Membership and of the Executive Board and make printed copies available at the next regular meeting. Ensures meetings are conducted in accordance with proper procedure (Association By Laws and Roberts Rules of Order). Prepares and maintains copies of all correspondence of the Fairmount Association as designated by the President, Executive Board or General Membership. Outgoing director: Serena Keeler.
- **Director of Finance:** Keeps an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, coordinate and oversee collection of funds, make disbursements of funds and deposit all funds in the name of the Fairmount Association in financial institutions as designated by the Board. Presents an accurate financial statement at every regular meeting of the Association, and at other times when requested by the President or the Board. Submits all vouchers, receipts, cancelled checks and other records to an auditing committee for annual review, no more than 15 days following the committee appointment. Has custody of all records relating to the Association, including copies of financial records. Maintains a list of location and custodian of all Association assets. Submits all records to an auditing committee for annual review, no more than 15 days following the committee appointment. Outgoing director: Chewy Redding.
- **Director of Historic Preservation:** Oversees historic district issues and guidelines. Serves as liaison from the Association to the Landmark Commission, and other historic agencies. Outgoing director: Sue McLean.
- **Director of Communication:** Responsible for the editing, publication and distribution of the monthly newsletter and other printed material as needed as well as the development and collection of newsletter advertising income. Oversee notification of members of meetings and other activities by voice, written or other electronic communication. Act as a public information officer for the association and coordinate with the media. Be responsible for the website. Oversee the "Yard of The Month" project. Outgoing director: John Murphy.
- **Director of Public Safety:** Acts as liaison to City Crime Prevention organizations such as Citizens on Patrol and Crime Watch. Acts as liaison to Fort Worth Police and Fire Departments and emergency medical services. Outgoing director: David Thrapp.



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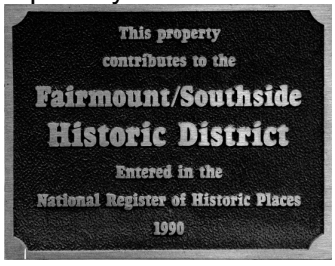
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GET YOUR FAIRMOUNT CURB NUMBERS!

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 just \$15, neighborhood resident Ray Feyen will paint your house number in two locations. The cost per address is \$15. Give Ray a call at (817) 924-6729 (home) or (682) 552-0791 (cell) and leave him a message, or email him at rfeyen@sbcglobal.net. Although the Association has selected a new design for pole-mounted signage, we will keep using the traditional "F" design for curb numbers.

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JUNE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Fairmount Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Date: June 3, 2010

Board minutes of the last meeting. Motion to approve, seconded, carried.

Director Reports-

Finance- no Home Tour audit yet. Gift discussed for Home Tour directors. Motion made to gift \$100 gift to each. Seconded. Passed.

Administration- position will come up for re-election in August. Allen and De Zavala tree update.

Historic Preservation- 1405 Fairmount is up for demolition. Restorationist looked at and says can be restored. FNA pool party? Forest Park pool would cost \$250 to rent out. Looking at mid July. Motion made to spend \$250. Seconded. Carried.

Promotions- new Facebook page. Around 200 members have signed on. Community Garden was on the front page of Star Telegram and FW Weekly.

Public Safety- Police station is now at Hemphill and Magnolia location. Citizens on Patrol can't meet there yet. Requests for flags coming in. Requested \$200 to buy more brackets.

Communication- If newsletter continues as is, then we need to find a new newsletter editor who can take it over. Discussed publishing newsletter electronically and printing it only 4 times a year. Agreed to take it to membership for discussion.

Membership- looking for speaker for July. Christmas party locations discussed: McFarlen House, The Usual, Arts Fifth Ave, the new Scampi's and brew pub.

Infrastructure- streetlight update.

Old Business

Membership House Signs- rectangle ones for members to purchase. Artwork is available for review.

Draft Special Ordinance- public hearing coming up. David Thrapp will attend the League of Neighborhoods meeting to represent Fairmount.

New Business

Upcoming elections- 5 positions opening up: Finance, Historic Preservation, Public Safety, Administration, Communication. Forming a nominating committee made up of 2 board members and 3 general members with alternates.

Old Sign Disposal- \$20 for historic district and \$10 for street toppers at next meeting.

Comerica Bank new building design discussed- Robert sending NEZ letter of support from Fairmount.

—Serena Keeler



KEEP AN EYE ON CRIME

Vigilance is the first step in crime prevention and neighborhood safety. Here are some new tools from the Fort Worth police department for tracking crime in our neighborhood.

