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HISTORIC DISTRICT

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, It was the old 1-2-3-punch for preservation in Fairmount this past month. 1900 5th Avenue was torn down last Tuesday, September 8th. Many are happy, or at least relieved, that the eyesore has been removed. I share in those feelings to a point. In retrospect, however, I am more saddened and then angry than anything else. I look upon the whole thing as a horrible tragedy. For more than nine years numerous people fought to save 1900 and return it to the showplace it once was. In the end, it became a tumor that had to be removed. That is a complete travesty. I am reminded of some other, magnificent homes in Fairmount: Jacqueline Bender's home on 6th. Jerre Cotton's house on College, Marianna Thrapp's on Alston, and Rodney Wade's on Adams. Can any of us imagine Fairmount without them? The homes in Fairmount are like old embroidery. Parts of it are in very bad repair and instead of taking the time to restore one of the damaged areas, they've just been ripped out. Now all that can be seen is stamped pattern underneath the thread. New thread will be added to try to match the old, but it will never again have the same value to a collector. It will never have the same charm it did before. Fairmount may be a safer place now that 1900 is gone, but it is, in my opinion, a much poorer place for it. From a "green" standpoint, the fact that none of the siding or the columns or any other parts could be salvaged is also disheartening. Some of that wood had truly stood the test of time.

We also lost the Brace Building at the corner of 8th and Magnolia. Although not technically within Fairmount, it was still a part of our Near Southside history. It too must be replaced, and it is up to us to ensure that we do our utmost to have a building there that is both useful and aesthetically harmonious with remaining old buildings on Magnolia.

Our third loss this month was out in the 1400 block of Fairmount, which burned several months back and was not able to be saved. And the fourth loss has yet to happen, but will in the next few weeks to a small 1915 bungalow at the very end of Lake that is also the result of neglect like 1900.

The very fabric of our neighborhood is at stake here. We MUST take to heart all of the endangered homes in Fairmount and resolve to stop any further deterioration of our most valuable treasure, our homes.

On a more positive note, if you haven't been to the Fairmount Happy hour yet, please put it on your calendar. Spurred by the inexhaustible efforts of Sean and Sara Lynch, the first one at Cafe Chadra was a huge success. Please come meet your friends, neighbors, and Fairmount directors. It's a great way to network and make known your concerns and issues so that we can all work toward a common goal.

I think the keyword for the next two years is going to be teamwork. And to be an effective team, we need to get everyone off the bench and onto the field. Please volunteer in any way you can; and, if you know of anyone, old or new, to Fairmount, who is not a member or may not be aware of any volunteer opportunities, please invite them to the next neighborhood function and help us make them feel welcome and appreciated. We're in this together. No one but we, ourselves, can make a difference and work to improve the quality of life in Fairmount. And as always, my phone is always on and my e-mail always available for any concerns you may have. I intend my new role as president to be one of service to the neighborhood and its residents. Please help me fulfill that role. See you at the next meeting.

—Robert Wedding, President

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FAIRMOUNT ASSOCIATION MEETING



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FNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2009. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Director's Reports and Hand-offs to new directors 7:10 - 8:10

- Director of Infrastructure – Robert to Sean. Lamp-post globes are not the same as the past ones. Taking inventory of lamps going in and those that are supposed to be going in. Green Space maintenance falls under infrastructure. Review of responsibilities.
- Director of Finance – Chewy. \$43,520.02 in bank account. Will submit a new budget proposal at October's board meeting and then to the general meeting. He will go by last year's expenses for the new budget. Directors need to submit any budget changes to Chewy.
- Director of Administration – Serena. Sign at Fairmount Park is not correct. Looking into getting it fixed. Parkway tree signup update.
- Director of Historic Preservation – Sue. Ordered 10 more plaques. Half are sold already. \$100 per plaque. 1900 5th Avenue came down due to safety concerns and neglect. Will send letters of thanks to code, council, etc. Landmarks Agenda: 1825 6th (continued from last month) – addition to the rear and third story to the house, 1412 Adams – demo of existing garage, build 2-story garage apt, addition to the rear of the house, 1717 Washington – seeking approval of a 6' solid side yard fence that extends all the way to the sidewalk, and white iron front fence is taller than 4' because of the arches in the design, 1330 Alston – replace the rotting wood front porch with concrete and new more appropriate columns, 1920 College – demolition of Tiny Mart sent back from Appeals, 1920 College – new construction of a 2 story house.
- Director of Promotion – Jerry to Kevin. Decided which of 2 Fairmount Facebook pages to keep. Review of responsibilities.
- Director of Communication – John. Constant Contact cost \$200. Looking into other options. Still sorting through mistakes from last years membership drive. Will send Chewy a list of folks who should go on 2010 membership.
- Director of Membership – Ricky. Key given for P.O. Box. Review of responsibilities.
- Director of Public Safety - David. National Night Out update.

