

THE BERKELEY PLACE POOBAH

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



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AMY ALLIBON, BPA PRESIDENT

Please take a moment to read the BPA general meeting minutes in this edition of the *Poobah*. With only eight neighbors in attendance at the meeting, I am concerned that the neighborhood remains uninformed. Of special note is the update regarding the railroad Quiet Zone that Berkeley has sought for many years at Park Place at Warner and Windsor at Eighth Ave. This topic has not been visited much since the pandemic, and it was time to push buttons again to see where we stand. I am optimistic about the future.

This is our thirty-second anniversary in our 102-year-old home on Park Place. Thank you, Howard Cox, for getting the century medallions for our hundred-plus-year-old homes.

They are beautiful and meaningful, and we all appreciate what you do each month with the BPA preferred vendors list as well.

As I am in the third year of service on the BPA board, I must reflect on why I did not become involved with neighborhood events sooner than three years ago. Truth? I did not feel invited or needed. I would hate for anyone living in Berkeley to feel this way. Perhaps my time on the board can shatter that myth. You are qualified if you have a servant's heart, a willing spirit, and an hour or two to spare. You are wanted and needed if you love Berkeley, love helping others, and have a couple of hours to share for a single event. Some of

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NEXT MEETING OF THE BPA

August 28, 2023



PRESIDENT'S LETTER (CONTINUED)

our newest neighbors, Ernie and Amy Kremling on Pembroke (Cantu's former house at Pembroke at Chatburn) volunteered for the Easter Egg hunt in April. They had not even moved into their home yet but were volunteering to help. Welcome, Ernie and Amy!

There's something oppressive (the heat) and exciting (new school year) about August. For those with school-age children, enjoy the experience of realizing how much your kiddos have grown since last year while you endure back-to-school clothes shopping, the anticipation of new teachers, and the freedom of your day when they are back in

school. If you are sending a child to college, you are in my thoughts and prayers. That is a different stage of parenthood for which nothing prepares you. New beginnings are exciting and stressful. Special blessings to all the BPA teachers! You make a difference!



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MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 7 P.M., ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING OPENER

CALL TO ORDER: Call to Order by Amy Allibon at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT FROM BPA BOARD: Amy Allibon, president; Steve Scanlon, immediate past president; Maggi Arendsee, secretary; Tess McDonald, treasurer; Ross Douglass, vice-president, absent.

PRESENT FROM MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE: Judy Alter, Betsy Booth, Daniel Herron, Randy Means, Martin Rubinson, Darcy Sety

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After reviewing the minutes from the Q1 March 6 BPA meeting a call to approve the Q1 minutes was made by President Allibon. Daniel Herron moved, Tess McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR REVIEW BY AMY ALLIBON:

July 4th Parade and festivities—Tuesday, July 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pumpkins in the Park—October with date to be determined. We are currently looking for someone to co-chair this event. Ashley Dierker, Chair

Fall Garage Sale—Saturday, September 16th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon—We are currently looking for a chair for this event.

BPA Sensory Safe Trick or Treat—Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is a private non-advertised event; please do not share on social media. Shelby Ryan and Laurie George, co-chairs.

Santa in the Park—Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Tillery Park—We are currently looking for someone to co-chair this event. Leigh Scanlon, chair

SILENT RAILROAD CROSSING UPDATE: President Allibon met with Tai Nguyen, the City of Fort Worth liaison with the railroads, regarding the proposed Quiet Zones for Windsor and Park Place just west of 8th Avenue. The crossing at Mistletoe Boulevard is included in this project since Quiet Zone projects require all crossings within a quarter mile of each other to convert. The project is budgeted at \$2 million which includes new crossing arms and a revision of the current Park Place crossing median. This money is approved and budgeted by the City of Fort Worth, and the plans for the improvements are in place. We are now waiting for Fort Worth Western Railroad to sign the agreement so the project can move forward. Once the work begins, it will take one year to complete the construction. The \$25,000 a year maintenance of the crossings is the sticking point as to which entity will pay.

As a part of this project, Windsor will also be improved with new paving from 8th Avenue sixty feet to the west. The remainder of Windsor going west to Stanley will also be paved under a separate budget item from the city. Allibon has committed to weekly calls to Mr. Nguyen to check on the status.

NPO UPDATE: President Allibon had coffee with our recently appointed neighborhood patrol officer, Juan Villagomez. Allibon reports he is cordial, responsive, and in tune with the neighborhood dynamic. He shared that the painted white “stop” bar for the intersection of 8th and Windsor will be moved to the west and will

be placed prior to the railroad tracks for eastbound traffic. This will allow trucks to make the turn onto Windsor from 8th.

CONCERNS: Randy Means shared that the city code does not permit sign placement in city spaces. This has been done in Berkeley for many years for social events. President Allibon took it under board advisement.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tess McDonald reported that Income year to date is \$19,900 and expenses for the same period are \$10,685. Dues are still coming in and the ad revenue from the directory advertisers needs to be posted. The checking account balance is currently \$37,000 and the savings account balance is \$15,000. Daniel Herron offered to assist with moving our money into accounts earning higher interest.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Meeting materials included a spreadsheet with totals collected by street and the percentage of participation. There are currently 356 members out of 604 households (which includes Forest Park Towers). This works out to 58.94 percent participation overall.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Tess McDonald said the neighborhood directory is ready to go to print. The connection of the new directory to the website is an issue for McDonald to tackle with website overseer, Darien George.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
District 9 Update: President Allibon will meet with Councilperson Elizabeth Beck and other neighborhood leaders to discuss District 9 issues Wednesday, June 28. Secretary Maggie Arendsee will attend as well.

MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

Spring Break Zoo Traffic: While Lt. Wade Walls and his team did a better job this year, there is still room for improvement. President Allibon sent a list of plusses and details to Councilperson Beck for consideration with next year's traffic plan. This will be discussed at the June 28 meeting as well.

Forest Park Pool: The newly improved Forest Park Pool is under construction.

City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Awards: Berkeley Place was one of three finalists in all categories that

we entered. The *Poobah* was recognized for excellence.

