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



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AMY ALLIBON, BPA PRESIDENT

I recently heard Michael J Fox interviewed whilst promoting a documentary about his life on Apple TV. I grew up watching him on the hit TV show, *Family Ties*, and most notably the *Back to the Future* movie series. Fox was never on the teen-idol level of Shawn Cassidy or Donnie Osmond (the '70s version of Harry Styles) but he had his own niche of fans. You would be hard-pressed to find someone who didn't find him universally likeable and, in my opinion, adorable.

Fox has lived very public life in the past thirty-two years sharing his journey through Parkinson's Disease. Diagnosed at age twenty-nine, the now sixty-two-year-old actor and father of four has outlived the

life expectancy of someone with this disease by more than a decade. He has inspired thousands and generated millions of dollars for research.

In a recent interview, Fox was asked how he keeps a positive attitude while fighting such a debilitating disease. He did not hesitate and replied, "With gratitude, optimism is sustainable."

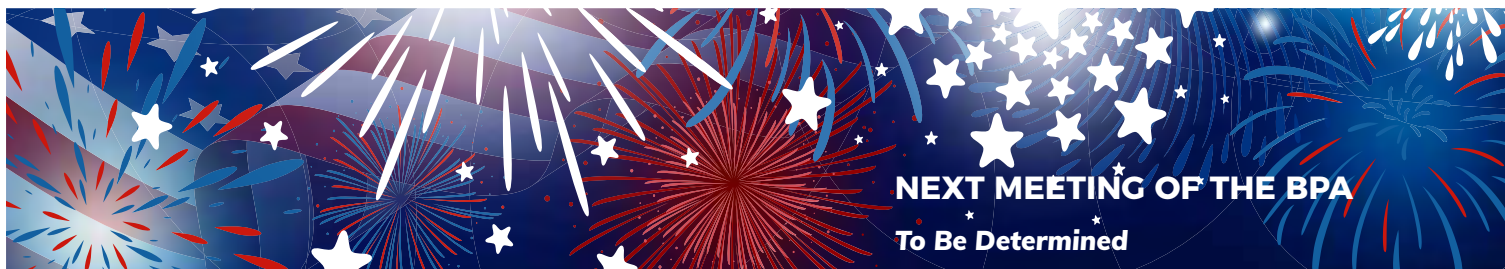
Read that again—with gratitude, optimism is sustainable. What a lesson for us all.

This hit me like a wrecking ball, and those words remain with me like a favorite bible verse or song lyric. When I wake up each morning in

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER (CONTINUED)

this beautiful neighborhood, I am filled with gratitude for the home where Rob and I have spent thirty-two years of our lives together. I am grateful for my neighbors on Park Place who I can call for a last-minute ingredient for a recipe or cat care when we plan a spontaneous weekend away. I am thankful for Ross Douglass and the Summers who loaned me their trucks more times than I can count so I could pick up food at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. I am thankful for the Poeschels who made the Hargrove Memorial Park come to fruition. I am thankful for those who have donated or served at my food pantry—that list is long. I am grateful for the splendor of the white crepe myrtles along Forest Park—have they ever looked this stunning? I am grateful for a rainy June so that my new grass took root quickly and my water bill was low.

I want to thank all who serve Berkeley—my fellow board members; Judy Alter, *Poobah* editor; Annette Stapp Tess who takes care of getting all the ads for the *Poobah* and directory; social

committee members Dee Dee and Danny Byrne, Ashley Dierker, Shelby Ryon, Laurie George, and Leigh Scanlon; Howard Cox, historian, maker of centennial markers, and keeper of BPA Preferred Vendors list; Mary Keller, *Poobah* distribution; Stuart Isgur, security chair; Darien George, Website; Debra Million, Welcome Wagon; Jenni Cole, Yard of the Month; Chris Shipman, Tillery Park liaison; Tess McDonald, membership, directory; and the amazing street representatives who will deliver the *Poobah* in the horrific heat of the Texas summer and not complain. They greet new neighbors, connect them with Debra Million, and decorate lamp poles in December. Some even plan block parties. It takes an entire village to make a neighborhood function, and I am proud to be a part of that leadership with Ross, Steve, Tess, and Maggi. May your July be full of air conditioning, ice cream, and time off from work. Enjoy these days before the kids head back to school, and they are another year older. Those years go by too quickly.



