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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION, FORT WORTH, TX



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AMY ALLIBON, BPA PRESIDENT

I am so grateful to Councilperson Elizabeth Beck, FWPD Lt. Wade Walls, FW Zoo staff, and the thirty officers who ensured that spring break zoo traffic was 100% better this year. With the Forest Park Road Diet and advancement of electronic map technology, it is a whole new world with zoo traffic. If you have not thought about how the advancement of map applications has impacted zoo traffic, take a moment to do so. Twenty-two thousand people visited the zoo on half-price Wednesday, but they were not blocking our driveways or parking on our streets. I witnessed

first-hand how the officer at Jerome and Rosedale had to leave his post and zip down the street to deal with another situation. I likened the police efforts on our side of the zoo to a big game of whack-a-mole – one fire would go out, and another would crop up for them to handle. Thanks to our collaboration with Beck and Walls, the following was accomplished:

- City of FW placing no-parking signs in our yards to discourage what happened in 2022 except for neighborhood cars that had a BPA placard.

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NEXT MEETING OF THE BPA

**Zoom Virtual Meeting
To Be Determined**



PRESIDENT'S LETTER (CONTINUED)

- Large electronic signs on I-30 guiding cars to the University Drive exit.
- Large electronic signs at 8th Ave at Park Place and Windsor saying “no zoo traffic.”
- Officers being immediately reassigned to 8th Ave at Park Place and Windsor to divert traffic by 11:00 a.m. on half-price day when the signs were not enough of a deterrent.
- Large electronic sign at Forest Park at the southern split guiding cars to Park Hill and back to University for zoo entrance.
- Officer blockade at Jerome and Rosedale for neighbors' exclusive entrance with placard.
- Southbound turn onto Forest Park from Rosedale blocked.

I have noted the couple of situations that caused frustration, and I relished the many emails I received from neighbors who took the time to recognize my concerted effort to push all the right buttons. There are areas to tweak, certainly, but I am happy that Berkeley was a safe neighborhood for emergency vehicles to enter and exit during this crazy time of traffic near our homes. This was our number one concern.

In conclusion, I remind you that Councilperson Elizabeth Beck held a meeting last spring with the FWPD and Zoo officials at the Botanic Gardens that very few attended to discuss zoo traffic. Beck, Lt. Wade Walls, and our NPO, Officer Juan Villagomez, also zoomed in on our BPA Q1 meeting on March 5 that very few attended as well. The time and consideration that was given to this issue by all was significant, productive, and mostly successful. Consider participating in these meetings that our public servants provide to be a voice in the process.



*Officers on half-price day at the zoo.
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MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 AT 6 P.M., ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING OPENER

CALL TO ORDER: Call to Order by Amy Allibon at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Amy Allibon, Judy Alter, Annica Fischer, Leslie Hunt, Frank and Robin Caropreso, Robert and Robin Sloane, Charles Dreyfus, Vance and Donna Laminack, Stefanie Ricks, Betsy Booth, Art Pappas, Ross Douglass, Jamie Qualls, Tess McDonald, Herb Biddle, Steve Scanlon, Ole Lorenzetti, Maggi Arendsee, Councilperson Elizabeth Beck, FWPD in charge of traffic Lt. Wade Walls, Officer Juan Villagomez, City of Fort Worth Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation, Joel McElhany (Anthony and Sherry were present but their Zoom id did not provide last names)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2022 board meeting by Herb Biddle with a second by Tess McDonald; minutes approved by vote of members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Income to date \$11k and expenses to date \$5k (Presented by Tess McDonald).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Dues have been coming in. As a reminder BPA is now on a calendar year and dues in January. Dues can be paid through the website (Presented by Tess McDonald).

DIRECTORY REPORT: deadline for submitting updates to resident contact information is March 15th.; updates are to be sent to Tess McDonald (tessmaster55@yahoo.com) (Presented by Tess McDonald).

BUDGET AMENDMENT: The addition of \$500 to the budget for an independent audit of the Berkeley

Place Association financials was presented by Amy Allibon. Motion to approve by Frank Caropreso with a second by Steve Scanlon; motion passed by vote of members in attendance.

SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW BY AMY ALLIBON:

Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 1st from 2 to 3 p.m. held at Tillery Park

Berkeley Adult Gathering—Saturday, April 28 - Jacksons' back yard on Ward Parkway

July 4th parade and festivities—Tuesday, July 4th from 9 to 11 a.m.; parade to conclude at Lily B Clayton

Pumpkins in the Park—Thursday, October 19th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. held at Tillery Park

BPA - Sensory Safe Trick or Treating—Saturday, October 28th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Santa in the Park - Saturday, December 9th from 10 a.m. to noon held at Tillery Park.

Spring Garage Sale date is Saturday, April 20th from 8 a.m. to noon

Lily B Clayton Fundraising Campaign—no update

ZOO TRAFFIC PLAN FOR 2023:

Presented by Lt. Wade Walls of the Fort Worth Police Department (wade.walls@fortworthtexas.gov). The traffic detail for spring break has typically been one sergeant and ten to thirteen officers. This year an additional supervisor and seven officers will be assigned exclusively to Forest Park Blvd. The inbound side of residential streets on the east side of Forest Park will be barricaded to discourage thru traffic. Jerome at Rosedale will be manned and barricaded; only residents will be al-

lowed access. No parking signs will be posted throughout the neighborhood. Placards will be available online to allow residents to park on street if needed, but it is discouraged as non-residents may view that as a sign that the regulation is not being enforced. A review will be done after the spring break week to assess what worked and what can be done to improve traffic control during this week as needed.

PLATTING OF FOREST PARK: Joel McElhany, Asst. Director of Parks and Recreation was on hand to answer questions. The plat encompasses all of Forest Park from Tillery Park to Log Cabin Village. The area has never been platted and the platting will formally establish the boundaries and bring the park land in compliance with city regulations. There is no further planned expansion of the zoo into any of the existing park land. Clarification was requested on the reference to "commercial development" in the public notice to confirm that was only referring to the zoo, pool, and train.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer Villagomez was introduced as our new NPO.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



WHO'S TEACHING YOUR KIDS?

EDITED BY MARY KELLER



Barbara Ozuna
Principal, McLean Middle School

When I was ten, my family moved to Texas from Switzerland. As a French- and German-speaking girl, going to school now meant that my transition to Alice Carlson Elementary included learning English in addition to all the normal “new friends” adjustments. Fortunately, because my parents were TCU professors, they established our new Texas home in the neighborhood, right there on Rogers Street. Making lifelong friends and gaining my confidence at Alice Carlson Elementary made all the difference as I progressed to McLean, then to Paschal, and ultimately graduated from TCU. Bottom line, this is my hometown, and these neighborhoods are my cherished village.

I have a deep, abiding commitment to our community, to our schools, and most of all, to our children. It is my ambition to give back and my mission to help all our kids be successful. My family, my life story, and my professional experiences underscore the importance of neighborhoods to the development of our children. I would like for our Berkeley constituents to know that our school pyramid’s design (from Lily B. to McLean 6th, to McLean Middle, and then to Paschal) is tremendously important. This gives students an array of positive opportunities to grow academically and emotionally, mature socially, and explore horizons as they move through the grades. It’s a careful and caring progression from the smaller, “homey” PK-5 cocoons to larger and larger, more complex environments and then to college and adulthood.

As the McLean principal, I appreciate sincerely the Lily B parents and their willingness to be actively involved. They engage in many helpful ways, sharing ideas and contributing solutions. Just one example that comes to mind is Lily B.’s wonderful Spanish dual language program. We offer languages here at McLean, and together we are working on ways to bridge the move from elementary to middle school and build upon students’ language immersion experiences.

Public education is alive and well. Every day, regardless of whatever the current pressures may be, we are committed to bringing our best to educate each student and to serve our community. Realistically it is impossible to have enough resources, so it is incumbent upon us, upon me as a school leader, to be creative in ways that make the most of opportunities. Even with competing demands, decision priorities must always be on kids first.