Short-term rentals: The city council voted in February on new rules governing short-term rentals. These include no events or parties at the properties, hosts will have to pay an initial \$150 registration fee and renew each year for \$100, and the city will start collecting a hotel occupancy tax from short-term rental owners. As the City of Dallas is being sued over the limiting of such entities, a committee may be necessary to develop a unified position for the Berkeley neighborhood. The survey

taken in early 2023 showed neighbors who replied were 70 percent against. Only a hundred neighbors replied to the survey.

Volunteer: Please consider volunteering. The BPA is always looking for helping hands. Please contact any board member if you can help in any way. We are currently seeking a new social chair and vice-president.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m

Submitted by Maggi Arendsee, Secretary.



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BE AN ACTIVE BERKELEY RESIDENT!

BY ROSS DOUGLASS, BPA VICE-PRESIDENT

Every two years the process starts of asking Berkeley residents to join the board and chair committees. What a great way to give back and make friends at the same time.

If you would like to run for any of the board positions now or in the future please feel to contact Amy Allibon or myself and we will be happy to answer any questions. We do have one open position for the board and one committee chair.

The following people have requested to run for these board positions:

BOARD:


President: Ross Douglass
Vice President: OPEN
Secretary: Maggi Arendsee
Treasurer: Joey Dierker

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Social Chair (strictly voluntary no election needed)

The one thing I have learned since being on the board is that all the board members past and present will chip in for the social events in one capacity or another. Of course we will take any and all volunteers!

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CREATING FAMILY ON PEMBROKE

BY DEBRA MILLION

Brian and Amy Singleterry and their two girls, Marin, seven, and Rose, five, moved to Berkeley two months ago and have been creating fun and family memories in their home at 2008 Pembroke Drive. They think of themselves as a very art-centric bunch with the girls and Amy trying everything from painting and dancing to crocheting. Amy says they are a family of “Artsy Dabblers.” These two creative girls have been attending the Texas School of Fine Arts, the lower school for Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. As an incoming third grader, Marin is now able to audition for FWAFA. Rose may

follow the same path as her sister, but Amy said it is reassuring to know they have an excellent public school in the neighborhood in case anything changes.

Amy is a Fort Worth native, growing up in the Candleridge neighborhood and graduating from Southwest High School. Brian is from a small town of 4,400 north of the Red River—Marlow, Oklahoma. This Texas girl met her Oklahoma guy attending the University of Oklahoma (Boomer!). They were introduced by

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CREATING FAMILY ON PEMBROKE (CONTINUED)

Brian's roommate who was a friend of Amy's. After graduation, Amy and Brian moved to Denton so she could get her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. A full ride to Texas A&M Law School for Brian brought them back to Fort Worth. Brian has been practicing law for eight years and was recently named this year's Outstanding Young Lawyer for Tarrant County by the Tarrant County Bar Association. This makes him eligible to be named the State of Texas Outstanding Young Lawyer among all other county winners.

Besides being very creative, this young family enjoys hiking, cooking, reading, and swimming. They are very happy that the house has a pool to cool off in during our long, hot Texas summers. They enjoy traveling, having taken a trip to Disney World around the holidays and soon will head to the beach in Galveston. Brian's very first Valentine's Day gift to Amy was an eight-week-old Pug puppy. That puppy named Lola is still going strong at thirteen! The family also includes two cats adopted during Covid and named Ozzy and Elton. Obviously, 1970's music fans!

For the last few years the Singleterrys had a home in Wedgewood, but Amy says she had always loved old houses and especially the houses in Berkeley. So when the house on Pembroke came up for sale, they knew it was the house they had been waiting for. They love the fact that the houses are all so distinct and close together. The closeness of the homes and the sidewalks facilitate meeting and really knowing your neighbors. Being close to a variety of restaurants you can walk to is another plus. They haven't been here long enough to participate in many of the neighborhood activities like the Easter Egg Hunt or our fabulous and famous Halloween! Amy says she has been informed by neighbors to

be ready, and they are all looking forward to that special October night.

Recently, Brian was talking with an older Fort Worth attorney, a man in his eighties. Brian mentioned they had just moved into a new home and when he told the older man they had moved to Berkeley, the man responded, "Berkeley. Now that's a neighborhood!"

I know all of us who are lucky enough to live here agree.

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO A PET

BY JOHN MINNERLY, DVM,
UNIVERSITY ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Grieving for a pet is difficult. In some ways it is more difficult than grieving for a person. Many things complicate the process for a loved pet. Grieving for a pet follows the same five stages as with a person. Some are gotten through quickly. Some take more time. Some steps are more difficult because it is for a pet.

Societal “norms” are not well defined. It’s not uncommon to be talking with someone and they make the comment that “it was only a pet.” A lot of times they are so much more. They have seen us at our darkest and been there for us. They have depended on us their entire lives, and we have depended on them too. Clients ask what is “normal” for being with the pet when being euthanized. This has been a popular troll on social media also. Many people stay to be with their pet as they pass. Watching them take their final breaths is emotional. Some prefer to have the last memories be of a vital pet. Either way they will be with someone who will help them make the transition peacefully. I have clients regularly apologize for crying during euthanasia. It’s okay! Do what you need to do to help the grieving process.

Moral conflicts also play a part in the grieving process. Unfortunately, money does play a part in health-care decisions and end-of-life decisions. Guilt creeps in. Acknowledge it. Realize that it comes from a source of love. “I wish I could have done more for you!” Another moral conflict comes from the point of view that you’re “killing your pet.” Ending a life is never to be taken lightly. We weigh how much pain they have, chances for recovery, and how happy they are against allowing them to pass peacefully.

When to get a new pet? When it’s time. I personally have been dogless for almost two years. My daughter’s dog has been staying with us. But that is not the same. I am not ready yet. For each person it’s different. Friends and family members can be insistent. Let your heart decide.

If you are having difficulty with the grieving process or helping someone (children) with grieving, resources are available. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA.org) and American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA.org) have some guides and resources. PsychCentral.com has a nice guide for the process. Letting someone know if you are having a hard time is okay.

Grieving for a pet just means that we loved them.



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LILY B. WALKATHON

BY LAUREN TEER



August is here which means our Sweet Lily Bees are back in school. It's hard to imagine a crisp early morning stroll through Berkeley right now but the weather will change soon enough and we will be heading into fall which also means . . . Lily B's 15th Annual Walkathon! The date this year is October 13th at 8:30 a.m.

