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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

ROSS DOUGLASS, BPA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, Berkeley! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season that was merry and bright. I'm incredibly honored to have been entrusted with the role of BPA president. I am excited to work alongside the board of directors, chair people and all of the volunteers that make Berkeley an amazing place to live.

My vision is quite simple: community, communication, and engagement. Looking forward, 2024 will be an exciting year with fun-filled social events for children and adults of all ages. In this newsletter, you'll find:

Shelby Ryon and Sarah Pemberton have done a great job in setting the dates for the social events that are mentioned in the Poobah. These events are a great opportunity to make new friends as well as connect with existing friends.

- I would like to remind everyone that beginning January 1, 2024, you may pay your dues through the Berkeley Place website, www.berkeleyplace.org under the dues tab. This ensures that we can continue to have the social events as well as pay for any miscellaneous neighborhood expenses.
- I would encourage you to get involved and volunteer with the social events. We have plenty of openings. Contact Shelby Ryon, Sarah Pemberton, or myself and we will get you plugged in.

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NEXT MEETING OF THE BPA

FEBRUARY 12, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. **ROSS & ANDREA DOUGLASS' HOME** 2319 WARNER ROAD

PRESIDENT'S LETTER (CONTINUED)

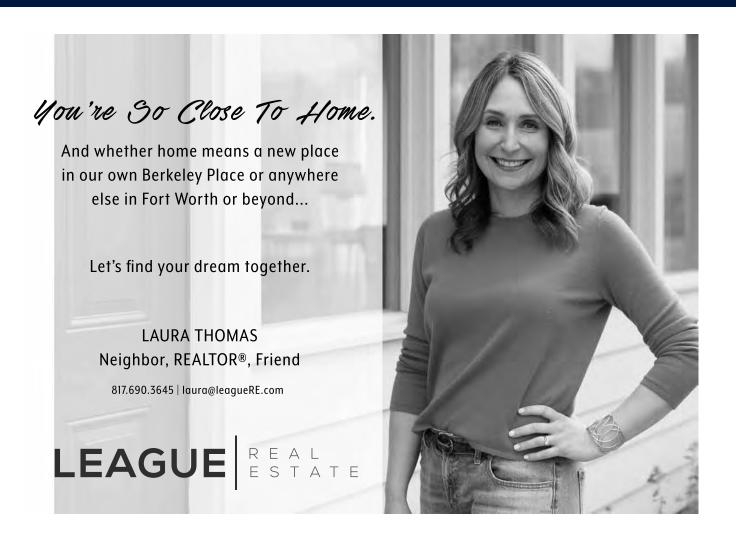
- BPA quarterly meetings will be on the second Monday of the second month of each quarter. They will be in person with the option of watching them on Zoom. See *Poobah* for exact dates, locations, and times.
- Don't forget if you want to have information in the *Poobah*, please have it to Judy Alter by the 20th of each month. Send it to judyltr@gmail. com. Judy does a wonderful job for us.
- Follow Berkeley Place on the Website, the Buzz, Facebook, and Instagram.

Some of you know that I grew up in Berkeley. My wife, Andrea, and I live in my childhood home on Warner Road. We have three children—Jordan,

Logan, and Cydney—as well as our son-in-law Lucas Wright. Berkeley has changed a lot for the better since I was a kid, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for our neighborhood.

As your Berkeley president, I pledge to be transparent, accountable, and responsive. My door is always open, and I welcome your feedback. This year, let's build on the strengths of Berkeley Place and create a thriving, vibrant community where everyone feels welcome and appreciated. Together, we can make 2024 a year to remember!

Thank you, Ross



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Karen Scott Awarded the T. Michael Maybury Award

Karen Scott, Ben Hall Court, was recently awarded the T. Michael Maybury Award by the Council of International Schools for achievements for international education. The award was made even more special, because Karen went to Ireland to accept it. A staff member at TCU for almost forty years, Karen is director of international admissions. She and her husband, Mike, associate provost for enrollment management, were jointly given the IMPACT Award by TCU earlier this year for extraordinary achievement and impact on the lives of others at TCU. So proud to have them both as Berkeley neighbors.