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WHO'S TEACHING YOUR KIDS? (CONTINUED)

of our school, McLean Middle. Resilience is how I would describe this, especially after the incredible challenges of the last three years. We have had to be innovative and resourceful. We remain committed to the value of enrichment, athletic and team opportunities where kids learn to challenge themselves in diverse environments. And when the need arises or a learning gap is identified, we must not be schedule-bound. For example, we are ramping up our focus on reading by implementing “Cardinal time,”—drop everything and read. Because they are encouraged, students are now checking out more library books. Cultivating a habit, such as reading, requires a time commitment to reap

the lasting benefits of even twenty minutes a day. We are looking ahead to development of a “how to study” course for eighth graders and ways to incorporate student ideas and perspectives.

As an immigrant and as a lifelong educator, I have a special appreciation of being an American. In our public schools, each child has an opportunity. I am grateful that in America, unlike many societies, our mandate truly is to educate all kids.



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A FAMILY AFFAIR ON FOREST PARK

BY DEBRA MILLION

The 1927 home at 1908 Forest Park has been home to the Godefroy family since August 2021. We all know what was going on that year so they're just now making it into the *Poobah* as a new Berkeley family. They decided they needed to be on the right side of the Trinity River, so they moved west to Fort Worth from Dallas.

Courtney is originally from Arlington, and Patrick is from a town in deep East Texas known as the Jewel of the Forest, Jasper. Courtney stayed close to home and attended SMU as a theater major and headed east for graduate school at Columbia in New York City to get her master's degree in theater. She loved living in New York but with a dog and a car, she knew she would head back to the Lone Star state after school. Patrick graduated from UNT with a degree in hospitality management.

Love at first sight happened about eleven years ago when one of Courtney's coworkers, who just happened to be Patrick's brother, invited Patrick to Courtney's family home on Possum Kingdom Lake. They've been married for six years and have two little boys, Hugh who is four, Alex, two, and baby boy number three is due to make his debut this June.

They both currently work from home. Courtney formerly led the B2B Marketing Division at the *Dallas Morning News* and now has her own marketing and consulting firm. Patrick has a very interesting job, he is director of media analytics for the Nielsen Company. You know, the company that tracks what America is watching on TV. He's been with them for sixteen years, so Patrick knows what we're watching. Working from home

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A FAMILY AFFAIR ON FOREST PARK (CONTINUED)

is great Courtney says because they get to eat lunch with their boys everyday. With Lily B. just blocks away, they may be able to continue to have lunch together when Hugh goes to kindergarten in a couple of years. Soon though, Hugh is excited to begin museum school at The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

In addition to the Museum of Science and History, Fort Worth's collection of excellent museums is one of the things the Godefroys love about Fort Worth, visiting the Kimbell, the Modern, and the Amon Carter often. They love the location of our neighborhood since they can walk to the zoo, are close to lots of great restaurants, and can be almost anywhere in town in about ten minutes. Reading, cooking, and gardening are some of the other pastimes they enjoy. Patrick is an avid gardener who is working to transform their backyard. As a theater major Court-

ney still loves attending live theater performances whenever they can squeeze in the time with two, almost three, little ones.

Soon, however, they will have some very welcome help with that precious threesome. Transforming the backyard is just part of what's to come. They are currently also redoing their back house and Patrick's parents are moving in! What a dream scenario, multi generations all together.

They love the friendliness of Berkeley and look forward to meeting lots of other parents and children at the many neighborhood events, the Pumpkin Paint In, the Fourth of July Parade and coming up next, the Berkeley Easter Egg Hunt at Tillery Park. Be on the lookout for a young couple with three small children, walking through the neighborhood with two happy and proud grandparents by their side.

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COWTOWN CAME CALLING

BY DEBRA MILLION

A pair of retired doctors have made their home at 1940 Berkeley Place. Dino and Kathleen Phirpes both retired from their medical careers, Dino from internal medicine and Kathleen from family practice. But how they got there, found their 1923 house, and moved to Fort Worth is an entertaining tale.

