

THE BERKELEY PLACE POOBAH

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



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

DARIEN GEORGE, BPA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I can't believe we are already in 2019. I hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. The holidays can be busy, stressful, and chaotic too, so hopefully living in our wonderful and caring neighborhood made your December that much better. It is always so lovely to see the big red bows and ribbon on our iconic light poles, the houses and trees that are decorated and lit up, and the joy on the kids faces.

Our social chair duo did a fantastic job of getting the BPA Holiday Party together for PJ pictures with Santa, the Beignet Bus, and a bounce house. The weather did not cooperate this year, so the social chair duo came through by booking the gym at Lily B Clayton. The children thor-

oughly enjoyed the bounce house, the hot chocolate, making Christmas decorations, and beignets with LOTS of powdered sugar. We had a great turnout of families, some great pictures were taken of all the kids, and overall a success given the weather. A big thank you to our social chairs, Abby Oswalt and Laurie George, our wonderful and amazing professional photographer Polly Hooper, and our awesome volunteer Sarah Jackson who took care of the kids and helped them make their decorations.

I was at a holiday party and was speaking with a fellow neighbor who was thanking me for the work that the board does on behalf of the neighborhood, which led to

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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BPA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
8 P.M. @ SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

BPA MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH @ 8 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER, CONTINUED

us discussing how long they had been in the neighborhood and that they came from Monticello prior. We both had the same thought and reminisced about how great our neighborhood is compared to every other neighborhood in Fort Worth. There are neighborhoods that have bigger houses, gated, nicer part of town, but not one other neighborhood has what we have, so I thought I would list some of the amazing things that we have:

The zoo in our backyard. Our own amazing Tillery Park that we helped build. Caring neighbors that put together twenty baskets for those in our neighborhood that have less, can't get out, or need a pick-me-up. Regular social events that allow us to meet new families, friends, and neighbors. The best elementary school in Fort Worth. An award-winning newsletter that keeps us informed and most importantly connected. Great neighbors that care for each other and keep an eye out for each other. Our sidewalks; which I am sure many of us take for granted, but many, many neighborhoods do not have and wish they did.

It just so happens I was listening to a story on the radio today when a person called in to brag about a neighbor because he was so nice and always would take her trash cans out and how he fixed the fence of his other neighbor and would do odd maintenance fixes for an elderly neighbor. It just reminded me of so many of my neighbors. So, I want to challenge everyone in the New Year to do some of the things on this list:

Take the time to greet your neighbors, say hello! Check on an elderly neighbor. Pick up that piece of litter on your neighbor's lawn. Take your neighbor's trash out for them or take the cart back from the curb. Show neighbors a little grace when they do something that is irritating. Pay your BPA dues. Support Lily B. Say thank you. Tell your friends and neighbors how much you appreciate them and what they mean to you.

Overall, let's to take just a little time to continue to be the best neighborhood in Fort Worth.



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Berkeley's Christmas Angels made and delivered twenty baskets to neighbors they thought would especially enjoy them. Love to see several Berkeley kids helping load the baskets. Starting them early in carrying on the Berkeley tradition of taking care of our neighbors.



The Berkeley Babes Book Club celebrated its annual Christmas party at Bobbie Roberts' lovely condo at Villa de Leon located on the bluffs along Samuels Avenue. A good time was had by all with a little wine, dinner, maybe a bit of gossip, and finally - an exchange of books. Thank you to Bobbie, who, although an ex-"Berkeleyite", will never cease to be a Berkeley Book Club Babe.



New Neighborhood Police Officer: Officer Ray Azucena, our new Neighborhood Police Officer, is already on duty. If you have any questions or concerns please send them to his email or call his city desk phone at (817) 392-4709 or his city cell phone at (682) 319-7613 (preferred point of contact). You can also email him at RayChristian.Azucena@fortworthtexas.gov





THE DAILEYS RETURN TO FORT WORTH

BY LESLIE HUNT

Melissa and Todd Dailey were both born in Fort Worth. Their life journey, however, moved them around the great state of Texas. The couple recently spent several years living in Amarillo, where they moved so that Melissa could serve as the executive director of Downtown Amarillo, Inc. Prior to that, Melissa worked for Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. for ten

years. Her profession specializes in planning and economic development work, and she currently works for the City of Kennedale. Melissa earned her undergraduate degree from University of Texas at Arlington and has two master's degrees.

Todd is an entrepreneur. He attended TCU for his undergradu-

ate degree and obtained his master's degree in finance from UT Dallas. He started Good Karma Cigar while living in Amarillo. The company now has three locations including the Fort Worth location at 704 E. Weatherford St. 76102.