Old Business 8:10 - 8:25

- Welcome Packets to Realtors. Sue is looking for a better copy of the Historic District disclosure form which should be given to every buyer to add to packets. (I attached the scanned one that Rodney found for us for your info.
- Future Meeting Topics – Tower 55 and streetcar.
- New Business 8:25 – 9:10
- Committee Re-appointments – Historic Preservation committee needs to be reappointed. Sue is HP chair. Motion to approve her list of recommendation was seconded, discussed and carried. Guidelines Committee is working to have guidelines done by end of year. Motion to approve Committee members and designate Sue as new Chair, due to Rodney Wade's resignation. Motion to approve her list of recommendation was seconded, discussed and carried. Guidelines Committee is working to have guidelines done by end of year. Motion to approve. Seconded. Discussion. Motion carried. Developing a code of ethics for committee members to sign. Kevin will be re-starting the traffic calming committee.
- Discussion on need to increase pressure on some property owners who are neglecting historic homes in our area.
- TAD Meeting Report - Patti. Met Chief TAD Appraiser. He was open to listening to our concerns. Patti is working to make taxation in our area more even and fair.
- New Signage – presented. Motion to present these two designs to the September general meeting and to be voted on in the October general meeting seconded, discussed and carried.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTY—OCTOBER 6

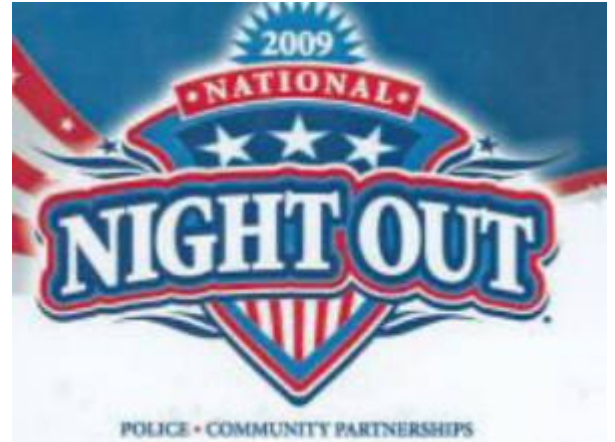
This is it—one of those big parties Fairmount is famous for! You're invited to join us for the biggest block party in the City of Fort Worth on Tuesday, October 6, from 6 pm to 10 pm in the College Avenue Baptist Church parking lot, 1400 College Avenue, as we give crime in Fairmount a going away party. This event is sponsored by the Fairmount Citizens on Patrol, Fairmount Neighborhood Association, and the Fort Worth Police Department.

This event shows that our neighborhood is organized, and fighting back against crime. There will be information on how to get involved in the Fairmount Citizens on Patrol, the neighborhood Crime Watch program, and more great information to make your home safe. Plus a lot of fun for kids and adults, including games and one of the best bounce-house/slide combos around.

This is a "covered dish" event. We have a lot of hungry police to feed so quantity counts. We will supply chicken and tortillas for fajitas, iced tea, water, and tortilla chips, but need all the sides. Please plan to bring either veggies, fruit, desserts, cookies, salad, cheese, sour cream, guacamole, hot sauce, cooked peppers and onions or anything else you can think of to go with fajitas. Don't forget a serving piece!

This is your big chance to get involved and fight crime in Fairmount and meet some of the great neighbors that live in the Fairmount Historic District. So turn on those porch lights, and let's take a bite out of crime.

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OUTSIDE YOUR OLD HOUSE

As you're reading this, it's nearly October. Spring is sprung, fall is fell! The leaves are beginning to turn.

This is the time to divide and replant your perennials. If you have poppy and/or larkspur seed, you can begin to plant them in October or November as long as the weather has begun to cool. Once established, they will reseed themselves.

If you haven't already, put corn gluten on your lawn as a pre-emergent for spring weeds.

Plant roses and other spring blooming shrubs now. If you love roses, go with the antiques: they are virtually trouble free and will reward you with both bloom and fragrance. I'm not really familiar with Chamblee's website but the Antique Rose Emporium lists all their roses so you can pick by type, color, fragrance and whether they rebloom.