Dino is originally from Fort Worth, grew up in Arlington Heights, and graduated from Arlington Heights High School in 1971. Kathleen is a California girl, growing up in a small central coastal town with the charming name of Moss Landing. College for Dino was North Texas State University, as he called it, now UNT, then a few years of working as an orderly at the W.I. Cook Memorial Hospital on Lancaster. He worked in the ER, and he recalls on slow nights, the staff gathering around a small television to watch the Dallas Cowboy games. After a few years, he decided medical school was his calling and graduated from Honiman Medical College, which is now Drexel University, in Philadelphia in 1984. Kathleen graduated from University of California Davis and attended medical school at Baylor. Kathleen had no idea that Texas would become her future home all these years later.



His residency was in Fresno, California at Valley Medical Center, and this is where Kathleen and he met. Kathleen had returned to California, already out of medical school and was a practicing physician when they were introduced by mutual friends at a medical conference. They both enjoyed long, successful practices, raised their son, George, and returned to Fort Worth often to visit family. Eventually their son made his home here, so when it was time to think about retirement, Cowtown was calling! Besides their shared Texas history, what better reason than being close to son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren!

The search for a house began in earnest. Dino grew up in an older neighborhood and they both loved old homes, having left their hundred-year-old Craftsman in Fresno. When visiting, they would drive to Berkeley, park, and walk the shady sidewalks and look at houses. One day,

they saw a house pop up online, called their son and asked him to go take a look. Joe gave the thumbs up, and the Phirpes bought their house without ever seeing it in person!

The history of the home interested them as the previous owner had shared with them the original blueprints, which are now framed and hanging in their home. Through Dino's research, they learned that their home was once owned by the Monnigs, the family of one of Fort Worth's great local downtown department stores for almost a hundred years.

Back to Dino's long and colorful hometown history. Dino's father was George Phirpes. Those of you who have lived here awhile might remember him as the owner of the late lamented George's Imported Foods on White Settlement Road. The store opened in 1951 as George's Cash & Carry. When

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COWTOWN CAME CALLING (CONTINUED)

Lebanese pilots began training at Meacham Airport, they craved foods from home, so George started stocking items to appeal to them—olives, feta cheese, and other tasty things, and George's Imported Foods was born. Dino worked there growing up and became certain he never wanted to work in a grocery store! Sadly, George's closed about ten years ago.

One of the things that they enjoy about living here is visiting the Kimbell Art Museum. While enjoying the Caravaggio show a few years back, they were inspired to begin one of their retirement passions—traveling. They've been to Russia, China, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, all over Europe and, of course, Greece. They even made it to


Amsterdam recently to see the amazing Vermeer show! I'm incredibly jealous. Their all-time favorite place is Florence, Italy.

Besides travel, they love to garden, having planted a cactus garden and a vegetable garden. I'm hoping to be the lucky recipient of some of those veggies! Dino has also built a studio and has started oil painting. You might see Kathleen walking their miniature Australian Shepherd, Dixie, around the neighborhood. Returning to his hometown, Dino connected with many of his Yellow Jacket classmates, one of whom is his neighbor, Randy Means. Randy invited him to his breakfast group that meets once a month at the Vickery Cafe and now Dino sees many friends he

hasn't seen in fifty years.

Son George and his wife Crystal live nearby so family get togethers happen often. Soon three-year-old grandson Oliver will have a sibling—baby number two is due April 6th. And no, the younger Phirpes have not found out what they are having, no asking during ultrasounds, no gender reveal party. Dino and Kathleen will find out if they will have another grandson or a new granddaughter the day the new baby is born.

Dino was such fun to talk to on the phone, I look forward to meeting him and Kathleen in person sometime soon. That is, if I can catch them between gardening, painting, grandchildren, and another fabulous trip!



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ZOO TRAIN UPDATE



Forest Park Rides, Inc., has been given more time to get the miniature train running that begins near the zoo and goes through Forest and Trinity parks. Equipment issues shut the train down in March 2022. The city originally gave the operators a deadline of March 27 to avoid default on its contract.

Now the deadline has been extended because of

longer than expected times for equipment repairs and material delivery. One material delay is the purchase of 1,000 new railroad ties, which have an eight- to ten-week delivery time due to a backlog with lumber purchases. They will be used to reinforce and replace old ties.

The operator has shared photos of refurbished train cars and engines, as well as an itemized list of expenses already incurred to get the train back on track.