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RECRUITING FOR BPA BOARD AND COMMITTEES

BY ROSS DOUGLASS, BPA VICE-PRESIDENT

Every two years BPA starts the process 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 have one open position for the board and one committee chair.

The following people have indicated interest in running 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). 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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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Book giveaway

Hal Lancaster and two friends, Henry and Luke, held a book give-away Saturday, June 10, with donations accepted in order to raise money for Blue Diamond Recreation, “a non-profit corporation assisting veterans and their families challenged by the effects of war.” The boys collected a wide variety of children’s books over the past year and wanted to raise a little money for a good cause.

kindness and generosity. Founder of Blue Diamond Recreation Bill Arnold called Hal to personally thank him. Hal felt quite cool.



The Saturday morning event was a success. Hal and his friends raised money for a good cause, rehomed many books they love, and felt great doing so. Building the bookstand may have been almost as fun as the concept and event itself for Hal.

A special thanks to neighbors Diana Dean, Traci Storey, Vickie Walker, and Janis Fraser for their



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Hargrove Memorial Park

Frank Poeschel sends sincere thanks to everyone who showed up the morning of May 20th for the Spring Park Cleaning. At least a dozen volunteers weeded and mulched the beds, re-sealed the paved walkways, and mowed and edged. It was truly a team effort!

As we move into the dog days of summer, do you want to belong to a prestigious organization? Are you new to the neighborhood and want to meet some terrific neighbors? Well, the AAMLC (Above Average Median Lawn Crew) is looking for you to help maintain and beautify the Hargrove Memorial Park.

Requirements:

Work two hours one day each month. Frank hopes to create several teams who rotate every four to five weeks to mow, edge, and blow the lawn, weed the flower beds, and empty trash.

Where:

Hargrove Memorial Park

What you need:

Muscles & Gloves

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SPOTLIGHT ON HAO'S GROCERY & CAFE

BY POLLY HOOPER

We recently celebrated a friend's major milestone birthday, and we were looking for something we had not done before. We booked a dinner at Hao's Grocery and Café at 120 St. Louis Ave near Broadway Baptist Church. Hao Tran is our neighbor in Mistletoe Heights and in addition to being a science teacher at Trimble Tech, she operates this business Wednesday through Saturday. She offers unique grocery items as well as cooking classes and special dinners. We enjoyed

pork dumplings, shrimp egg rolls, strawberry and mango spring rolls, lemongrass pork with curried potatoes, and for dessert coffee ice cream with ginger snaps. You can BYOB if you like and she will furnish the glassware. Check out the Facebook page for a list of their cooking classes including ones for kids as well as things like knife skills. The dinners sometimes feature other chefs like the one this summer with French fondue. Dinners are reasonably priced and if the food

is anything like we experienced Saturday night you are in for a treat. Also worth mentioning is Hao's often sells her dumplings at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays in Clearfork.





Recent Berkeley Market Activity

Sold Price: \$840K
Sold Price per square foot: \$326
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Days on market: 47

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THE FOURTH OF JULY

BY JOHN MINNERLY, DVM,
UNIVERSITY ANIMAL HOSPITAL



The Fourth is coming upon us quickly. It is not the favorite holiday for a lot of our pets. It becomes a very stressful time of year for many of them.

The fireworks! The noise! The squeals! The yelling! Many pets have a true phobia to noise. Add the excitement of people watching, launching, and partying, and it can become too much for many.

For pets with noise phobias, the first thing to do is to have a safe place. As sound-proof as possible. Maybe add some white noise or quiet classical music (no *1812 Overture*). Dim lighting helps also. A good comfy bed, a woobie (a stuffed toy, a blanket, a sock, or other item of comfort). Many pets do better in a crate, some do worse.

Medicating even mild anxiety will help keep it from being more of a problem in the future. Supplements help the milder anxieties. There are many on the market with different calming agents. Starting your pet on these prior to the Fourth will increase your success. CBD can be highly variable depending on the manufacturer and on the pet.