You can go ahead and plant cool season annuals now: pansies, snapdragons, kales and cabbages and dianthus.

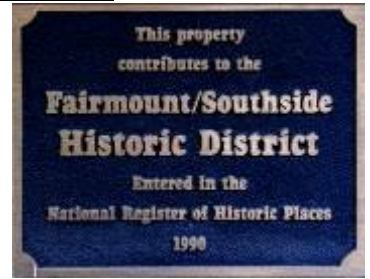
As the leaves begin to fall, do yourself and your garden a big favor and invest in a mulching leaf vacuum. All those leaves that fall make wonderful mulch for the winter and feed your garden beds as they break down. Until you get your cycle going you may need to add high nitrogen fertilizer for your blooming plants—any mulch uses a lot of the available nitrogen to break down.

Did you plant fall vegetables? Keep them mulched and you should be able to harvest until the first freeze. Carrots and other tubers could last thru several freezes. Incidentally, if you've never tried parsnips, take a chance. They're much better than they sound.

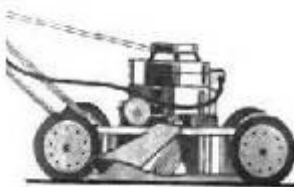
Enjoy the cooler crisp weather. This is the beginning of planning time! Enjoy!!!

HISTORIC PLAQUES AVAILABLE

Is your home a contributing structure in Fairmount? If so, then why not show it off proudly with a Bronze Plaque? These lovely plaques are available for \$100.00. Please contact Sue McLean, Director of Historic Preservation, at 817.924.6100, or by email at preservation@historicroadfairmount.com.



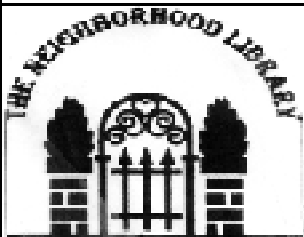
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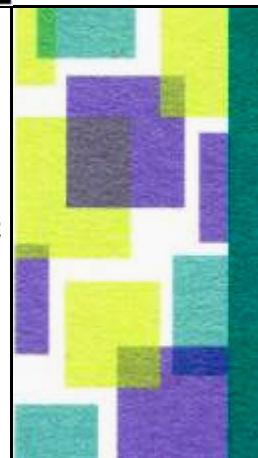
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FNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—AUGUST 25, 2009

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

- NPO Officer Joel Stary - Five arrests have been made for burglaries. Seeing a drop in burglaries. Only six burglaries this past month. RAPIDS barcode program discussed. Contact Eartha Pitre at 817-392-3997 if interested in bar coding your valuables. Police station is moving to NE corner of Magnolia and Hemphill. Gang unit will be housed in this office as well. Crime prevention fair is coming up in September. Meeting with neighborhood presidents to create a united front against criminals. Lock up your stuff. Half the burglaries were items that were unlocked.
- Election of New Officers 2009-2011 7:15-7:30
- Program 7:30-8:00
- Karen Meunier & Tonya Brown – Housing & Economic Development: City grant, loan programs and counseling
 - Grant programs: Emergency repair grant program is for homeowners in the city of Fort Worth. Program makes grants for heating, plumbing, electrical emergencies. Weatherization grant program is for homeowners to caulk, weather strip, etc. their homes. Income limits. Cowtown brush up grant program is a free house painting program for residents in need. Volunteers always welcome. 150 houses are painted in one day! Lead program is a free program to test for lead paint in the home.
 - Loan program: Home loans up to \$40K with zero interest. Family of three making \$27K would not have to pay loan back. Most people only have to pay back 70% of loan. Will need to inspect your home and qualify for program.
 - Homebuyer program: city wide for first time buyer who has not owned for the last three years. Makes homes more affordable. Target areas are usually within Loop 820.
 - Counseling: housing and homebuyer counseling are available. Counseling for first time homebuyers, closing cost assistance, credit, budget, reverse mortgaging, and foreclosure are available.

Housing and Economic Development is located in the city hall annex building downtown or call 817-392-8091.