The extended deadline calls for the train to be fully operational and provide all required documentation by June 30 so it will be available for summer. If you catch the first ride out on a hot summer day, you'll find it lovely and cool under the trees of our city parks.



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In Loving Memory



There was much love and laughter when Berkeley neighbors joined family and other friends to honor the memory of Lila Esther Steele Dreyfus at a celebration of life on Sunday, March 19.

Lila, a gentle soul, was born August 31, 1945. She grew up on a farm near Teague, where she was known for her clever wit, insightful writing, and above all, her compassion and wise counsel. She often talked of becoming a social worker so that she could help the disadvantaged.

After graduation from Baylor University, she began as a social worker with Texas Child Welfare, responsible for protecting children from abusive homes. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington and then, switching fields, a master's degree in accounting and a CPA license. Later she went to schools in Guatemala and El Salvador to learn Spanish and traveled to Mexico and Central America often.

Lila's big heart was reflected not only in her careers but also in her long friendships and devotion to family—remembering birthdays, holidays, and school events. She was a quiet, ever-sociable presence because she listened and brought out the stories of others. She was the person who entered a room and before the evening was over was hosting yet another storytelling session.

Lila died suddenly at home on March 11 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's, which she openly acknowledged and managed with her usual humor and with attentive care provided by Charles Dreyfus, her loving and much-loved husband.



BPA BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

BY TESS MCDONALD

Savings account \$15,023.51

Checking account \$41,173.03

Submitted 3/15/2023

FOLLOW-UP ON REMOVING DEED RESTRICTIONS

BY WHITNEY THOMPSON

I am pleased to announce that I was able to successfully remove the racial deed restrictions from my home's real property records. In my last article I outlined the process but was not able to detail where and how to file the documents. Here is the process:

- Download the template forms to personalize for your home.
- Locate the original conveyance document that lists the racial deed restrictions and order a certified copy.
- Sign the forms in the presence of a notary.
- Take the originals to file at the second floor of the Civil Courts building (100 N Calhoun Street 76196). They will file the documents, make copies, and assign a case number.
- You will receive notification via mail once the motion has been approved (or they will request more information if what was provided was insufficient). Per SB 30, this should occur within fifteen business days of the filing date.
- To confirm the change has been made, pull up the original conveyance document online and the racial deed restrictions portion will be redacted (a big black box is put over that portion of the document).

Again, I am happy to be a resource if you need assistance (Wbthompson2004@gmail.com).

You may be asking, why does this matter? After all Federal law prohibits this restriction today. Well, sometimes principles matter. Sometimes you do things not because of what it does for you, but because of what it says about you. Removing the discriminatory language from my deed does not

give my youngest son, who is black, permission to live in this home. Instead, removing this language tells my son (and others) that we will not stand for what is wrong and will persist to make it right, no matter how long it takes.



Whitney Thompson and son at the courthouse.



ANTS—A LOVE OR HATE RELATIONSHIP?

BY GLENN R. BUTLER



Ants, ants, ANTS! Ants on my plants, and in my pants; a kitchen full of ants, a yard full of ants!

Everywhere are ants, ants, ANTS! UGH!

But are these little insects really the bad guys? There'll be more on that later, but for now I'll just correct myself by saying that most ants are gals, not guys. Just a few male ants are brought forth occasionally for reproduction purposes. Nearly all the food gathering, egg-laying, child-rearing, farming, herding, nest building, and so on is done by female ants.

What? Farming and herding? Yes, some ant species farm fungus and others herd aphids for food