For those of you who are new to Berkeley, this is a time-honored tradition and huge fundraising opportunity for the school. Five hundred of our best and brightest will show their school spirit by walking one and a half miles through our beautiful and historic neighborhood. The fundraising

efforts will kick off in September and you will receive additional information in the Berkeley Buzz about this event and how you can help. As always, thank you for supporting Sweet Lily B. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at laurenteer@gmail.com. You may also contact the Outdoor Event Manager for the City of Fort Worth at 817-392-7894. We are in the process of submitting our permit application for the event to the city and are required to provide the following notice: "Failure of a property owner to return written comments within ten (10) days of this notice shall be considered in non-opposition to the proposed Special Event or Parade."



PRESERVATION IS THE ART OF THE CITY WILL HONOR BERKELEY COUPLE

When Preservation is the Art of the City holds its twentieth anniversary show at the Woman's Club is early September, Mark and Randi Thistlethwaite, long time Berkeley residents, will be honored for their continuing commitment and support for this show and their contributions to the Fort Worth art community. For eighteen years, Randi has been either on the committee or the chair of the annual event. Mark, recently retired as Emeritus Professor from TCU, has been strongly supportive of the event through its twenty years.



has received the TCU's Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teacher and the Honors Program's Professor of the Year award.

Like Randi, Mark gives back to the community. He chaired the City of Fort Worth's Art Commission, served on the Board of Trustees of Dallas' African American Museum, and currently serves on the

Board of Trustees of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and the Ambassador Council of the Amon Carter Museum of American Art.

Randi and Mark Thistlethwaite met at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where Randi majored in history and minored in art history, and Mark earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in art history. Next, the Thistlethwaites headed for Philadelphia where Mark earned a PhD in art history. They arrived in Fort Worth in 1977. Mark began his career as an assistant professor at TCU, and Randi earned a master's degree in counseling from TCU and became a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Randi worked at various social service agencies and public middle schools. Upon retirement, her life came full circle when she joined the Historic Fort Worth, Inc. board and became a docent at the Modern Art Museum. While on the HFW board, she eased onto the Preservation is the Art of the City committee, where she served for eighteen years.

Mark held the Kay and Velma Kimbell Endowed Chair in Art History at TCU for twenty-five years. He

Mark grew up in a house that was basically his mother's art studio which instilled his fascination with art. Likewise, Randi possesses a deep-seated passion for art rooted in her creative family. Randi and Mark have traveled widely to enjoy and collect art.

Preservation is the Art of the City is an annual show and sale of talented local artists selected by a jury from Historic Fort Worth. This year, Claire Milliken, assistant curator of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, is the award juror and will select winners. The show and surrounding events will be held at the Fort Worth Woman's Club September 7 through the eleventh. For further information, please contact <http://www.historicfortworth.org> or email info@historicfortworth.org

Berkeley joins in offering sincere congratulations on this well-deserved recognition to our neighbors.

BERKELEY CHEERS

Give a shout-out to neighbors who have done something you appreciate! Send your cheer to judyltr@gmail.com to be included in the next issue.

Cheers to Holly and Kurt Schaal for organizing a welcome party for us! This not only made us feel welcomed on our street and in the neighborhood, it allowed all four of us to connect with so many families with school-age children. They truly have gone above and beyond as neighbors already, and we appreciate it deeply.

—Amy Singleterry



A cheer to Connor and Amber Tokaz, and especially little Harper for making little Archie feel better last week when he ran down Windsor Place to catch the ice cream truck but instead watched it drive away. Walking back down the sidewalk, we saw Harper run out from her house with a popsicle from her refrigerator, thereby eliminating a few tears. Thank you, Harper.

—Linda Simmons



Cheers to Katherine Ridenour of Chatburn Court for a great article on how wonderful it is to live in Berkeley—and specifically on Chatburn Court. The article appeared in *Fort Worth Report* on Monday, July 10. If you missed it, here's a link: <https://fortworthreport.org/2023/07/09/where-i-live-berkeley-place-is-nostalgia-location-and-simply-sweet/>



Cheers to the kind neighbors who are supporting our local business, The House of Tuscany. We love our neighborhood!

—Melinda Alexander



Due to some crazy circumstances we were without a functioning clothes dryer for about five weeks and also without a washing machine for several weeks. Huge cheers to Kate Cochran, Lindsey Levine, Shelby Ryon, and Lauren Teer for coming to our rescue and helping us get our laundry done. I don't know what we would do without our amazing Stanley neighbors!

—Lindsay Horton



The Newberry family—Bonnie, Don, Cole and Gavin—hiking in New Hampshire during a trip to New England

THIS KID'S GONNA FLY

BY KATHERINE RIDENOUR



It wasn't an easy journey, nor a quick one. However, after five years, Evan Ridenour has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 17.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank one can attain in Boy Scouts of America. Eagle Scouts are an elite group, claiming only around four percent of scouts since its inception in 1911. The fact that it's so rare makes it that much more prestigious. One must earn at least twenty-one merit badges, hold leadership positions in their unit, and plan and lead a service project in order to be considered for this honor.

The Boy Scouts pride themselves on sticking to their Oath* and Law,** listed below for reference.

Evan has put all expectations into action. Troop 17 has been a delight, with many "outstanding fathers (OFs)" that help guide and facilitate meetings and campouts. These OFs are there merely for assistance, as it is on the boys to navigate situations on their own. Evan has learned so much in his scouting experience; it's sure to take him far. I can't thank these gentlemen enough for their guidance and dedication to these boys.

As mentioned above, in addition to the years-long quest for numerous merit badges, to attain Eagle, the Scout must perform a project in which they put in some "elbow grease" and leave something better than they found it. Evan chose to repair the outdoor water/rain catcher at his alma mater, Lily B Clayton. He, along with twelve other scouts, tackled the project on Lily B's campus. After multiple hours, the rain catcher was back up in action! And yes, I have to say, better than ever!

A resident of Chatburn Court, Evan is a Paschal Panther, entering his junior year in the fall of 2023. He is active in the JROTC program and has high aspirations for his future. With a goal of attending the US Naval Academy upon graduation, this young man is focused and determined. With Eagle Scout now on his resume, he quite possibly has an advantage over other applicants. The numerous skills coupled with the leadership development he has gained through Boy Scouts will only assist him on his journey.