- Reports from Directors: 8:00-8:20
 - Chewy Redding, Finance - close books August 30 for fiscal year. \$15K income. \$43,622.02 in bank account.
 - Serena Keeler, Administration – Crime Watch program one hour, Saturday, September 19, 10 a.m. Paul's Donut. Parkway Tree sign up.
 - David Thrapp, Public Safety – National Night Out October 6, 2009. Everyone is invited. It is FREE. Bring your neighbor! Need volunteers, ideas, bands, etc. September 4 need help putting up new flag brackets.
 - Sue McLean, Historic Preservation – 1325 Fairmount is being torn down due to fire, 1900 Fifth is in another appeal, new house on Alston at Maddox, 1628 Henderson substandard re-muddled rental house has been bought to be restored or demolished.
 - Fairmount Happy Hour - 60 people came, great turn out.
- Results of Election: President: Robert Wedding; Infrastructure: Sean Lynch; Promotions: Kevin Buchanan; Membership: Ricky Pike

—Serena Keeler, Director of Administration



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The questions have been raised many times in the past few months, "When should I call 911?" and "What is considered suspicious behavior?" This month I wanted to answer these questions and give some helpful advice for what to look for and what information to provide when you call 911.

Keep in mind that when you call 911, you will speak with a call taker. The call taker's job is to prioritize the call and pass the information on to a Police Dispatcher. Once the dispatcher receives the information a call will be set up and an Officer will be sent to the call location. Officer response time will be determined in large part by Officer availability and based upon the priority level the call was given by the call taker.

Now let's discuss 'suspicious behavior'. Anything that seems strange to you would be considered suspicious behavior. Anything that makes you stop and think, "I wonder what he/she is doing", would be considered suspicious behavior. These are the best guidelines to follow and you have to remember that if something looks, feels, smells or sounds strange to you then it is "suspicious."

Now that everyone is on the same page with the definition of suspicious behavior, answering the question of "When should I call 911" is very easy. I want you to call 911 and have an Officer come out anytime you see, smell, or hear something suspicious or when you have a feeling that something is suspicious!

Here are some things you need to pay attention to and make the call taker aware of when you call:

For Persons—race, age, height, hair description, facial hair, glass/no glasses, clothing description, shoe description, bags/backpacks, direction of travel, behavior and demeanor if you spoke with the person

For Vehicles—use the CYMBAL acronym: C = Color, Y = Year, M = Vehicle Make (Ford, Chevrolet, etc.), B = Body Style (Van, Pick-up, etc.), A = Additional Details (direction of travel, damage, bumper stickers, etc.), L = License Number (even partial plate numbers are helpful)

Thank you all so much for the help you provide to the Police Department and your neighbors. Keep up the good work and remember: Be safe today and safer tomorrow.



OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH – 2010 6TH AVE.

This month we choose as Yard of The Month to honor the home of Natalie and Lee Reeves at 2010 6th Avenue. The recently-married couple has worked hard to make the outside of their home as charming as the inside, which was featured during the 2008 Fairmount Historic Home Tour.

Rows of Hawthorne Shrubs line the porch forming an evergreen background for the Apricot Princess Roses which are blooming beautifully right now. More color is provided by the vivid lime green leaves of the Sweet Potato Vines which crawl along the beds in front of the Roses and the Begonias. Geraniums bloom abundantly in the beds surrounding the trees between the sidewalk and street. The newly-installed lawn is a beautiful and environmentally friendly Zoysia variety developed by A & M University. The turf is slow-growing and drought tolerant, requiring less water, fertilizer, and mowing than conventional lawns.



The porch is decorated with a pair of hanging baskets overflowing with Moss Rose. A pair of single-seat swings anchors one end of the porch, while a two seat swing anchors the other end. Between the swings are four Adirondack Chairs painted in white and red.

Thank you to CC's Touch of Nature for the \$25 gift certificate that Natalie and Lee will receive. 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) or 817-988-7079.

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DECLINE AND FALL: THE SAD DEMISE OF 1900 5TH AVENUE, 1911—2009

I used to live three houses down from 1900 5th in 1983-1985 when it was a boarding house packed with noisy undesirable people who paid by the week. Some time in the next year or so after we bought our house in the same block of 6th, 1900 5th was left open and abandoned, with weeds and trash always in the yard. After many complaints to Code, the house was finally boarded up by the City. We gave up calling it in for high grass and weeds and took it into our own hands. It was often the starting point for Fairmount Neighborhood cleanups even though Southside Preservation Hall's community service volunteers were sent there weekly to clean up the litter of bottles and needles, and hauled away the falling debris as it composted for years before our very eyes. I mowed it myself one year the day before home tour.