In 2005, Melissa and Todd travelled to Nepal to meet their

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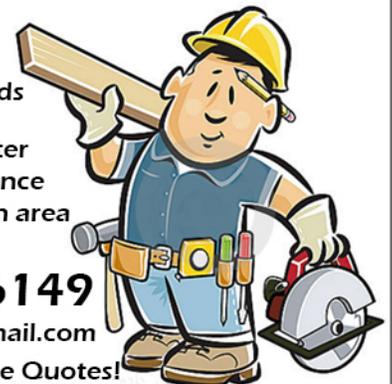
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daughter, Karma. They initiated the adoption process when she was just a few weeks old and brought Karma to the United States before her first birthday. Karma, now thirteen is a seventh-grade student at All Saints' Episcopal School.

The Dailey family moved into their home at 2024 Wilshire Blvd about two months ago. Prior to living in Berkeley, they lived in downtown Fort Worth, Ryan Place, and University Place. When they were looking for a home, they narrowed their search to Mistletoe and Berkeley. They love historical homes and homes with character. They looked for a perfect place

for almost a year and then discovered the Wilshire beauty that they ended up buying.

Melissa and Todd did a lot to improve their Wilshire home before moving in. They remodeled the bathrooms and kitchen and had concrete work completed that improved sidewalks and other common areas. Their neighbors were patient and friendly during the construction process and seem to appreciate the improvements.

The entire Dailey family is thrilled to be in Berkeley. They love all the residents they have met and appreciate all the warm welcomes to our neighborhood.

One exciting thing coming up for the Daileys is travelling to Nepal. It will be the first time Karma returns to her native country. Melissa and Todd always knew they wanted to travel with Karma to Nepal, but it was important to them that she go back when she was old enough to appreciate the trip.

The Dailey family has two dogs—Molly and Bella—and one “fat” cat named Roxy. Please join me as we continue to welcome the Daileys to Berkeley Place!

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FROM BERKELEY KITCHENS

You can never go wrong with chocolate! Make 2019 a chocolate year! Here's a trio of quick and easy recipes.

Chocolate Sauce

8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits
1 cup heavy cream
1 Tbsp. butter
1 tsp. vanilla
2 Tbsp. red wine

Melt chocolate chips in cream. Add butter, vanilla, and wine. Serve warm over ice cream, cake, or as a dip for fruit or angel food cake bites.

Chocolate Dessert Dip

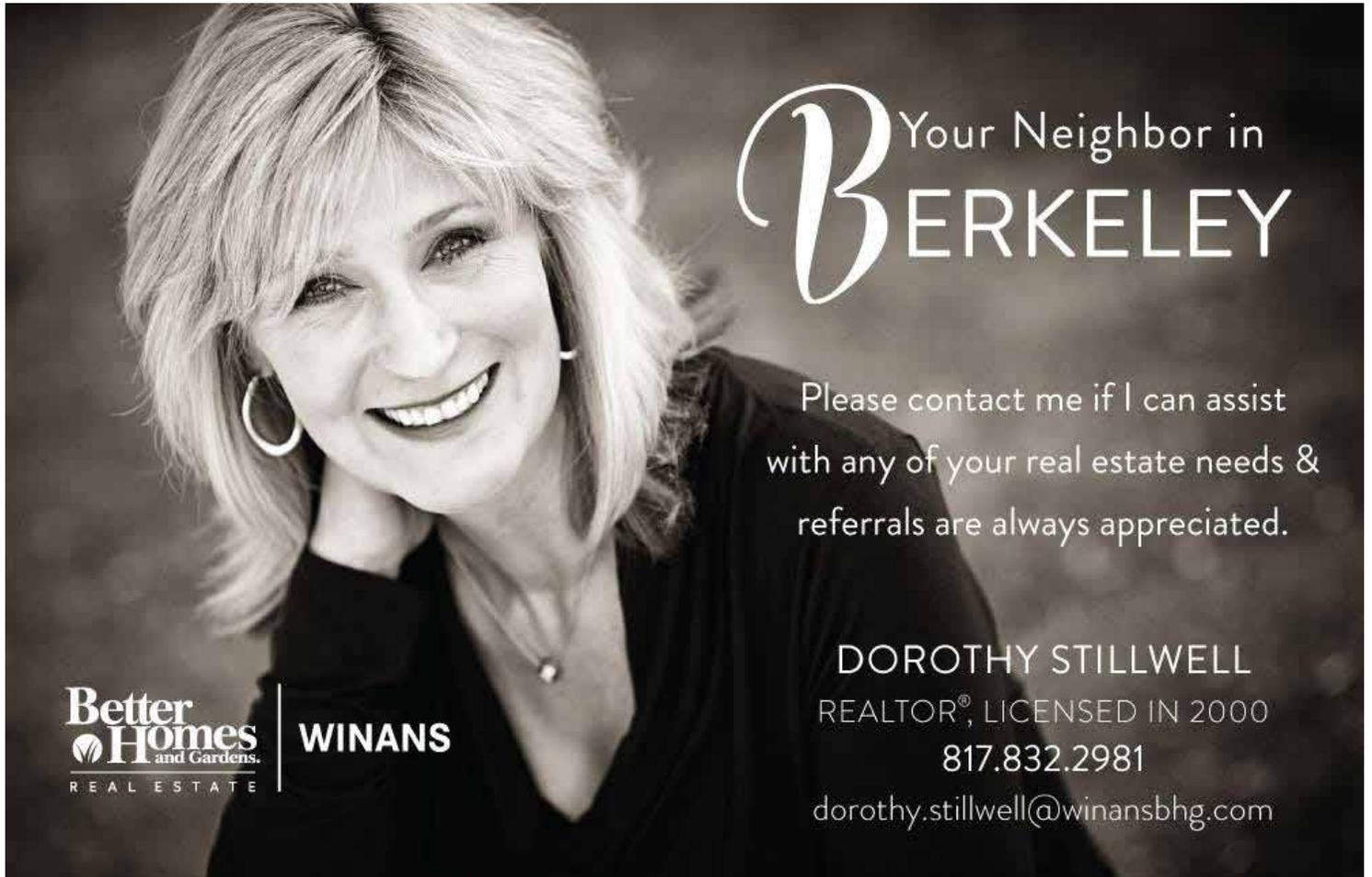
1 container Cool Whip
1 pkg. instant chocolate pudding mix
½ package regular or original Oreo cookies
1/3 c. chopped pecans