Paschal Panther Band to Hold Mattress Sale

If you're dreaming of updating the mattresses in your home, please consider hitting snooze on your purchasing power until February 17, 2024. Your hometown, award-winning Paschal Panther High School Band will be hosting a "Mattress Palooza" fundraiser. The Paschal Band Hall will be converted into a mattress superstore with portions of the sales to support the Panther Band. Mattress brands and hours will be updated in our February Poobah. https://paschalband.com/



Santa's elf (street rep Robert Nichols) with some helpers decorates Berkeley for the holidays.



MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AT 7 P.M., ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING, SUBMITTED BY MAGGI ARENDSEE, SECRETARY

MEETING OPENER

CALL TO ORDER: Amy Allibon at 7:08 p.m.

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

PRESENT FROM MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE: Darcy Sety, Sarah Pemberton, Doug Pratt, Sherry Flowers, Julie Church, Charles Dreyfus, Betsy Booth, Judy Alter

AMMENDMENT TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: Santa in the Park date is December 9th not the 10th; Amy Allibon was incorrectly identified as "Allison" under Yard Sale; In the treasurer's report, expenses are \$21,116 and not \$21,1116

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After review of the minutes from the Q3 meeting along with the above proposed amendments, a motion to approve was sought by President Amy Allibon. Sarah Pemberton moved, Doug Pratt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR RE-VIEW BY AMY ALLIBON:

Santa in the Park—Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Breakfast tacos will be provided, and the Bubble Bus will be available for beverages. Families will need to sign-up for a slot for their photo with Santa. The sign-up sheet will be published on the Buzz email group.

SILENT CROSSINGS: Amy Allibon reported that the railroad crossing improvements are still in limbo with the railroad owner being the final sign-off. The approval also impacts the repaving of Windsor Avenue which has been included in the scope

of work for the crossing. In moving forward with the new board, pressure should be continued on Councilman Beck and the City of Fort Worth department contact, Mr. Nguyen. He will be retiring so it is important to make his replacement aware of the status of the project and its importance to the neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER REPORT BY TESS MC-DONALD: Budget to date—\$31,220 year to date income and \$26,835 year to date expenses. Upcoming expenses include *Poobah* layout and Santa in the Park costs.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY TESS MCDONALD: To date membership participation is 53 percent of the households in the neighborhood.

Dues collection will begin with the new year. The BPA is setting up the ability to accept Venmo in addition to check and Paypal.

AUDIT REPORT BY DOUG PRATT: The previous fiscal year was audited by Doug Pratt of PBK Services, LLC who is also a Berkeley resident. The overall findings and recommenda-

overall findings and recommendations were minor. The following recommendations were presented:

—Move budgeting and financial process to a calendar year to align with the dues collection process. The taxes are currently filed with a fiscal year of 7/1 to 6/30.

—Do a short filing for 7/1/23 to 12/31/23 with the IRS to get tax records to align with the calendar year. The board will act on this recommendation at the next board meeting.

—Consider financial accounting software such as Quickbooks Online to record deposits and expenses. This will also allow the attachment of receipts for expense reimbursement requests. It was found during

the audit that several requests were missing the receipts associated with the request. This can be set up and would add an expense of \$110/month to the budget.

RESERVE ACCOUNT: Amy Allibon recommends that excess funds be moved from the checking account into a savings account.