Meanwhile the Tarrant County Appraisal District kept raising the assessment automatically, obviously without ever looking at it, until the day it was demolished at an appraised value of \$83,000! Over the years people begged the owner to sell, people willing to pour \$100,000 or more into it, knowing they could turn it into a showplace. Because of its size, conspicuous corner lot location, plus the huge garage apartment, it would have still made a profit. But the owner refused to see for less than the appraisal for a price. One actually got the owner to accept a deal for \$20,000, but he never showed up to the closing.

About 10 years ago, our restoration experts said it was too far gone to save when we had meetings with the City, Code Enforcement, Lawyers, and our City Councilperson. When the City decided to start proceedings to seize it for back taxes and moving liens, it was discovered to be collateral which was tied up in a lawsuit which took years to resolve. Then the owner filed bank-

ruptcy, claimed incompetence and all his properties were put into a trust.

Code finally was able to intervene due to public safety concerns. The Trust was required to erect a fence and start restoration by a certain date – but only the fence got put up. So Code finally took it to the Landmarks Commission in November 2007 for demolition, and it was approved. The owner has been appealing that decision all the way to the Texas Supreme Court, claiming it was his family home and that he intended to restore it. Finally with all appeals exhausted, and after more than 20 years of neglect and decay, the City demolished the structures on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

From what we understand, the City will maintain custody of the land for a year, giving the owner time to claim it by paying 1½ times what is owed. At that time, the City will sell it to the high bidder with a discounted reasonable opening bid. Hopefully one of our great new-old-home builders will snap it up and build a house Fairmount can be proud of again. One even told me, he would like to replicate the original. Wouldn't that be grand! Until then, my hope is that the neighbors will be so relieved we will keep the lot up, making it the best looking vacant lot in Fairmount.

Many thanks to all who persevered for Fairmount from City officials to City Councilpersons to Restorationists, Realtors,



and many a Fairmount board member. Thank you to the neighbors who endured its embarrassing presence all these many years. And thank you to those who cleaned up after it, and kept this photographic history. Several City Staffers were there for the demolition, some saying they had worked this issue their entire careers! And that evening a line of neighbors sat in lawn chairs across the street celebrating their new and improved view, and yet wistful that it all was such a waste. It's the sort of victory that preservationists hate. We finally won the war, but lost the victim. Farewell, 1900 5th. We knew you well. You could have been alive and beautiful again, but were sacrificed for no good reason.

—Sue McLean

Director of Historic Preservation





October 3rd
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Hi, Neighbors! It is that time of year again to sign up for free trees. Here is what you need to know and how you can sign up.

- Free 5-gallon trees that YOU must plant in the parkway. YOU must pick them up on the day of delivery. YOU must water them for 2 years. If that sounds like something you are up for read on!
- The trees must be planted in the parkway (area between sidewalk and curb.) Sorry no exceptions!
- Serena Keeler, your neighbor, is the volunteer Fairmount coordinator for this program. She is not a city employee(:
- The average lot can receive two trees, smaller lots one tree, and corner lots up to four trees depending on need. The Forester will make every effort to match tree request (see list below and website link.) Large trees need 4 feet and a smaller tree need 3 feet to plant. Pick your tree selection according to your parkway specifications.
- Tree selection: Bald Cypress, Bur Oak, Cedar Elm, Chinquapin Oak, Desert Willow, Eve's Necklace, Mexican Buckeye, Red Bud, Red Oak
- website: www.fortworthgov.org/pacs/fwpcsd/forestry
- The tree pick up and planting will be in the spring but sign up now. Space is limited.
- To sign up: come to the next neighborhood association meeting or email Serena Keeler at trees@bytemap.net. She will need your name, address, email, phone number and the number and types of trees you'd like to request.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing a new round of baby trees around the 'hood.

Sincerely,

Serena Keeler

BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED!

Are you interested in getting more involved in the neighborhood? How about signing up to be a block captain for your block? We meet 3 to 4 times a year at Paul's Donuts and would love to have your block represented! Contact Serena Keeler to sign up or for more information at serena@bytemap.net.

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FAIRMOUNT IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT!

In July, we received a phone call from Rex Perry, Building Editor of Southern Living Magazine. He was interested in getting more information about the Fairmount neighborhood. Subsequent emails led to a phone conversation and eventually a fairly lengthy telephone interview. Rex Perry had visited Fairmount twice before, once several years before and again early this spring, and he was intrigued. Planning to write an article for Southern Living about the ten best reclaimed neighborhoods in the South, he thought Fairmount might be a candidate for the list of featured neighborhoods. The more we talked, the more interested he became, and in August he agreed to come take photos of the neighborhood. He said, "This will be fun!" and sure enough, it was...