Graham crackers or chocolate grahams for dipping.

Easy Chocolate Mousse

1 container Cool Whip
6 oz. milk or semi-sweet chocolate, your choice
Chocolate shavings for garnish

Melt chocolate, cool a bit, and stir into Cool Whip. Spoon into eight individual serving dishes and chill. At serving time, garnish with chocolate shavings, perhaps a strawberry, or some mint leaves.



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Income/ Expenses Categories	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	
Advertising Revenue	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$540	\$6,480	
Berkeley Angie's List	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$9,000	
Annual Dues Collection (\$30)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$12,000	
														\$27,480
Insurance									\$744				\$744	
Donations / Dues					\$250					\$500			\$750	
Events	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$6,000	
Security	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$833	\$10,000	
Website				\$750									\$750	
Office Exp/Bank Charges									\$50				\$50	
Printing	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$753	\$9,036	
Newsletter Layout			\$270			\$270			\$270			\$270	\$1,080	
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WINTER FOR PETS

BY JOHN MINNERLY, DVM

Winter can be a difficult time for pets for several reasons. Obviously when the temperatures get low, pets will need to be kept indoors most of the time. But most pets enjoy playing more when the temperatures get into the upper 30s to upper 40s. A lot of times this is when they will be most active. Older dogs, that are arthritic, won't be as eager to start but, once they get moving a little, will enjoy the cooler weather too. Some dogs do okay if left out with temperatures in that range (the heavy coated breeds). It is important to make sure they have shelter, and their water is readily accessible. With the drier air, pets can get dehydrated as quickly in the winter, as in the summer.

When we start getting some ice, we will see other issues. Any de-icers can be irritating to the feet and pads. After walks, it is important to rinse or wipe the feet. Dogs do better than people on ice, having more support. They will slip occasionally, injuring their hips, knees or back. So, it is important to take it slow.

Older dogs will get stiffer during the winter months. There are a variety of things to help them through the winter:

Bedding: keep the pet off the floor with good bedding. You don't want it to be too thick, because then they can't get good footing. I like to recommend playroom pads or camp pads under the beds. They provide insulation yet are firm enough to allow the pet to get good footing.

Warmth- The arthritic joints get cold and stiff and respond well to a little additional heat. When you put them down for the night, covering them with a blanket may help. If they are very arthritic, placing a blanket fresh from the dryer will feel good to them. Avoid heating pads and electric blankets. Pet jackets are not just for style. They can help an arthritic dog

Supplements: is your older dog on a glucosamine/ Chondroitin supplement will help them keep more mobile.

With colder weather, a lot of pets will be less active and will start putting on weight. In older dogs that will put more pressure on the joints, along with increasing the inflammatory products in the body. If your pet is



less active during the winter months, you will need to cut back on the amount of food or switch to a weight control diet.

With decreased activity in the winter, we see an increase in the boredom level. This can cause an increase in the food consumption (couch potato syndrome). But, more importantly, this can cause behavioral issues. Pets that have not been destructive or gotten into things may start such behavior out of boredom. When the weather is bad, playing more games with your pets is important. Working with obedience commands, vocabulary, and tricks can help decrease the boredom.