When it comes to this Eagle Scout's future, one thing can be said. Thanks to this amazing and respected organization, he is sure to always be prepared.

*Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

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THIS KID'S GONNA FLY (CONTINUED)



CHEERFUL. Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.

THRIFTY. Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.

BRAVE. Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.

CLEAN. Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.

REVERENT. Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

****Scout Law**

The Scout Law has twelve points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY. Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.

LOYAL. Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.

HELPFUL. Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.

FRIENDLY. Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.

COURTEOUS. Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.

KIND. Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

OBEDIENT. Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.

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MEET DOTTIE

BY ROBIN FULTON



Dottie is one-year-old Brittany Spaniel blend, weighing between twenty-five and thirty pounds. She was scheduled to be euthanized for no other reason than there was not enough space at the shelter, and adoptions are slow! Mini Mutts Rescue heard what a great dog she is, so they answered the call! Turns out they were right. Dottie is amazing!

Dottie is a sweet girl who rolls over for belly rubs! She's good with other dogs, and she's never met a stranger. She is so loving!! Dottie loves toys and is great in the car. She is house-trained and crate-trained! This dog loves to give kisses!

Fosters/adopters must reside in the Dallas Metroplex or surrounding areas. Some restrictions apply to Dottie: There must be a one-week home trial before adoption is approved; no apartments please (she is a herding dog); no wire/chain link fencing; no kids under five (this breed can herd small children).

Would you like to meet Dottie? Email: mini-mutts@outlook.com

BPA BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

BY TESS MCDONALD

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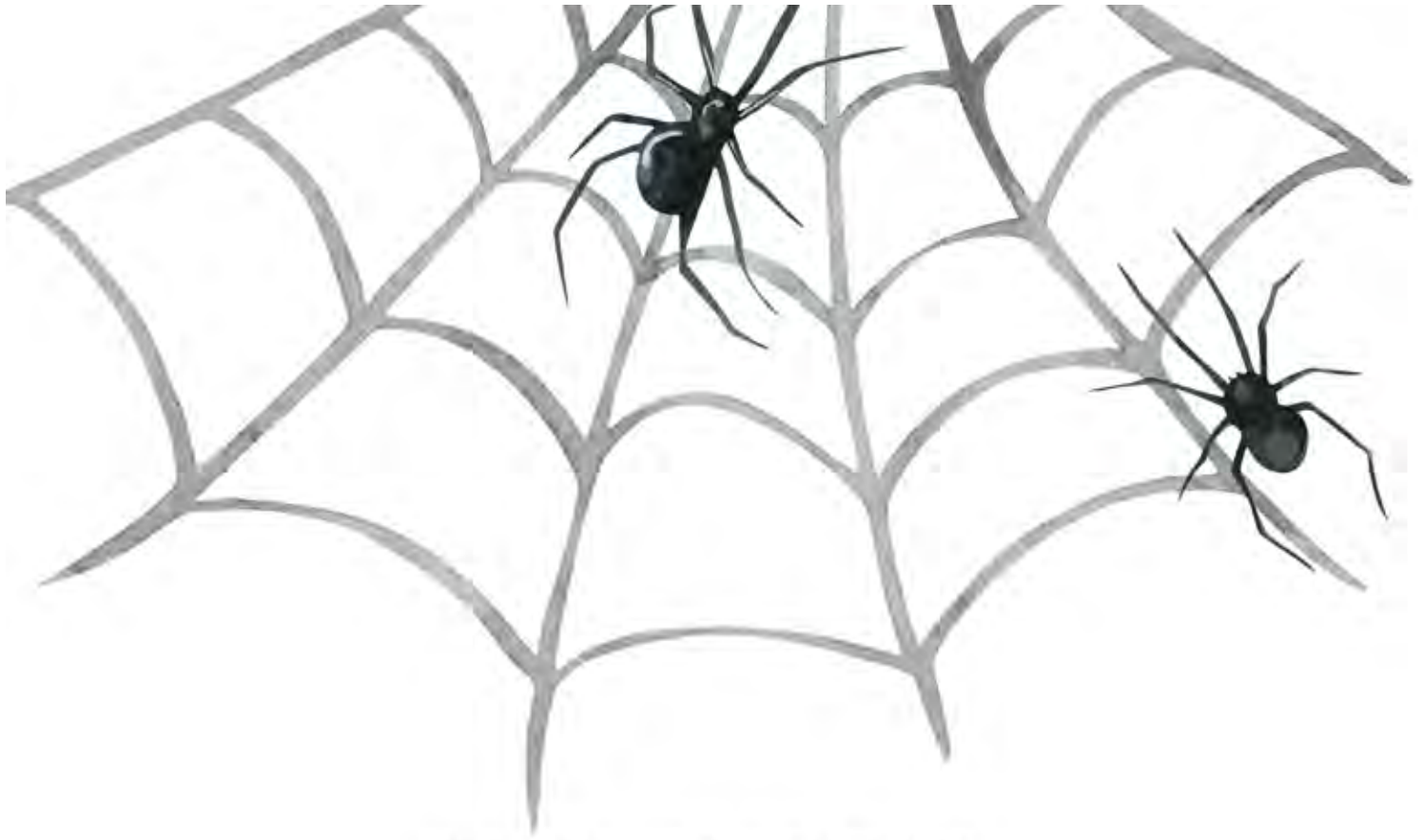
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ROSIE'S BOOK CORNER

BY DEBRA MILLION

Anyone who has been around me for more than an hour or two, knows that I am an Okie with deep roots in the Sooner state going all the way back to Indian Territory. So, it will come as no surprise to my friends when this month's book recommendation is about two little boys from Oklahoma who went on unbelievable adventures at the beginning of the twentieth century.



The Abernathy Boys tells the amazing and true travels of two little boys, Temple and his younger brother Louis, whom they called Bud. The book was written by Temple's wife of sixty-four years, Alta, in 1998. At the beginning of the story, the boys lived in Frederick, which is in southwest Oklahoma, only about two hours north of the Texas border. The boys' father was "Catch 'Em Alive" Jack Abernathy, a famous wolf hunter known for catching wolves with his hands!