REVIEW OF THE 2024 BUDGET: Amy Allibon and Tess McDonald presented and reviewed the proposed 2024 calendar year budget. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that a line item should be added for the accounting software. Darcy Sety moved to approve the 2024 BPA budget with the addition of purchasing a subscription to Quickbooks; Doug Pratt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following nominations are being considered:

Board Members: President: Ross Douglas Vice President: OPEN Treasurer: Joey Dierker

[The position of secretary will be voted on next year. Board terms run for a period of two years]

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Tess McDonald Poobah Editor: Judy Alter Poobah Ad Sales: Annette Tess Poobah Distribution: Mary Keller Social Chairs: Shelby Ryon & Sarah Pemberton

Webmaster: Darien George Welcome Wagon: Debra Million

The floor was open for additional nominations; no additional nominations were made. It was confirmed that a quorum was present and a vote was taken. All positions were unanimously elected.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

MEET TIKA

BY ROBIN FULTON

Can you answer Tika's Christmas wish this year?

It does not get much sweeter than this girl, just look at her face!

Tika is a total doll to be around. She's nine years old, about 40 pounds and still has a lot of pep in her step! Tika enjoys going for walks and is a social butterfly. New dogs are her best friends waiting to be made. Tika is crate-trained but is extremely trustworthy and would be fine to be left out and about.

If you're ready for a shadow dog who just wants to make sure you're okay, and someone who gives the greatest snuggles, Tika is just one application away at allieshaven.org!

Tika will come fully vetted with vaccinations, microchip and spay.







A CHRISTMAS TOUR OF BERKELEY

PHOTOS BY ERIN EAST





Chatburn Court 12 Snowmen





A CHRISTMAS TOUR OF BERKELEY (CONTINUED)





Stanley Avenue 27 Santas





A CHRISTMAS TOUR OF BERKELEY (CONTINUED)





Warner Rd Winter Wonderland







A CHRISTMAS TOUR OF BERKELEY (CONTINUED)





Ward Parkway 10 Grinches







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PRESIDENTS' DINNER

Former presidents of BPA met for the annual dinner in December. From left to right, back row: Darien George, Ross Douglass Chris Shipman, Steve Scanlon, Herb Biddle, Amy Detrick Allibon; Front row: Bob Adams, Debra Nyul, Randy Means. Missing were Mary Kleiner Dulle, Carol Stanford, Greg Jackson, and Christian Ellis.





DECEMBER 2023 BPA BUDGET

EXPENSES	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE	DIFFERENTIAL
BPA Board Insurance	\$744	\$698	\$46
Lily B. Auction Donation	\$750	\$750	\$0
Middle School Donation 6th Grade Campus	\$325	\$325	\$0
Middle School Donation 7-8 Grade Campus	\$325	\$325	\$0
Paschal HS Donation	\$750	\$1,000 (\$250	
Annual Due Letter Postage	\$685	\$0	\$685
Berkeley Place Events	\$4,850	\$5,604.50	(\$754.50)
SquareSpace—BPA Website	\$337.74	\$358.91	(\$21.17)
Website Management Fees (Google Workspace)	\$144	\$0	\$144
Domain Registry	\$50	\$0	\$50
BPA All Adult Dinner	\$3,000	\$1,560.15	\$1,439.85
Dropbox/PO Box	\$400	\$0	\$400
Poobah Printing	\$9,500	\$11,089.65	(\$1,589.65)
Zoom Membership 1 yr	\$160	\$159.20	\$0.80
Poobah Newsletter Layout	\$1,300	\$730	\$570
Printing—Directory****	\$4,500	\$3,556.27	\$943.73
Ward Pkwy/Hargove Memorial Park	\$1,000	\$1,100	(\$100)
Misc (new ribbons for light poles, BPA special mailers)	\$300	\$473.21	(\$173.21)
Block Parties	\$1,000	\$1,243.11	(\$243.11)
Discretionary Fund	\$500	\$1,101.54	(\$601.54)
Board Dinners	\$1,500	\$613.38	\$886.62
Bi-Annual Presidents Dinner	\$2,500		\$2,500
TOTAL	\$34,620.74	\$30,687.92	\$3,932.82





PETS ARE A BLESSING!

