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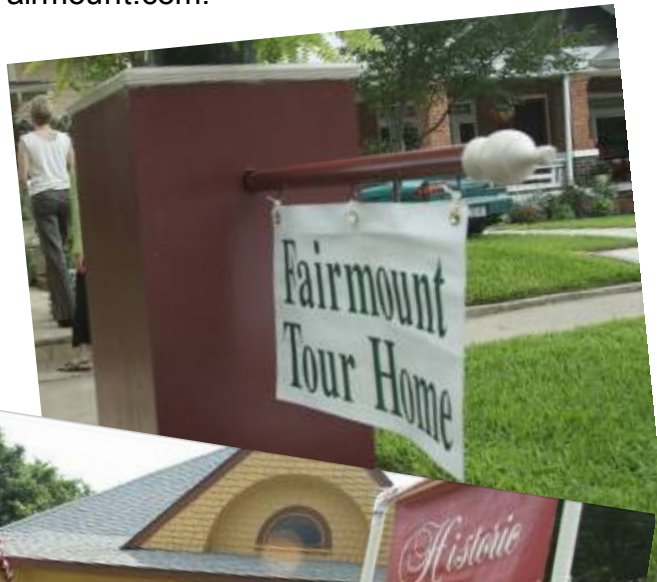
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## HOME TOUR SUCCESS!

This year's home tour was another success! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talent—especially Tour director Robert Wedding and assistant director Tabitha Burns, whose tireless efforts made everything look easy and run smoothly.

Throughout this issue of the Fairmount Newsletter, you'll find photos of the Tour, the parade, and the annual Wine Down party. For more photos, and color versions of the photos printed in the newsletter, point your browser to our web site, [www.HistoricFairmount.com](http://www.HistoricFairmount.com).



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## FAIRMOUNT ASSOCIATION MEETING



Tuesday

May 26

7:00 p.m. at

Hemphill

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Program:

Home Tour Report



Bring your neighbor!



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**HOME TOUR PARADE**





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'and what does the Lord  
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but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly  
with your God?'

micah 6.8

**On May 31**, join the members of First Presbyterian Church as we begin a worship service at our Hemphill campus on **Sundays at 6:08 p.m.**

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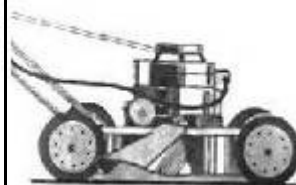
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## JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH – 1919 5<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

The delightful landscape of Edward Mayfield's Tudor bungalow is awarded Yard of the Month for June. The cottage garden style landscape contains an attractive mix of shrubs, perennials, herbs, and annuals in shapes and colors that beautifully enhance the home.

Lush planting beds lining both sides of the curved front walkway are filled with Blue Salvia, Coreopsis, Dianthus, Iris, Lobelia, Nasturtium, Phlox, Texas Primrose, and Yarrow. Herbs including Basil, Fennel, and Society Garlic are scattered throughout. A single Red Hot Poker pops out of the north bed, providing an unexpected shot of color next to the Spirea.

The star of the show certainly is the variety of gorgeous lilies. Tall white Trumpet Lilies anchor the corner of the north side bed, while a variety of Asiatic Lily, Day Lily, Crinum Lily, and Tiger Lily bloom throughout both beds. A row of Crinum Lilies also line the north side of the house.



Thank you to CC's Touch of Nature, our Yard of the Month sponsor, for the gift certificate that Edward will receive. Thank you also to the many people who nominated Edward's yard! If you see a yard that you believe should be considered for Yard of the Month, please let me know. Diana Koch ([diana-koch@excite.com](mailto:diana-koch@excite.com)) or 817-988-7079.



## FNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—MAY, 2009

Minutes of the last meeting – 7:00 – 7:05

Directors' Reports - 7:05-8:20

Director of Membership – Paul. Not present.

Director of Finance – Chewy. Not present. \$33,820.85 in bank account.

Director of Administration – Serena. Block Captain update. Looking into scheduling a city weatherization presenter for the June meeting. Looking into a tree grant for De Zavala playground. Will call Parks Department to get a sign posted with the park hours for Fairmount Park.

Director of Historic Preservation – Sue. No report. Waiting on Guidelines.

Director of Promotions – Jerry. No report.

Director of Public Safety – David. Need to replace and add more brackets for flags along Allen. Looking at budget to see if funds are there. Discussion of starting a new flag participation program for individuals willing to put them up and take them down on their block. Discussed taking donations for brackets and flags.

Director of Communication – John. No report.

President Emeritus - Fred. May 20th presenting Home Tour to National Neighborhood Association of the Year award committee.

Old Business – 8:45-9:00

- Home Tour update: Waiting for one last payment, then all the money is in from ads and sponsors. 10 to 12 artist on-board to show their work. Parade is set to go. Model Ts will be set up in front of a few homes. Star Telegram will run HT on events pages.

- Gun/drug free zones around schools working on with Joel Burns.

New Business – 8:45 – 9:10

- General meeting: Discussion of changing the general meeting format to open at 6:30 for socialization and for meeting with NPO and Code Officers. Then meeting will start at 7 p.m. Board decided not to have a pot luck dinner for the May meeting.

- Kristi Wiseman coordinated with TPW to get specific streets swept and Fairmount Park mowed this week. Motion to give special gift of appreciation to Kristi for all she does for Fairmount.

- District 9 Town Hall Meeting Monday May 18th, 5:30 – 8:30 Travis Ave Baptist.

- SOLD! On Historic Neighborhoods Saturday May 23rd, 9-3 p.m.

- Nominating Committee – Chewy, Patti, Fred, Robert alternate, need two more from general membership.

- Advisory Committee – purposed committee made up of past presidents and past directors. Fred will head up this committee.