In 1904, President Teddy Roosevelt learned of Jack's amazing hunting skill from a friend in Texas. The president, being an avid hunter, decided to make the trip to Oklahoma Territory to witness this amazing skill. The hunt was arranged by S. Burk Burnett of the Four Sixes Ranch and W.T. Waggoner from the DDD Ranch. Among the other guests invited were the great Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker, and his three wives. The experiences on the hunt made Jack and President Roosevelt lifelong friends.

In 1906, President Roosevelt appointed Jack Abernathy United States Marshall for the Western District of Oklahoma Territory, and the family moved to Guthrie, which was to become the state capitol. Their father read adventure stories from Mark Twain and Owen Wister to the boys and told of his travels to Washington D.C., and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Thinking it is only natural for them to have adventures like their father, the boys planned their first trip by themselves to Santa Fe, when Temple was all of nine years old and Bud only five! After the boys proved themselves with a short trip to a family ranch in nearby Tipton, Oklahoma, about a four-day ride away, their father agreed to let them ride to New Mexico to visit his friend, Governor George Curry in Santa Fe. On their two-week ride, they encountered Indians, hail, jackrabbits, wolves, and outlaws. By the time they returned to Oklahoma, they were celebrities. After the journey to New Mexico, in

1910, they had the idea to travel across country to New York City to meet their old friend President Roosevelt on his return from a tour of Europe and Africa, and another unbelievable adventure began! The following years involved travels by horseback, motorcycle, and automobile.

Today, when we have the i-Phone so we can know our child's very move and the thought of a child riding their bike across Fort Worth fills us with fear, this story will amaze and inspire you. Temple and Bud's travels taught them a lot about friendship, patience, hard work, and perseverance and gave them confidence that they could accomplish almost anything. It's a short little book that will leave you believing in the generosity and good in others and perhaps, tempt you to undertake some adventures of your own.





YARD OF THE MONTH

BY JENNI COLE

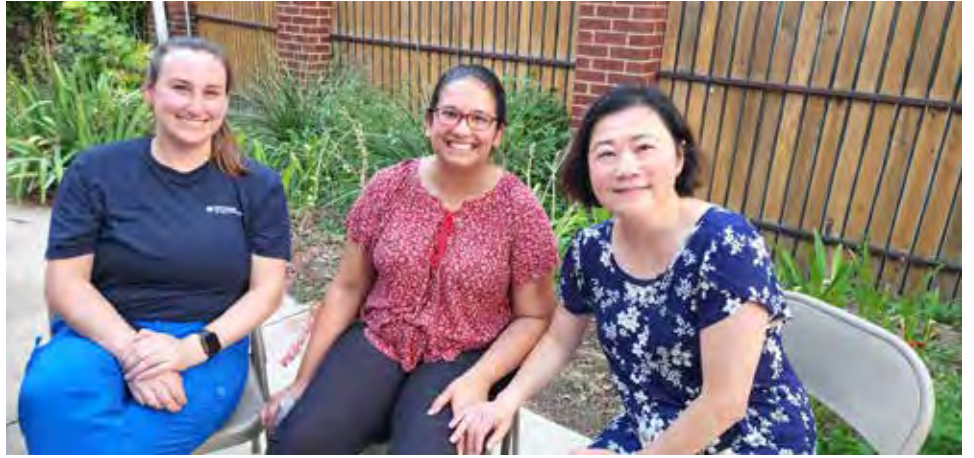
Congratulations to John and Jane Avila, of 1936 Warner Road for being our August Yard of the Month recipients. In addition to the evergreens, the Avila family landscaped the front of their beautiful home with a variety of eye catching flowers, including pink daisies, yellow daisies, purple wandering jew, yellow lantana, and pink and white vincas. The blooms on their established crape myrtles also add a cop of color to their home.

Thank you to the Avila family for keeping Berkeley beautiful and to Calloway's for sponsoring our Yard of the Month program.



BERKELEY CUL-DE-SAC STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE EVENING

PHOTOS BY DARCY SETY

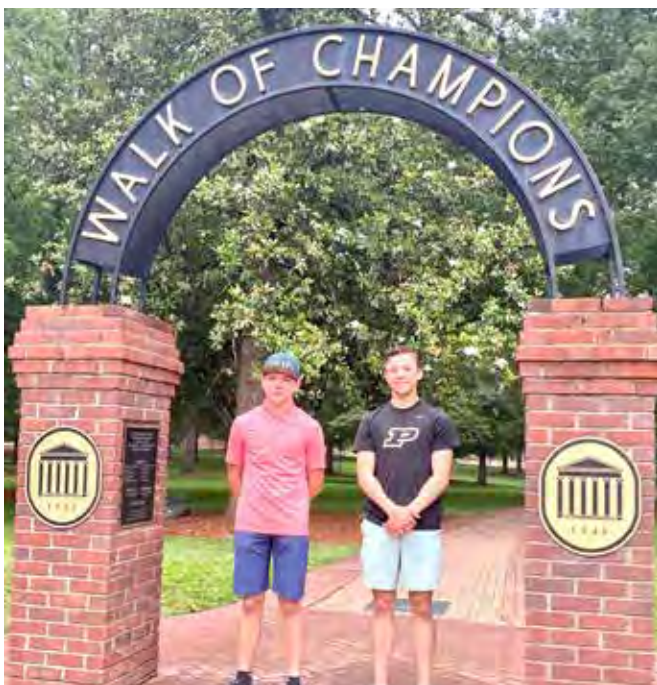


FOOTBALL STADIUMS & BASKETBALL ARENAS HIGHLIGHT OF COLLEGE VISITS

BY FISCHER EAST

My summer kicked off with college tours of the University of Mississippi, the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia, and Clemson University. On the day of my sixteenth birthday, June 9, my family and I headed off for this big road.

Our first stop on the road trip was Ole Miss. We took a walking tour. I enjoyed the campus, but I just thought it would have been more spaced out. We went to a store that sells Ole Miss merchandise, and I got myself an Ole Miss long-sleeve, dry-fit pullover. My favorite parts about Ole Miss were “The Walk of Champions” near the athletic facilities, the Manning Center named after famous football alumni Eli Manning, the football field, The Grove, which is a famous spot for tailgating, and the fraternity houses. The houses had these Greek symbols on them. The campus is full of huge magnolia trees and landscaped really nicely. The student enrollment of Ole Miss is 16,092 students. Ole Miss student tuition annually is \$27,934 for out-of-state residents. After touring Ole Miss, we went to go tour Alabama.