He knew from our conversations that what makes Fairmount special, besides the great history and architecture, is the friendliness



of the neighbors, and as we talked, he had created an image in his mind that he wanted replicated to some extent in the photos. He was seeking a photo that featured bungalows, children riding bikes, and neighbors visiting on porches and on the street.

So, on Sunday, August 30, Rex and his camera arrived in Fairmount. Jason and Kelly Bowden, whose 6th Avenue home was on Home Tour 2009, agreed to have the front yard and porch of their home photographed, as did their neighbors to the north, John and Heather Rossman. True to Rex's vision, two hours and 150+ photos later produced some great shots of bungalows, inviting yards, children playing, neighbors visiting on porches and

sidewalks—even dogs relaxing on the porch steps! Out of all those photos, Rex and his staff have the daunting task of selecting one photo for the article.

The best part was that, as happened with many of us after our first visits to the neighborhood, Fairmount sold



itself. Rex Perry saw Fairmount in total—the lovely bungalows, the friendly atmosphere, the lively conversations that so often spring up on porches and in yards, and the future, as evidenced by the enthusiasm of neighbors both young and old.

The article, which will be in the January 2010 issue of Southern Living, will include Fairmount and nine other neighborhoods across the South which have experienced a renaissance in recent years.

Plan to get your copy at the new stands, if you don't already subscribe to their wonderful publication. We are still amazed and excited that Fairmount will be in such a prestigious magazine!

—Patti Randle, Immediate Past President





Citizens on Patrol is a cooperative effort between citizens & Fort Worth Police to reduce crime. For information, call the Fairmount coordinators:

Sue McLean 817-924-6100
Geri Cotton 817-926-6507
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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.

FAIRMOUNT CALENDAR

September 21	Deadline for submissions for October Landmarks hearing
September 22	FNA meeting
October 3	Arts Goggle (see p. 8)
October 5	FNA board meeting
October 6	National Night Out (see p. 3)
October 10	Newsletter submission deadline
October 12	Landmarks hearing
October 19	Deadline for submissions for November Landmarks hearing

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Joel Burns' Fairmount Real Estate Report



Fairmount Real Estate activity is up. Are you ready?

September and October real estate activity is second only to April and May. Are you ready for it? I'll have a new listing on Washington in the coming days, have three new sets of buyers looking in Fairmount, and would welcome working with you when you're ready to make a change. My assistant Stefanie Mathews and I are a full-time, 7-day-a-week team. We "get" Fairmount and look forward to talking with you about your real estate needs.



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1501 S. Henderson St	1380'	3 / 2	46 days to contract
1626 Lipscomb St	1712'	3 / 2	301 days to contract

Active Fairmount Listings (9/14)

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1714 S. Henderson St	4939'	4 / 4	\$550,000
13 Chase Ct	2449'	3 / 1	\$339,000
2205 Lipscomb St	2556'	3 / 2	\$262,500
1701 College Ave	2444'	3 / 2	\$260,000
1330 Lipscomb St	3601'	3 / 2	\$259,000
1931 5th Ave	3418'	5 / 2 ½	\$245,000
1517 Hurley Ave	2003'	3 / 2	\$229,900
1419 Lipscomb St	1888'	3 / 2	\$220,000
1601 S. Henderson St	2147'	3 / 2 ½	\$219,900
1706 5th Ave	1920'	2 / 1	\$199,000
1917 Hurley Ave	1768'	3 / 2	\$189,900
2200 Hurley Ave	1874'	3 / 2	\$189,000
1407 S. Adams St	2234'	4 / 2	\$187,000
1700 5th Ave	1550'	3 / 2	\$179,900
2000 Hurley Ave	2339'	3 / 2	\$169,500
2259 Hurley Ave	1815'	3 / 2	\$155,000
1905 S. Adams	1204'	2 / 1	\$124,999
1603 S. Adams	1768'	3 / 2 ½	\$124,900
1328 5th Ave	2030'	4 / 2	\$105,000
2019 Alston Ave	1425'	2 / 1	\$95,000
2262 Washington Ave	1200'	2 / 1	\$90,000
1016 Hawthorne Ave	1108'	2 / 1	\$89,000
1921 Hurley Ave	1572'	3 / 3	\$87,000
2241 Alston Ave	2311'	3 / 2	\$84,900
1621 S. Henderson St	1552'	3 / 1 ½	\$75,000
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