- Crime Reports – (www.crimereports.com)
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 - ⇒ Select from a template of crime types.
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 - ⇒ View Registered Sex Offenders.
 - ⇒ See neighboring participating cities data
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- Crimeview Community – (<http://www.fortworthpd.com/CrimeView>)
 - ⇒ View crimes near an address, park or landmark as well as within a specific boundary.
 - ⇒ Select from a template of crime types.
 - ⇒ Enhance our community oriented policing efforts by keeping our citizens and business owners well informed.
- CrimeMapping – (www.crimemapping.com)
 - ⇒ View crimes near an address
 - ⇒ Select a specific date range
 - ⇒ Pick from a template of crime types



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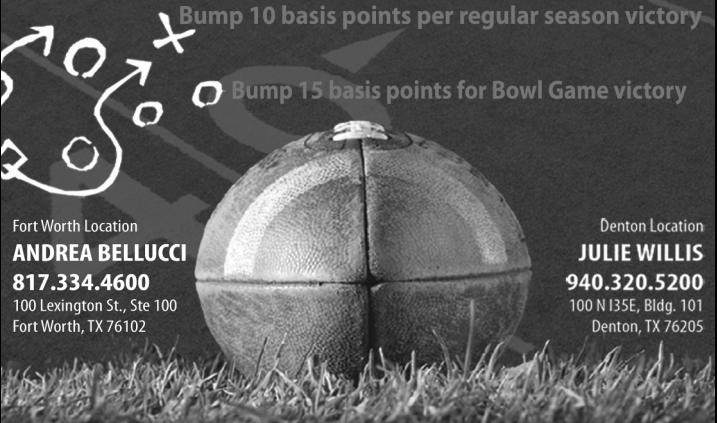


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FLY YOUR FLAGS

The 4th of July is upon us and its time to put out the neighborhood flag display. We'll gather Thursday July 1 at 1418 Washington Ave 7pm to begin hanging flags. Don't forget to display your own flag and hang some red, white and blue bunting.




JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH: 1728 FAIRMOUNT

Colorful butterflies, buzzing bees and singing birds are among the many visitors to this yard of the month. Our homeowners, Tom and Paula Simmons enjoy spending their evenings working in their yard, swinging on the front porch and visiting with their neighbors. They began work on the gardens five years ago, when at that time the only garden highlights were overgrown shrubs along the front porch.

Penny Simmons, daughter in law and designer for Great Expectations Design, drew up the plans for their cottage style garden to enhance their Craftsman home. They purchased the plants mostly from the Southside Preservation Association Annual Plant Sale. The garden features mostly native Texas and heirloom plants, and consists of Red Hot Pokers, Salvia, Variegated Sedum, Lantana, Maiden Grass, Dianthus, Daisies and Heirloom Roses. They lined the main bed with stones and added a Craftsman inspired trellis to the side bed. Located on a large corner lot, they have the diversity of both sun and shade plants and edit yearly with different varieties that catch their interests. They also have a vegetable garden and like to share the bounty with family and neighbors.

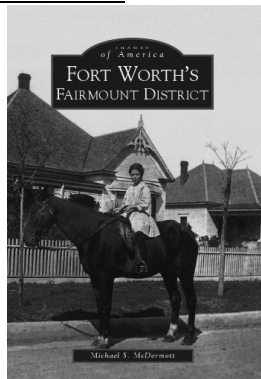
Tom restored the original tongue and groove front porch, adding Craftsman style railings and slate steps. From the street you can see several potted and hanging plants, and large pecan and maple trees. Additionally, Tom and Paula planted an oak tree a few years ago in honor of their grandchildren, Kyle, Brenna and Mason. Together, they extend thanks to the neighbors who nominated them and welcome you to stop by and enjoy a conversation in the garden.



FAIRMOUNT BOOK PREVIEW AT JUNE

MEETING

At the June membership meeting on June 22, Fairmount resident Mike McDermott will present a slideshow and lecture based on his forthcoming book, *Images of America: Fort Worth's Fairmount District*. The book contains dozens of photos of Fairmount through the years.



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

RECYCLING PROGRAM

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

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- Get this newsletter delivered to your doorstep 11 times a year!
- Know what's going on in Fairmount and the City that will affect *you* and *your* property!
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july concerts at magnolia green

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july 7: of many colors summer ensemble

july 14: festival brass

july 21: adlee h. trezevant memorial concert choir of historic i.m. terrell high school

july 28: shields-collins bray, pianist, fort worth symphony

Bring a blanket or chair, a picnic supper, family and friends—the park will open at 6:00 pm and the concert is from 7:30-8:15.

Rain location—Broadway Baptist Church, 305 West Broadway, Fort Worth, 76104