Walk of Champions at Ole Miss

Once we got to the University of Alabama, we went around the practice football fields, which looked like they were having a football camp. After touring the football fields, we tried to get into the pool house because my brother is a competitive swimmer, but the pool house was locked. Next, we went into the basketball arena which is huge. There were games going on that looked like AAU games. After going into the basketball gym, we went out for lunch at a sports bar. They didn't have as many TVs like Buffalo Brothers. Alabama was such a big campus. It was also more spaced out.

My favorite parts about Alabama were the basketball arena, the football field, and the president's house, which was a white house with five large white columns. The president's house was across the street from a huge park where students could sit and study under the shade of live oak trees, throw a Frisbee, and just hang out. Also in this park was a bell tower called Denny Chimes, surrounded by Alabama's Walk of Fame where famous athletes had their shoe and hand imprints along with their names molded in the concrete. Some of those athletes were Bryce Young and DeVonta Smith who are amazing football players.

The student enrollment of the University of Alabama is 38,645 students. The Alabama student tuition is \$32,300 for out-of-state students. After touring Alabama, we stayed at an Autograph Hotel in Birmingham called the Elyton Hotel, which was amazing. The next day we were off to go tour the University of Georgia.

Once we got to the University of Georgia, we dropped off my brother at a swim camp. Next, we went to go look at the football stadium. Later we went to go buy some University of Georgia merchandise at the student center. The student center is huge with pool tables, study areas, eating cafes, and lots of places for students to hang out. I bought a Hawaiian shirt that has a University of Georgia

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FOOTBALL STADIUMS & BASKETBALL ARENAS HIGHLIGHT OF COLLEGE VISITS (CONTINUED)

logo on it and a University of Georgia football. We also saw the Arches, the traditional entrance to the university that was built in 1858 and is based on the Seal of Georgia. I also liked the old bell tower, library, football field, basketball gym, fraternity houses, and the swimming natatorium. The enrollment of the University of Georgia is 40,118 students. The student tuition is \$30,220 for out-state students. Georgia has won the college football national championship the last two years. We were at the game back in January when Georgia beat TCU. After touring the University of Georgia, we went to go tour our last college, Clemson University.



University of Georgia Arches, built in 1858.

At Clemson University, we went on another walking tour. We saw the football stadium called “Death Valley” and basketball arena which is called “Little John.” We also wandered through the student union which was under construction but has a bowling alley and a bunch of video games. Walking the campus, we were burning in the heat, so we stopped to grab something to eat and drink.

We stopped at a sports bar again. I got the wings, and they were so delicious. We also stopped into a few college shops that were on campus and I got a flat brim Clemson hat which I wear a lot. The campus was pretty. Overall, my favorite parts about Clemson were how spaced out it was and all the cool architecture of the buildings. Clemson University student tuition is \$39,502 for out-of-state. Clemson enrollment is 21,653 undergraduate students. Later that day we drove to another Auto-graph Hotel called The Grand Bohemian Lodge in Greenville, South Carolina.



Fischer East at Clemson University with the Tiger mascot outside Death Valley Stadium.

Of these four colleges I ranked my favorite as the University of Alabama, Clemson University, University of Georgia and then Ole Miss. Once we got back home in Texas from the long road trip, our dogs were so excited to see us. The was my experience on college tours and hanging out with my family. I had a blast on vacation.

Fischer is a sophomore at Arlington Heights and wants to visit the University of Tennessee and the University of Colorado next summer.

TOO GOOD TO GO

BY DARCY SETY

I hesitate to tell you about this app. The more people that know about it, the stiffer the competition to “get the goods.” But it is so worthwhile and so much fun, that I will tell you anyway.

Too Good To Go (TGTG) is a service with a mobile app that connects customers to restaurants and stores that have surplus unsold food. Hence the name stands for Too Good To Go to waste. The company was created in 2015 in Denmark. As of July 2023 their web site covered Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. They have been operating in the DFW for several months now.

The purpose of Too Good To Go is to reduce food waste worldwide. It allows bakeries, cafes, restaurants, and gourmet food stores to sell extra food that would have been thrown out. It appears particularly popular amongst bakeries and donut shops, but there are many other options.

How it works:

TGTG partners with local businesses to package surplus food and sell it at a discounted price (usually one-third of the retail value). You log onto the app, find a restaurant or store, and reserve a bag from a variety of offerings. You pay in advance. There is a designated time frame to pick up your “surprise bag.” The transaction is completed when



you show the store your code and “swipe” that you have received it. Each bag is a “surprise,” so there’s no way to know what’s inside. Each is first come, first serve, and there’s no delivery available.

The app offers bags for as low as \$3.99 to as high \$19.99 for a bag of groceries. Eataly in Dallas has the most expensive bag but offers lower options as well. I wish they had a location in Fort Worth.



I have used the app at Tiff’s Treats, Shipley’s donuts, Hao’s Grocery and Café, 3F Premier Catering, Snap Kitchen, Cafecito, Stir Crazy, and more. I have never paid more than \$5.99 for a bag and I have usually been delighted with my “mystery food bag”. I have yet to snag a bag of ice cream sandwiches from Joy Macarons, but I will keep trying.



Other local businesses that participate include HustleBlendz, Tang’s Pacific Bistro, many Tiff’s Treats locations, Mr. Bakery Donuts, Swiss Pastry

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TOO GOOD TO GO (CONTINUED)



Shop, Pearl Snap Kolaches, Joy’s Macarons, Burger & Philly Town, and Our Brunch Spot. More are signing up monthly. I frequently mention it when I am at an establishment that I think could benefit from this service.



Businesses seem to love it since they don’t have to throw away food and they get new customers who may have never heard of them before. Hence, they try to make the bags as interesting as possible, even though you may get something past its expiration date. So I always use the “smell test” before I try something.



The app states “Your Surprise Bag is a surprise. We wish we could tell you what exactly will be in your Surprise Bag—but it’s always a surprise! The store will fill it with a selection of their unsold items.”

So now you know. Even though you will reduce my chances of snagging my perfect mystery bag, I hope you will try it. I enjoy experiencing places I would not have shopped, trying things I never would have purchased, getting a great bargain, and the adventure of it all.