Benadryl can be helpful with mild noise phobias. Not only does it provide some sedation, it does also reduce anxiety. A milligram per pound is the recommended dose. It works well in conjunction with supplements.

Some dogs need prescription medications to alleviate anxiety. There are many different medications available. Work with your vet to determine what medication will work best for your pet. Each pet is different and responds differently to the medications. Sometimes it is a trial and error to find what works best.

Some pets do fine with the noise and excitement. They love a good party. They want to participate in the parade. Warning! It is going to be hot. You need to provide plenty of water. They need frequent breaks in the shade, away from the excitement. The pavement is even hotter than the air. Protecting your pets' feet on the pavement is vital. Unless you have walked your pet in the heat on a regular basis, they may be feeling sluggish the next day. They may even have some diarrhea due to getting slightly overheated. If they don't eat or drink the next day, they need to be seen by a vet. If you have an older pet or a brachycephalic breed (short-nosed), it would be best to leave them at home in the cool air-conditioning.

Have a safe and happy Independence Day!



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IN MEMORIAM

Berkeley sends love and sympathy to the family of Micah and Maggie Mitchell on the death of their son and brother, Micah Elias (Eli) Mitchell, who died May 23, 2023. Eli was a football star and a rising senior at Paschal High School. A memorial service was held in the school's stadium, and a funeral at Arlington Heights Methodist Church.

The family has established the Heart of Eli Memorial Scholarship to be given to a Paschal football



team member who portrays the characteristics that distinguished Eli: dedication, perseverance, hard work, academic achievement, and a team-focused mind. Donations to continue Eli's legacy may be sent to: Heart of Eli Memorial Scholarship, 2017 Windsor Place, Fort Worth TX 76110. (Venmo: @heartofelimemorialfund).

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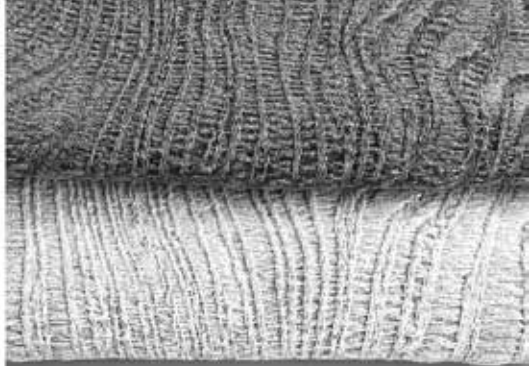
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TIME TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

BY DEBRA MILLION



Amy Kremling suggests an idea for a neighborhood Christmas lighting theme. When they lived in New Orleans, their neighbors made and put up shooting stars in their yards, which were full of full of huge old oaks and maples. Should work well with our lovely old trees in Berkeley.

Some people made them out of PVC and connected strands of white lights—pretty simple and inexpensive. A young man with a bow and arrow and a retired professional baseball pitcher shot a string high into a branch to create a pulley that was used every year to hoist the stars up. Amy suggests someone with a drone could accomplish

the same thing in Berkeley. The tails of the strings were secured to the ground or trunks to create the falling star effects. Driving through the neighborhood at night was breathtaking, according to Amy. Once the strings for the pulleys are in the trees the first year, they don't need to be removed, making it easy to decorate year after year.

Amy cautions that now is a good time to start creating the stars if anyone is interested.



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MIMIR CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR 26TH ANNIVERSARY

BY MARY DULLE

The Mimir Chamber Music Festival proudly celebrates its twenty-sixth anniversary season in 2023, with an exciting series of concerts by renowned professional musicians and emerging artists. Most performances will be on the TCU campus, handy for Berkeley residents.



throughout the festival by outstanding Mimir artists.

Performances are July 5, 7, 11 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. in TCU's PepsiCo Recital Hall, and July 9 at the Kimbell Museum's Renzo Piano Pavilion at 2:00 p.m.

Since its beginning in 1998, Mimir has presented over 200 concerts and has mentored some 500 talented young emerging artists worldwide. Expanding the programming in 2013 added a second week-long festival in Australia, further enhancing Mimir's international reputation as a leading venue for chamber music performance and instruction.