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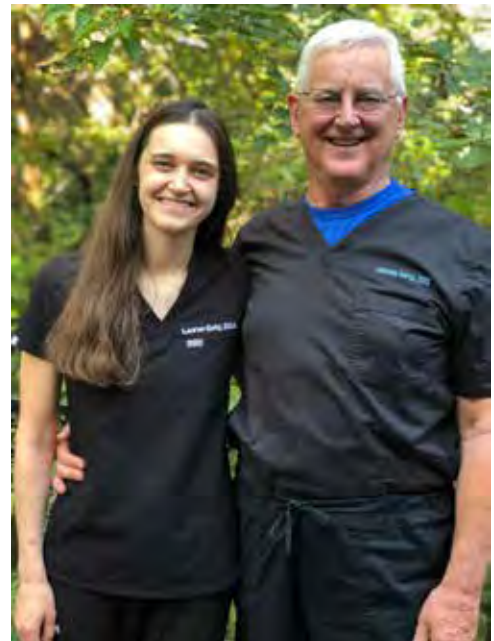
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ANTS—A LOVE OR HATE RELATIONSHIP? (CONTINUED)

production. The ants live in what is called eusocial groups to pull off the complex tasks that things like this involve. As E.O. Wilson said, “An ant colony is far more intelligent than an ant.” I’ve heard it said that pretty much anything a person says about ants is true for at least one ant species what with the vast array of ant habitats, environments, sizes, and diets that exist.

The overall world population of ants is stable, but many species are spreading their range due to human commerce as they hitch along for the ride on ships and trucks and so forth (think Red Imported Fire Ant). There are over 20,000 species, and according to a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal, there’s a population of twenty quadrillion ants worldwide.

One of my favorite ant species is the Red Harvester Ant. They are the large red ones that create those large three-foot diameter bare places covered with small pebbles, with the colony entry/exit hole near the middle. They can be found in our area, usually in drier areas like a dry open fields or prairies. They like to build their nests in somewhat barren places along trails. I love to see them on warm days radiating out from the nest on ant-created mini-highways to gather seeds. They carry these seeds back to the nest as their food supply. During colder times they stay underground in the nest and live off of the seeds they’ve stored. These ants are also easy to spot due to their size and nesting habit, which may have something to do with my propensity for them.


Near the other end of the size spectrum are the Little Black Ants which are, well, little and black. Often-times I’ll photograph a flower, and when I get home and look more closely, I see several little black dots, which when zoomed-in on turn out to be these little scavengers that help in the decomposition of things like dead insects and other detritus.

So, what other benefits do these members of the Formicidae family provide to us members of the Hominidae family?

As ants build tunnels, they aerate the soil and create passages for water to soak into the ground thereby creating a healthier environment. The foodstuffs they bring back to the nest fertilize the soil there, and the seeds that they carry back to their nest often end up sprouting there or get dropped along the way resulting in the dispersion of these seeds. They help keep other pest populations in check as they prey on other insects as well as on slugs and caterpillars. And they are even a food source for other animals such as birds and frogs.

I encourage everyone to spend ten to fifteen minutes just sitting and observing ants going about their business. Try to mentally immerse yourself in their world (our world). To quote E.O. Wilson again, “You teach me, I forget. You show me, I remember. You involve me, I understand.”

So, the next time I feel compelled to squish an ant I think I might just take a deep breath first, wonder at its place on our shared planet, thank it for the good it has done, and then ... “ants, ants, ANTS” ... SQUISH!



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BERKELEY CHEERS

Give a shout-out to neighbors who have done something you appreciate! Send your cheer to j.alter@tcu.edu to be included in the next issue.

A chorus of cheers from Berkeley neighbors to Amy Allibon, Councilmember Elizabeth Beck, and the Fort Worth Police Department for hard work to ease the traffic situation during Spring Break. Here is just a sampling of the praise echoing around the neighborhood:

I'm very happy we had the No Parking signs. I think otherwise, it would have been a disaster on Windsor Place. The police had their work cut out for them. No presence around 10:00 and Windsor was a parking lot—we couldn't even back out of our driveway. By 11:00 the police were at 8th Avenue and Windsor, blocking traffic at 8th Avenue for those trying to cut through....I really appreciate Amy and the police officers and anyone else who has tried to make it better for zoogoers and nearby residents. It's just one day a year—sort of an adventure. I love Berkeley!

—Vickie Walker

I live on Park Place and agree that this year was a big improvement over the last couple of years. (I actually had to deal with an angry zoo visitor last year who would not let me out of my driveway!) I am sorry to hear that the placard strategy did not work out for some neighbors. Hopefully things continue to be fine-tuned and improved upon.