IN MEMORIAM

Dr. William Odell Hargrove died in June at his Fort Worth home. Dr. Hargrove and his wife of fifty-two years, Mary Dell, were long time residents on Ward Parkway and graced our neighborhood with their love of nature, friendship, and community. On May 1, 2022, the Berkeley Neighborhood Association in conjunction with the City of Fort Worth dedicated and generously adopted "The Hargrove Memorial Park" on Ward Parkway, in honor of the Hargroves and their valuable contributions to their community.

Dr. Hargrove attended Lily B. Clayton Elementary, McLean Middle School, and Paschal High School where he graduated in 1949. He attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN and Tulane Medical School in New Orleans where he graduated in 1957. An internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and residency in Internal Medicine at

Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas followed. He began private practice in Fort Worth and also instructed interns and residents at John Peter Smith Hospital, rising to the positions of Chief of the Department of Medicine and then Medical Director. Dr. Hargrove left a legacy of medical education at John Peter Smith where he was respectfully known as "Doctor." He taught many doctors and nurses and was greatly admired and respected until his retirement in 1995.

Dr. Hargrove's obituary, published by Thompson Harveson and Cole, offers several opportunities for memorials, but Berkeley residents who wish to honor his memory might well do so by joining the work crew to maintain the memorial park or by buying memorial bricks and other items to support the park. Frank Poeschel will be glad to consult with neighbors.



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61 OSTERIA FARE SHINES BUT OVERALL AMBIANCE DIMMED THE GUEST EXPERIENCE

BY ERIN EAST

The buzz around restaurateur Adam Jones and Chef Blaine Staniford new downtown Italian concept 61 Osteria began well more than year before it opened back on January 31st. Jones and his Alter Egos brand owns Grace Modern American Classics and Little Red Wasp Kitchen and Bar, both popular, household names in the Fort Worth food scene for more than fifteen years. Jones, born in 1961, and Blaine renovated the first floor of the formerly known First National Bank Building, which originally opened in 1961. These significant dates inspired the name 61 Osteria.

We opted to reserve a bar table and were seated in a corner booth overlooking Burnett Park, which was lively on the extended July 4th holiday weekend. Couples were walking their dogs and skateboarders were jumping from bench to bench.

I started with one of their signature cocktails, Drops of Jupiter, which was Ford's Gin, Italicus, Amaro Braulio, and lemon juice. Christopher had an Old Fashioned. The drinks were crisp and refreshing, beckoning a second round. We ordered the focaccia with house ricotta, rendered nduja, saba, and cultured Parmesan butter and the wood grilled prawns, head-on blue prawns with salsa verde and charred meyer lemon. The focaccia was salty and delicious, and when dipped into the cured chorizo mixed with the house ricotta was tangy and very satisfying. The wood fired prawns were overcooked making them chewy instead of tender and juicy. With a price of \$26 for two prawns, I felt it was overpriced; but I would highly recommend the focaccia with a price of \$12, the winner in taste and value for appetizers.

Our trend is to ask our server for their favorite recommendations and the bartender, who was waiting on the entire bar space, plus the making drinks for the dining room, was bubbly, passionate about

the menu, and rattled off vivid and divine descriptions of the cuisine. She named the Serpente and 44 Farms Short Ribs as her favorites. At the table next to us were repeat patrons, and she asked the guests to share their experience with the short ribs. The gentlemen gave a raving review and noted he brought his daughters to 61 Osteria that evening to treat them to the short ribs! With that kind of testimonial, we ordered the 44 Farms short ribs, which were accompanied by Parmesan polenta, white bean ragout, Toscano kale, radicchio and salsa verde and the Serpente, a ricotta stuffed pasta with hen of the wood's mushrooms and preserved lemon.

The Serpente received its name because the thick three-inch pasta is coiled like that of a snake and then the foamy ricotta and beurre blanc reduction is poured into the coils. The plate presentation was a work of art where it was almost too curated to want to cut! The chef was a little heavy on the ricotta that night as upon cutting my "serpent" the amount of sauce made my bowl look like snake soup. I love mushrooms and had never heard of hen of the wood's mushrooms before; they were a



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61 OSTERIA FARE SHINES BUT OVERALL AMBIANCE DIMMED THE GUEST EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

delicacy, giving the polished pasta some texture. The pasta was smooth to slice, and the reduction was very good. Next time I would simply ask for less sauce.



The 44 short ribs plate was a bit monotone with the grayish meat sitting on top of the polenta and white bean ragout. The short ribs were extremely tender, full of flavor, but missing a crisp boiled crust, which is a popular way to finish short ribs. Lacking that crispness, the plate was more velvety than hearty. While I would order the *Serpente* again, next time we would venture and try a different entrée.

Several elements of our meal were outstanding, and we continued to be hopeful dessert would win us over. The problem was we never made it to dessert. It was taking forever to connect back with our bartender/server. As noted, she was mixing all the drinks, and waiting on the handful of bar tables, therefore; I know it was not her intention, but our glasses sat empty, our meals were finished, and we decided to simply give up on dessert. (We ended up at the Radler Bier Garten on Magnolia for a night cap, missed revenue for 61 Osteria, indeed.)

Our table being in the corner also had a view of the bar and a trio of guests had entered, wearing gym clothes, and one of the individuals kept putting their feet up on the bar, as if they were lounging at home. When you peruse the wine menu, 61 Osteria boasts bottles of wine in the hundreds to a 1961 bottle of Giacomo Contorno Barolo for \$1,875! We had an expectation of an elevated dining experience. We knew the tab would be several hundred dollars, and I'm sorry, seeing someone with their feet up on the bar was downright rude, dirty, and completely tarnished our experience. Whether our hustling, frazzled bartender was too polite and didn't want to offend anyone, neither she nor the manager mentioned anything to these guests about respecting the space around them.

When we left, the young valet attendant had left a note, he was grabbing some water (that wasn't the issue!) As we waited for his return, we realized he left the keys to his valet box in the lock, exposing half a dozen keys to the valeted cars parked across the street. This is a downtown location with plenty of activity; thankfully any carjacking scoundrels took the night off, but what a crime of opportunity!