BY JOHN MINNERLY, DVM, UNIVERSITY ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Over this holiday season I have been reflecting about how blessed I have been to have the job I have. I love what I do. There are definitely times that are difficult. But overall it is a good life.

"The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too." —Samuel Butler

One of the best things that I get to experience is seeing how each pet fits into the family. Each family is different. And each different pet fits differently in each family. They are family. Some sleep with us on the bed. Some sleep by the front door. Some are like a grandmother. Some are like the crazy aunt. A lot are those toddlers that you must keep an eye on 24/7. Some are the only friend that hangs around when times are tough. They are happy when we come home. They are non-judgmental. Even those cats that only come up to eat and maybe stare at you. They are family too.

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." —Anatole France

They help children grow up. A collie I had helped teach my kids to walk. They would latch on to his fur and walk when he walked. He never fussed, and acted like he knew what his job was. They teach children what it is like to take care of a living creature. Pets are forgiving. They show joy much better than we do. Eventually, they teach children (and remind us) that life is short.

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die, I want to go where they went." —Will Rogers



TEDDY WONG'S DUMPLINGS AND WINE OPENS TO RAVING REVIEWS

BY ERIN EAST



Ever since I had my first Korean dumpling in the Seoul airport in 2010, I have been searching for the elusive Asian dumpling everywhere in the Metroplex. Those steamed dough rosettes filled with Asian spices and meat then dipped in salty soy sauce with wasabi were a flavor punch this Midwest farm girl raised on boiled rump roasts and potatoes had never experienced before! I just had to find these dumplings when we returned to Fort Worth. And I have been on that never-ending mission ever since.

I was percolating with anticipation as I awaited the opening of Teddy Wong's Dumplings & Wine ("Teddy Wong's") in the former small Le Wok's location along Rosedale Street. I had found dumplings in Richardson's Chinatown, but who wants to drive nearly ninety minutes for a dumpling crave? The now-shuttered Cannon and Shinjuku Station offered near-perfect Asian dumplings but alas, they are they now a Japanese-inspired memory.

Finally, it was in my social newsfeed that Teddy Wong's was opening October 21, 2023. Seven days later I was parked on a side street, as a large crane used to hang the new sign on the building blocked the few front parking spots, and I was

seated in a maroon booth by the bar for an early lunch. I now realize (after reading reviews and seeing pictures in *Fort Worth Magazine*) it was one of the owners, Jeffrey Yarbrough, who quickly welcomed me and offered me one of his new "Rosé all Day" \$5, 6-oz. pours of Rosé. After Yarbrough filled my glass with the pink spicy Italian bubbly, the bartender Chase took over and I started with the Hot and Sour Soup. It warmed me on this damp day and tasted like every other Hot and Sour Soup—tangy, sour, and delicious.



Teddy Wong's is a partnership between Yarbrough, Kevin Cates, and Patrick Ru. Ru has had dumpling concepts in Addison and New York and I am thank-

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TEDDY WONG'S DUMPLINGS AND WINE OPENS TO RAVING REVIEWS (CONTINUED)

ful he fell in love with Fort Worth and came on board to open this premier dumpling destination.

Being the only person in my household that loves mushrooms, I ordered the Texas mushroom and pork dumplings. Teddy Wong's dumplings are made fresh and take a bit longer to serve as they steam. My dumplings were a little tacky and chewy but had excellent flavor, tender pork, filled with the right number of mushrooms. I wasn't worried about the chewiness; I wrote it off as "working out the kinks" of a new kitchen and staff during their grand opening week.

I ordered the pork soup dumplings and combo (chicken, pork, and veggie) dumplings to-go as an after school treat for my boys, and they were gone in sixty seconds.



A little more than a month later I took my boys to try Teddy Wong's but made the naïve decision not to make reservations. After circling the block twice, we walked into a two-hour wait on a Thursday night (we actually didn't wait it out and ended up at Pie Tap, a really, really good new Dallas-based restaurant on Magnolia, I think I see another review in my future!)