A big thank you, Amy, for your persistence in dealing with this issue!

—Annette Tess

I live on Park Place, and it was much better this year! Thanks to all who worked on the plan.

—Jeanne Cobb

I add my compliments to Amy and the police department for a job well done

—Ole Lorenzetti.

A big thank you to Amy!

—Scott Turner

I agree, it is better. Wilshire was generally like

a normal day. The diligent work on this year's improvements is much appreciated.

—Mary Keller

I live on the Berkeley Place cul de sac. I realize some of you further from the zoo have less of a problem, but last year cars were parked solid on both sides of the cul de sac, making it totally impossible for an emergency vehicle to enter and relatively difficult for a resident to get in or out. This year it looked like any other day on the cul de sac. To me, this was a miracle.

I hope we continue to tweak it so more people are happy with the result. But I, for one, offer a huge thank you to Amy and everyone who worked with the city and the FWPD to make it possible to drive in and out of our streets today. The difference was night and day.

—Darcy Sety

I so agree. Amy. Great job! And thank you!

—Elayne (Stanley Ave.)

Amy, thank you! You have done an outstanding job! Last year Pembroke was a mess. Almost impossible to get out of the drive, then complete congestion with cars parked on both sides of the street. Yesterday was great with a small amount of back up.

—Lynn Miles

My two cents worth is that the FWPD did a great job yesterday with thousands of people trying to get into a small area. I'm sure there were some hiccups along the way, and we may never know all the details. The FWPD came with a plan to Berkeley and Mistletoe Heights a few weeks ago and told us that it would probably change during the day. We have never had a plan in the past. I know Amy had several hours invested with the FWPD and Councilwoman Elizabeth Beck to try and make this better in 2023 compared to 2022 which there was NO plan at all. Thank you, Amy! Great job!

—Ross Douglass



Dear Aunt Berk,

A column of advice, although often unsolicited...

Dear Aunt Berk,

This may seem like a silly question, but I was wondering - Do you have an easy solution for peeling garlic? We have invested in all the typical gadgets and nonetheless, hubby and I often resort to the smash and dice method. It just seems like there could be an easier way! Can you help?

Sincerely,

Grumpy with garlic accessories..

Aunt Berk's Answer:

Dear Grumpy,

I am so pleased you have brought this garlicky goodness to the clattarens. The potential benefits of garlic had its origins in antiquity! And, garlic is one of the earliest documented examples of plants used for maintenance of health and treatment of disease. To answer your question, yes, there is absolutely an easier way. In one of Aunt Berk's many adventures, I once had the absolute good fortune of befriending a garlic farmer. This garlic entrepreneur shared with me a garlic peeling secret that will likely change your life, just as it has mine.



First, select the perfect head of garlic:

Pick the bulb up and give it a light squeeze.

None of the outside cloves should be too soft or too dry. The bulb should feel firm and not hollow or dehydrated. Also, keep your eye out for sprouting, which could be another indicator that the garlic is old.

After selecting the perfect head of garlic, separate your garlic head into the desired

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number of individual cloves. And here comes the magic: pop those unpeeled cloves in your microwave for just a few seconds. Aunt Berk's go-to is no more than 8 seconds in the microwave. Then, simply peel and chop. You will find that the typically cumbersome, paper-like peel literally leaps off— revealing those tasty cloves ready to be chopped! You are welcome!

While we are exploring the glorious gratitudes of garlic, here are a few unexpected uses you may need to consider. Garlic may also be used as a:

- Homemade cough remedy
- Acne combatant
- Athlete's foot treatment
- Splinter removal method
- Promotion for hair growth
- Way to return toenails to a normal color
- Dandruff treatment
- Way to attend to a cold sore
- Aphrodisiac
- Mosquito repellent

Homemade Mosquito Repellent

- Combine garlic and oil. Add the minced garlic cloves and your choice of either avocado or light olive oil to a small bowl and mix to combine.
- Allow to rest. Allow the garlic and oil mixture to rest for a minimum of 24 hours.
- Strain the oil through a cheesecloth.
- Prepare mosquito repellent. Combine 2 cups of water, lemon juice and the garlic infused oil to a large measure cup and mix to combine. Transfer to spray bottle.
- Shake. Be sure to shake the garlic mosquito spray before each use.