Our Sunday date night didn't live up to the hype of all the Instagram posts and food critic reviews. Visit 61 Osteria's website and it's filled with exceptional reviews from renown publications like *Texas Monthly* and *Wine Spectator*. Alas, as a mom to two teenage boys, I do believe in second chances. Maybe next time we will reserve a table in the dining room. 61 Osteria, 500 West 7th Street, Fort Worth. <http://www.61osteria.com>



THE JOY OF MEDICARE

BY FRANCES LOOK

Confused? Overwhelmed? It is not you—it is confusing. Remember, “Medicare” was brought to you by the same crafty people that designed the IRS tax codes! The confusion is compounded by the terms that have now become common and/or interchangeable. Colloquialisms—ugh. Like using the term “Kleenex” when it is “tissues.” Or, here in Texas. “Coke” for a “soda pop.”

“Medicare” is technically Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”). I know—the initials don’t even add up! It’s the itty-bitty box on each paycheck that says “Medicare.” This is entwined and applied for through Social Security, not insurance companies and not through an agent.

The first step is getting through the governmental tollgate to get Medicare Part A and Part B. This is called Original Medicare, technically Parts A and B. Only the client can file through Social Security. That’s right—Social Security. Only a client or client’s Power of Attorney can fill out the forms. Not spouse, child, or agent.

Parts you will need are:

Part A: this is paid into all your working life into, on every check

Part B; this is applied for through Social Security and paid for by client. It is a Toll at the Tollgate. The client must apply for Part B to get any insurance plan coverage.

Parts A & Part B can take thirty days or more to get back from Medicare.

Part B can be delayed if the client is covered by other insurance (like through employer). This is time-sensitive to avoid lifetime late fees.

As a pop quiz from previous articles, Part A and Part B are known as Original Medicare. This is

standard 80/20 coverage with no cap on charges. You are responsible for 20 percent of the charges. Ouch. That is why you pick a plan, to cover what Original Medicare does not cover.

Part A & B are not the insurance plan. No agent has control or authorization over Parts A & Part B. That is all the client’s responsibility.

Now the fun part: choosing a plan. Also the easy part after jumping through all the government hoops. Hopefully through an agent not an 800 number with a call center representative with little training or knowledge. Or a former NFL player TV ad promising everything.

Insurance plan selection is to cover those areas Original Medicare does not. Client must be entitled to Part A and have Part B for any insurance plan. Any company, Any agent. Agent cannot enroll you in A or B. Insurance plan is in effect only if parts A& B are in effect.

Once through the Tollgate of Parts A and B there are two basic highways we can choose. A MediGap/Medicare Supplement Highway or Medicare Advantage Highway.

Stay tuned for future articles on your choices now that you are “through the tollgate.” Let the good times roll!

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Monthly Lawn & Garden Organic Checklist

January

- Fertilize pansies with [Calloway's Natural Garden Food](#)
- Plant vegetables like tomatoes/peppers through March
- Plant herbs
- Spray [Bonide All Seasons Oil Spray](#) for to control scale insects, if needed
- Prune evergreen trees and shrubs
- Decorate with indoor plants

February

- Use [Corn Gluten Meal](#) to deter weeds from germinating in the lawn
- Plant trees and shrubs using [Calloway's Tree & Shrub Planting Mix](#)
- Apply [Lava Sand](#) to beds
- Prune peach and plum trees
- Plant herbs through March

March

- Fertilize all planting areas if not done in February
- Mulch all bare soil with [Calloway's Organic Hardwood or Cedar Mulch](#)
- Amend vegetable beds with [Calloway's Organic Compost](#)
- Apply [Turf Mender](#) to revive the soil
- Fertilize lawn with [Calloway's Natural Garden Food](#)
- Replant containers with seasonal color

April

- Apply [Calloway's Natural Garden Food](#) to vegetables
- Release beneficial insects
- Leave foliage of daffodils to recharge the bulbs
- Spray [Bonide Neem](#) on roses
- Treat chlorotic plants with [Green Sand](#)

May

- Apply [Calloway's Natural Garden Food, Molasses and Green Sand](#)
- Release beneficial insects
- Use [Monterey B.t. Spray](#) for bagworms
- Prune spring blooming shrubs
- Time to plant summer flowering, heat loving tropical plants

June

- Apply [Calloway's Natural Garden Food, Molasses, and Green Sand](#) at the first of month if not applied in May
- Apply [Horticulture Corn Meal](#) for fungus problems as needed
- Control webworms with [Monterey B.t. Spray](#) or [Bonide Captain Jack's \(Spinosad\)](#)
- Control snails, slugs and pill bugs with [Monterey Sluggo Snail & Slug Control](#)

June Continued

- Deadhead spent blooms
- Apply [Natural Cedar Warrior](#) to deter mosquitoes

July

- Use [Diatomaceous Earth](#) to control crawling insects
- Mulch flowerbeds and trees to conserve moisture
- Apply [Molasses](#) and [Green Sand](#) once to the lawn and beds
- Plant tomatoes

August

- Water pots and hanging baskets daily
- Water lawns, 1" per week, best done in early mornings
- Mulch flowerbeds and trees to conserve moisture with [Calloway's Organic Hardwood](#) or [Cedar Mulch](#)

September

- Apply [Liquid Fish & Seaweed](#) twice this month
- Apply [Calloway's Natural Garden Food](#)
- Apply [Turf Mender](#) to revive the soil
- Use [Corn Gluten Meal](#) to deter weed seeds from germinating in the lawn
- Apply [Molasses](#) and [Green Sand](#)
- Refresh landscape and containers with pansies

October

- Use [Corn Gluten Meal](#) to deter weed seeds from germinating in the lawn
- Rake and remove leaves on your lawn
- Apply [Lava Sand](#)
- Plant trees and shrubs
- Divide summer blooming perennials
- Use [Jobe's Blood Meal](#) to fertilize pansies
- Add pumpkins and gourds for fall color
- Beautify with cyclamen

November

- Fertilize bulbs, annuals, and perennials with [Calloway's Natural Garden Food](#)
- Mulch for winter protection with [Calloway's Organic Hardwood](#) or [Cedar Mulch](#)
- Plant winter annual color

December

- Plant spring bulbs (tulips and hyacinths) using [Jobe's Bone Meal](#) to provide nutrients
- Fertilize indoor plants once during winter
- Water any dry areas to help protect against cold injury
- Provide food and water for the area's wintering birds
- Christmas trees and poinsettias make the season bright