My new top-notch dumpling restaurant was never going to be my little secret, and I was thrilled by this immediate success. In just under eight weeks of business, Teddy Wong's already has 344 reviews on www.resy.com with 4.8 stars and a quick Google search gives them 4.1 stars on 86 reviews. Fort Worth Magazine, Texas Monthly, and CultureMap Fort Worth had only mouth-watering words of praise for this Near Southside addition.

While the search never ends to locate and devour these luscious Asian-inspired packs of pure spicy joy, it took thirteen years but I am happy to say I have finally found superb dumplings in my Fort Worth just a bit west of Richardson and 6,799 miles closer than Seoul.

Teddy Wong's Dumplings & Wine, 812 W. Rosedale Street, Fort Worth 76104 • www.teddy-wongs.com • 817-349-8965. Reservations made via www.resy.com

PEMBROKE BLOCK PARTY



The Nichols Family and the Brown Family co-hosted a Pembroke Backyard Block Party on November 10th opening up their newly renovated adjoining back yards.







PEMBROKE BLOCK PARTY (CONTINUED)







PATTON COURT BLOCK PARTY

BY CHRISTI CANTU WILSON



In the Fall, before the weather changed, Patton Court residents of all ages enjoyed Railhead BBQ at the Kinloughs' lovely patio.











FROM BERKELEY KITCHENS

MEXICAN WHITE BEAN CHILI

AMY ALLIBON

I found this on a Facebook page called Mexican Food Recipes. It is so delicious and very easy. It has more the consistency of a soup than chili but is very hearty and filling.

Ingredients:

1 small yellow onion, diced

1 Tbsp. olive oil

2 cloves garlic, finely minced (or 2 tsp from minced garlic in store)

29 oz. chicken broth

7 oz. can diced green chilies (not drained)

18 oz. block of cream cheese, cubed

1 can corn, drained

2 cans of cannellini beans, drained and rinsed

1 rotisserie chicken pulled off the bone and shredded into bite size pieces

1 Tbsp. lime juice

2 Tbsp. cilantro, plus more for serving

shredded Monterrey Jack cheese

Combine in a small ramekin:

1½ tsp. cumin

½ tsp. paprika

½ tsp. dried oregano

½ tsp. ground coriander

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

Other ingredients

White corn tortillas cut and fried, or tortilla chips

slightly mashed

Sliced avocado (optional)

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté four minutes. Add garlic and sauté for thirty more seconds.

Add chicken broth, green chilies, cumin, paprika, oregano, coriander, cayenne, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring mixture to a boil then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer fifteen minutes.

Drain and rinse beans. Measure out one cup of beans to a food processor along with ¼ cup broth from soup (or just chicken broth), and puree until smooth.

Add cream cheese to soup along with the corn, whole beans, and pureed beans. Simmer for five or ten minutes, stirring well.

Stir in chicken, fresh lime juice, and cilantro. Serve with Monterrey jack cheese, more cilantro, tortilla chips, and avocado slices/chunks if desired.





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SANTA IN THE PARK PHOTOS

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SANTA IN THE PARK PHOTOS (CONTINUED)









SANTA IN THE PARK PHOTOS (CONTINUED)











BERKELEY BABES

The Berkeley Babes Book Club gathered at the home of Cindy Haynes for their annual Christmas party and book exchange. A delicious meal was shared along with lots of laughter and the company of good friends. Standing, left to right: Polly Hooper, MaryLou Froh, Orlew Lauger, Andrea Douglass, Tracy McMillan, Tess McDonald, Stephanie Monks, Linda Simmons; Seated left to right: Doris Watkins, Cindy Hanes, Randi Thistlethwaite, Jamie Luebbehusen, Melissa Inman, Hisa Lewis.

BPA BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

BY TESS MCDONALD

Savings account \$15,036.73

Checking account \$38,135.26

Submitted 12/15/2023

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