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FORT WORTH REPORT

BY BETSY BOOTH

I recently attended a presentation by Chris Cobler, the CEO and publisher of the *Fort Worth Report*. The *Fort Worth Report* is a news media outlet and 501(c)(3) organization that launched in April of 2021. Its launch was in response to the decline of print media, whose business model has been disrupted by the decline in advertising revenue, the rise of social media, etc. Local business leaders missed the newspaper, but they knew nothing about nonprofit news. A national firm specializing in news nonprofits, the *News Revenue Hub*, investigated what Fort Worth residents believed they needed and were not getting from print media outlets. People didn't feel as connected to their home city as they wanted to be. Shrinking local media was leading to voters who were less well-informed. The *Fort Worth Report* believes that strong local journalism defends democracy.

The *Fort Worth Report* covers city and county government, education, arts and culture, the environment, health care, religion, community engagement, and business and economic development. They have the largest business reporting team in Tarrant County. They won't cover editorial board opinions, political endorsements, daily breaking crime news, national sports, or click bait. Traditionally, journalists competed to get the story first. In nonprofit journalism, it's more cooperative. The *Fort Worth Report* is collaborating with KERA.

Funding is 74 percent from foundations, 13 percent corporate, 10 percent individual, and 3 percent in-kind. They recently received a \$1.1 million grant from the American Journalism Project. The religion reporter starting in June will be partially funded by Report for America. The goal is financial sustainability. They haven't done much marketing so far, but plan to spend more on it.

Fort Worth is not alone in nonprofit journalism in

Texas. Other ventures include the *Texas Tribune*, the *San Antonio Report*, the *Houston Landing*, and *El Paso Matters*.

If you would like to learn more about the *Fort Worth Report*, you can go to their website at fortworthreport.org. There is a "Newsletters" button that you can use to sign up for their newsletters.




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BERKELEY PLACE ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES

BY HOWARD COX

Although there has never been an official archive (that I'm aware of) for Berkeley Place Association (BPA) documents, as historian I have attempted to collect as much information as possible. This includes *Poobahs*, photos, newspaper articles, awards, and general memorabilia, both paper and digital. Bob Adams, Judy Alter, and others have been tremendous resources in providing info, but again, it was all done informally.

So the purpose of this notice is to simply let the neighborhood know that going forward, I will be the official archivist. As archivist, I will collect and maintain BPA historical material, as indicated above, and make it available as needed to the board or the general membership. So if you have any historical BPA information that you've been

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MEET SWEET ZIVA!

BY ROBIN FULTON

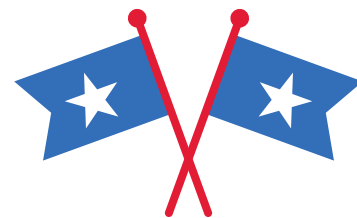


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If you're interested in this perfect lab, apply for Ziva at www.allieshaven.org



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BY TESS MCDONALD

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Berkeley Place	\$720	12	15	80%
Chatburn Court	\$340	7	16	44%
Dartmoor Court	\$130	2	17	12%
Forest Park Boulevard East	\$470	9	19	47%
Forest Park Boulevard West	\$80	2	19	11%
Forest Park Tower	\$270	6	35	17%
Glenco Terrace	\$740	12	32	38%
Hawthorne Avenue	\$1,100	19	34	56%
Huntington Lane	\$1,420	21	35	60%
Kensington Drive / Court	\$310	6	9	67%
Park Place East	\$790	14	34	41%
Park Place West	\$205	3	7	43%
Patton Court	\$280	6	14	43%
Pembroke Drive	\$845	15	37	41%
Rockridge Terrace	\$520	10	33	30%
Stanley Avenue North	\$590	9	29	31%
Stanley Avenue South	\$985	16	31	52%
Ward Parkway	\$1,015	15	31	48%
Warner Road North	\$885	16	36	44%
Warner Road South	\$695	15	33	45%
Wilshire Boulevard	\$935	15	35	43%
Windsor Place	\$1,100	17	36	47%
GRAND TOTAL	\$14,675	251	599	42%