Cheers and best wishes-

Aunt Berk

Do you also need advice, or, do you have advice to share?

Email auntberkeley@gmail.com



UP FOR ADOPTION IN TEXAS: JOEY

BY ROBIN FULTON

Take a look at they eye-liner! Joey is an absolutely adorable nine-month-old pup who weighs about thirty-six pounds and has a gorgeous-colored coat. His foster mom loves watching him play with her dogs and work off his puppy energy. He's terrific with other dogs and adores them.

Joey would be thrilled to have another dog in his forever home or access to play with them often.

He loves to play chase and tug of war and be rewarded with treats.

Joey is shy at first. He will come to get scratches from you and then walk away. But in time, as Joey gets to know you, he becomes your sidekick and loves belly rubs.

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UP FOR ADOPTION IN TEXAS: JOEY (CONTINUED)



Joey is doing well walking on a leash.

He is vaccinated, microchipped, neutered, crate trained, and housebroken.

If Joey sounds like the pup for you, please apply at luckylabrescue.com.



2023 BPA BUDGET

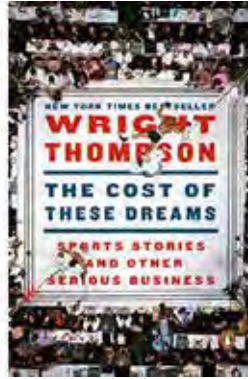
INCOME	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE
Poobah Ad Revenue	\$8,220	\$1,110
Directory Ad Revenue	\$1,000	\$0
Annual Dues Collection	\$20,500	\$8,985
Designated Donation July 4	\$500	\$0
Designated Donation October (Pumpkins in the Park)	\$500	\$0
Designated Donation October (Santa Park)	\$500	\$0
2023 INCOME	\$31,500	

EXPENSES	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE
BPA Board Insurance	\$744	\$0
Lily B. Auction Donation	\$750	\$750
Middle School Donation 6th Grade Campus	\$325	\$325
Middle School Donation 7-8 Grade Campus	\$325	\$325
Paschal HS Donation	\$750	\$750
Annual Due Letter Postage	\$685	\$0
Berkeley Place Events	\$4,850	\$76.50
SquareSpace—BPA Website	\$337.74	\$0
Website Management Fees (Google Workspace)	\$144	\$0
Domain Registry	\$50	\$0
BPA All Adult Dinner	\$3,000	\$0
Dropbox/PO Box	\$400	\$0
Poobah Printing	\$9,500	\$2,429.09
Zoom Membership 1 yr	\$160	\$159.20
Poobah Newsletter Layout	\$1,300	\$295
Printing—Directory****	\$4,500	\$0
Ward Parkway/Hargrove Memorial Park	\$1,000	\$0
Misc (new ribbons for light poles, BPA special mailers)	\$300	\$0
Block Parties	\$1,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$30,220.74	

ROSIE'S BOOK CORNER

BY DEBRA MILLION

Last month I featured a children's book. This month, I'm going to highlight a book for adults. Many of you may know that I love sports. Growing up, I was a dedicated viewer of ABC's *Wide World of Sports*. Every Saturday, the theme music would begin, and I would hear Jim McKay say,



"Spanning the globe to bring you the constant variety of sports. The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat! The human drama of athletic competition, this is ... ABC's Wide World of Sports!"

I would be enthralled by international weightlifting competition, snow skiing, track and field, and many, many other events of which I knew very little. The way the stories were presented made every sport interesting.

Wright Thompson's 2019 book, *The Cost of These Dreams*, does the same. Whether the chapter is about the forgotten 1962 Ole Miss football team's undefeated season, Iowa wrestling legend Dan Gable's fight to keep wrestling an Olympic sport, or the internal and external struggles of golfer Tiger Woods, Wright pulls you in and propels you to turn the page,

turn the page, turn the page.

Even if sports is not one of your interests, each chapter is not so much about the sport, but about the people who play, what motivates them, and how much they are willing to pay for the cost of their dreams.



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