Adjournment 9:10Adjournment 9:00

*Reported by Serena Keeler, Director of Administration*

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## **FNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 28, 2009**

Call to Order - Patti Randle 7:00 – 7:05

**Program: Paul Paine, President of Fort Worth South Inc 7:05 – 7:30**

**Zoning:** Fort Worth South (FWS) modeled the areas zoning off the downtown plan. This zoning guarantees consistent development into the future. Fairmount is the only neighborhood inside FWS boundary. FWS wants to stay in tune with Fairmount. As well as, have a continued good relationship with the Fairmount, Mistletoe, and Berkley neighborhoods.

**Crime:** Where are we today? There has been over a 70% reduction in crime since the mid 1980's. FWS, the police, and the hospital security meet regularly to talk about what is going on and to coordinate efforts. The good news is there is less crime and less vagrants coming through the area. FWS is hiring off-duty FW police to patrol on Magnolia area at peak times such as Friday and Saturday nights. These officers are being encouraged to walk the streets. FWS is paying for the program. They have a \$50,000 budget for this year. The officers then give a report to FWS. We need to be vigilant about not leaving valuables in the car. These types of "smash and grab" crimes are the most typical in the area. A car window will be broken when a valuable can be seen. This type of crime takes 30 seconds. They will watch you get out of car. If a woman does not have her purse, they will assume it has been left in the car. Don't take the chance!

**Development:** Midtown, (Forest Park and Rosedale) the Raymond group has bought the property. Two Hilton brand hotels are planned. There will conference space, retail space and office space. This \$86 million development will start this year. There will be a local coffee vendor, two restaurants, and a bank located in this location. A future train station is planned as well.

**First Fridays:** Free music! Next event May 8th starting at 6 p.m. North of Magnolia and Alston behind Wells Fargo. Bring a donation for the Food Bank. 600 lbs of food was given to the Tarrant County Food Bank last month. Look for First Fridays in June and August.

**Safety & Cleanup 7:30 – 7:50**

NPO Ron Andriotto – Smash and Grab vehicle crime. Biggest issue. Repeat offenders. New unit to follow these people who police know are doing these crimes. Looking into a tracking system and charging them with a higher offense. Keep the calls coming in to keep the police in this area. Call everything in.

Code Compliance Officer Oscar Reyes not present

**Reports 8:00 – 8:25**

Robert , Home Tour: Thank yous to the HT committee. Posters are ready and for sale. T-shirts are \$15. See Diana to volunteer as docent. Help set up and take down see Dan Burns. HT funds go into improving the neighborhood.

Chewy, finance: Total in bank \$33,500.55

Serena, administration: request block captains, community garden update – land lease, improvised garden at 1712 6th Avenue.

Fred Harper: Fairmount's Home Tour is a finalist for the neighborhood collaboration award on a national level.

David, Public Safety: Report on yard sale and community clean up. Crime and grime go together. Please make an extra effort for Home Tour. Need people to patrol on the COPs program to keep neighborhood crime down. Would like everyone in Fairmount to pick up community service volunteers at Preservation Hall on any Saturday or Sunday, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. These volunteers can pick up trash in the neighborhood. FNA supplies the trash bags.

John, Door Prizes: 8:25 – 8:30

Adjournment – 8:30 pm



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John Howell for getting us Rahr beer

Susan Harper for finding us a bartender

Afton Hicks – bartender who worked for only tips

David Ward and Terry Rogers – ice and snacks

Fairmount Neighborhood Assn – the band, Westbound

Susan & Fred Harper – oven to roast turkey



Special thanks to David Thrapp & Carrie, Marcus Kindred, Dr. Stanley Cal, Dan Burns and his hauling crew – for setup, tear down, and clean up



Raul and Pam Rodriguez for their beautiful yard and for red wine

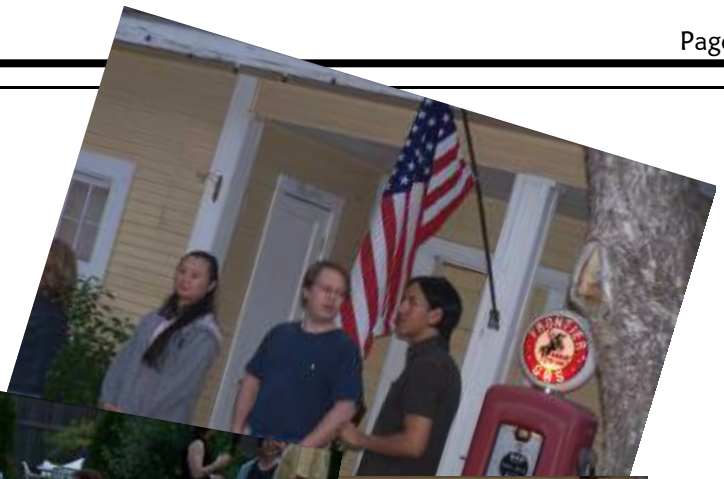
and Patti Randle for emailing everyone that we were serving ribs, so we served some “token ribs”.



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If you find a great new product for our old houses, share it with us in the neighborhood news letter.

—Submitted by David Thrapp





**RECYCLING PROGRAM**

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



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



**FAIRMOUNT CALENDAR**

- May 23 SOLD! On Historic Neighborhoods
- May 26 FNA General Meeting—see p. 1
- June 1 FNA Board Meeting
- June 5 First Friday Concert on Magnolia Green
- June 8 Landmarks Commission hearing
- June 10 Deadline for ads/articles for July newsletter
- June 13 Put out bulk trash
- June 14 Flag Day—Put out your flags!
- June 15 Filing deadline for July 13 Landmarks Commission hearing
- June 23 FNA General Meeting

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