HIGHEST PARTICIPATION:
Berkeley Place
80%

HIGHEST AMOUNT COLLECTED:
Huntington Lane
\$1,420

2023 BPA BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE	DIFFERENTIAL
Poobah Ad Revenue	\$8,220	\$4,475	(\$3,745)
Directory Ad Revenue	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)
Annual Dues Collection	\$20,500	\$15,515	(\$4,895)
Designated Donation July 4	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
Designated Donation October (Pumpkins in the Park)	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
Designated Donation October (Santa Park)	\$500	\$0	(\$500)
2023 INCOME	\$31,500	\$19,990	(\$11,510)

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	\$750	\$0
Annual Due Letter Postage	\$685	\$0	\$685
Berkeley Place Events	\$4,850	\$241.87	\$4,608.13
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	\$4,801.97	\$4,698.03
Zoom Membership 1 yr	\$160	\$159.20	\$0.80
Poobah Newsletter Layout	\$1,300	\$295	\$1,005
Printing—Directory****	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
Ward Parkway/Hargrove Memorial Park	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Misc (new ribbons for light poles, BPA special mailers)	\$300	\$0	\$300
Block Parties	\$1,000	\$600	\$400
TOTAL	\$30,220.74	\$10,865.10	\$19,355.64

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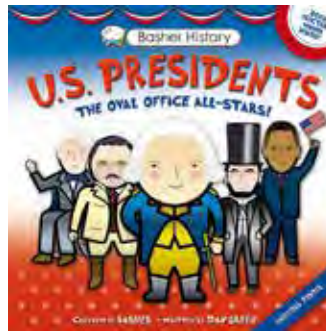
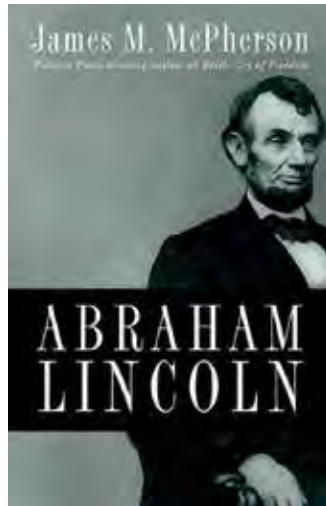
ROSIE'S BOOK CORNER

BY DEBRA MILLION

Since the Fourth of July is coming soon, Rosie's Book Corner has some patriotic books for young readers.

The first is a slim little book, only about 75 pages, by Pulitzer Prize winning author James M. McPherson, titled *Abraham Lincoln*.

It's a short, concise autobiography published in 2009 celebrating Lincoln's 200th birthday. McPherson covers all areas of Lincoln's life, his humble beginnings, his law career, his courtship and marriage to Mary Todd, and his political career culminating in his presidency. The nine chapters are short and suitable for proficient readers. It would be a wonderful book to read together with your children and learn more about our greatest president.



The next book is for younger readers called *U.S. Presidents. The Oval Office All Stars!*

This small square book by Basher Books and written by Dan Green covers all the presidents up to Obama. Each page gives three quick facts at the top, a short description of the life and career, and three more fun facts at the bottom of the page. The facing page has an illustration of the featured president with a quote underneath. Young readers will be learning American history without even realizing it! If your child loves trivia, this book would inspire many patriotic trivia battles!



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 and thanks to Subie Green. She and Phil are moving to Trinity Terrace. Subie has been a big part of the *Poobah* in recent years, having served as chair of distribution and Welcome Wagon chair. Our feature, "Berkeley Cheers," was her idea, and she has more recently been doing occasional profiles of "Berkeley Heroes." The *Poobah* will miss her. I will miss her.

—Judy Alter

Thank you so much to our wonderful neighbors, Howard Cox, Yvette and Abigail Dzurik, and Jeff Pavell who worked together to capture our dog Tippi and return her to our home while we were out of town! (The painters accidentally let her out). The neighbors on Huntington Lane are the best, always there for each other which is one of the reasons we love living here!

—Mary Robinson

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