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BERKELEY CHEERS

Give a shout-out to neighbors who have done something you appreciate! Here are a few good deeds that we've experienced lately. Just send your cheer to subiegreen@bellsouth.net to be included in the next issue of the *Poobah*.

A big holiday thank you to Margaret Johnson, Martha Blessing, Amy Russell and Ann Gunter for donating garlands, wreathes and trees to the hallways of Lily B. Clayton! The school is festive and thankful for the gifts!



Carley Moore send cheers to the Harrals for allowing us to borrow chairs for our fifth annual Friendsgiving!



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January

- Service lawn mower
- Prune Trees and Roses
- Prepare garden soils
- Spray **All Seasons Oil Spray** for scale
- Buy and plant Fruit Trees
- Use **Calloway's Tree & Shrub Planting Mix**

February

- Apply weed preemergent as recommended
- Use **Bonide Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension** for grassy and broadleaf weeds or **Bonide Weed Beater Complete Granules** for pre & post control!
- Purchase Caladium Bulbs
- Plant or transplant Trees and Shrubs
- Spray dandelions (another broadleaf weed) with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**

March

- For new lawns apply **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food 21-5-10**
- For mature lawns apply **Calloway's Premium Phosphorus Free Lawn Food 21-0-0**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Spray visible Winter weeds with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**
- Plant Spring flowers using **Calloway's Flower Bed Mix**
- Purchase Caladium Bulbs
- Amend vegetable beds with **Calloway's Organic Compost**

April

- Plant Spring Bulbs
- Plant Caladium Bulbs after the 15th
- Feed Trees and Shrubs with **Calloway's Professional 16-8-8 Tree & Shrub Food**
- Watch for fungus and brown patch; apply **Bonide Infuse Systemic Fungicide** as needed
- Prune Shrubs
- Apply **Bonide Weed Beater Southern** to stop broadleaf weeds
- Plant Spring annuals and perennials then fertilize with **Calloway's 14-14-14** or **Calloway's Amazing Gardens**

May

- Apply 2nd application of preemergents for crabgrass and grass burrs
- Apply **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Apply **Sedge Ender** for nutsedge
- Spray established weeds with **Bonide Weed Beater Southern**

June

- Watch for scale on Crapemyrtles
- Treat web worms on Trees and Shrubs with **Summit Caterpillar & Worm Killer**
- Apply **Fungicide** to stop lawn fungus
- Treat insect problems on lawns or ornamentals with **Bonide Eight Insect Control**
- Control fire ants with **Amdro** or **Bayer Fire Ant Killer**
- Watch for June bugs (adult grub worms) see below
- Apply **Natural CedarCide** to deter mosquitoes

July

- At mid-month treat for grubs with **Bayer Season Long Grub Killer** or **Bonide Eight Insect Control**
- Feed Trees and Shrubs with **Calloway's Professional 16-8-8 Tree & Shrub Food**
- Water pots and hanging baskets daily
- Water lawns, 1" per week, best done in early mornings

August

- Treat insect problems
- Water pots and hanging baskets daily
- Water lawns, 1" per week, best done in early mornings

September

- Use **Bonide Crabgrass Preventer with Dimension** for grassy and broadleaf weeds or **Bonide Weed Beater Complete Granules** for pre & post control!
- Fertilize lawns with **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Apply **Turf Soil Builder**; it revives the soil!
- Plant Fall Flowers
- Watch for fungus in lawns and, if necessary, treat with **Bonide Infuse Spray or Granules**

October

- Purchase Spring Bulbs. Tulips and Hyacinths must spend 45 days in refrigeration
- Winterize lawns with **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food**
- Plant Pansies and fertilize with **Calloway's Professional Pansy Food**

November

- Time to Plant Wildflower Seeds

December

- Plant bulbs 1st of month, using **Jobe's Bone Meal** to provide nutrients
- Prune Trees

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YARD OF THE MONTH

BY JENNI COLE

Congratulations to our January Yard of the Month winners—the Carlile family at 2124 Pembroke Drive. Their colonial-style home is flanked by large, established oak trees. Holly bushes line either side of the walk leading into the front of the home. The eastern side of the home is lined with azaleas, burning bush shrubs, and Indian hawthorns. For the holiday season, the family wrapped the front columns of the home with garlands and their large oak trees with Christmas lights, adding a festive touch to their lovely home. Thank you to the Carlile family for keeping Berkeley beautiful and to Calloway's for sponsoring our Yard of the Month.

Be sure to visit Calloways for all of your gardening needs and view their monthly tips in the *Poobah* to keep your yard looking beautiful!



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