

THE BERKELEY PLACE POOBAH

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



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

AMY ALLIBON, BPA PRESIDENT

It's a rainy Mother's Day afternoon as I pen this article. I'm relishing the last days of spring that are fleeting as proven by the not-so-gradual increase in temperatures this week. April was beautiful—mornings were cool with low humidity and temperatures stayed in the seventies. The birds at my feeders and the Berkeley Duck-couple blessed my front yard. The dead landscaping that I replaced last spring after the deep freeze of 2021 looks fuller, less juvenile, but my St. Augustine looks stressed despite the appropriate weed and feed in early spring. It's always something with our landscapes, right? My hopes of winning yard of the month have dwindled yet again. I lost to Frank Poeschel last month—who can compete with him? (Congrats, my friend!)

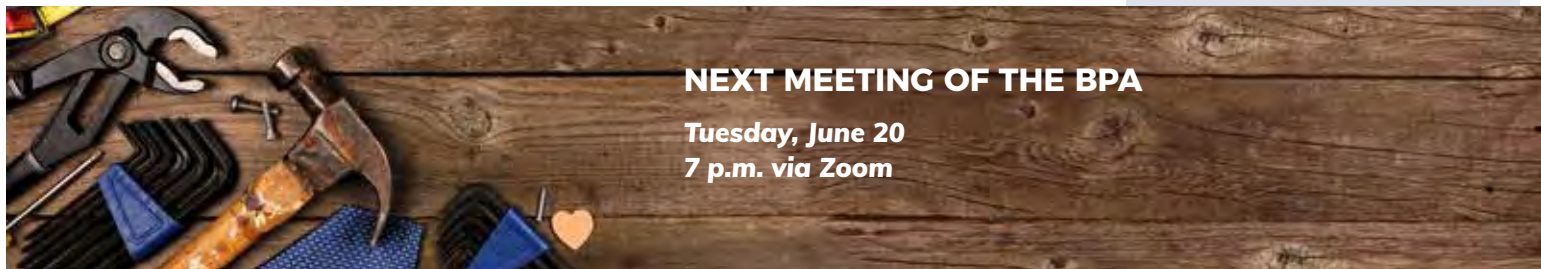
Last chance—update your directory information with Tess McDonald (tessmaster55@yahoo.com) my pronto! The directory goes to press at the end of the month. Steet reps, we have had many new move-ins recently—Pembroke has had two, and Forest Park West one. These are just the ones I have spotted on my daily routes. Please greet your new neighbors, get their directory info, collect their dues, and inform Debra Million (Welcome Wagon committee chair). There is still time for our Berkeley business owners to buy inexpensive advertising in the directory. Contact Annette Stapp Tess at annetestapp@gmail.com. Print-ready artwork is appreciated.

Speaking of dues, would it surprise

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NEXT MEETING OF THE BPA


Tuesday, June 20
7 p.m. via Zoom

PRESIDENT'S LETTER (CONTINUED)

you to know that only fifty-five percent of Berkeley residents pay the voluntary dues? This has been one of the top two surprises in my three years on the BPA board. For \$30, BPA residents receive incredible benefits: twelve issues of the award-winning *Poobah* edited by Judy Alter; the Berkeley Buzz, a monitored email newsletter; a professionally produced neighborhood directory; access to a well-maintained website; four social events for elementary-aged children, block parties, at least one social event for adults each year; an elected and organized board who works tirelessly to keep in contact with city hall and surrounding neighborhoods about issues that impact all of us like zoo traffic, short-term rentals, high-rise developments, Fort Worth Police response, railroad issues, traffic calming, beautiful Tillery and Hargrove memorial parks, and more. Consider what you spend on Starbucks, and then consider helping this beautiful neighborhood maintain the high standards for which it is known. Membership form included in this *Poobah*.

Finally, Councilperson Elizabeth Beck assures me that we are nearing the finish line with the silent railroad crossings at Park Place and Warner and at Windsor and 8th Avenue. The resurfacing of Windsor between Stanley and 8th Avenue will occur after the silent crossing is in place. Railroads are the slowest moving pieces in a city puzzle, Beck says. I did reiterate to Beck that I thought this would happen at some point in the last three years since I have been on the board. This seems an inordinately long time by any standard.

Please attend the BPA Q2 meeting on Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. (via Zoom—see Buzz email and website) to discuss further. If you have any items you would like me to add to the Q2 agenda, email me by June 13. a.allibon@att.net I hope you have vacations planned, books picked out to read while staying in the air conditioning, or you are catching up on the latest irresistible television series. Summer is here!



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

After Berkeley Place Association made a recent financial donation to our neighborhood schools, the presidents of the PTA from Paschal High School, McLean Middle, and Lily B Elementary wrote notes of gratitude for those donations. They mentioned that the funds will be used for the science department, playground equipment, and school grounds.

Your dues are not just used for the wonderful activities we have for Berkeley children and adults but for the benefit of our surrounding schools and the children of our neighboring communities. They go so far . . . so please consider sending in your 2023 dues if you haven't done so this year!



Neighbors, Tess McDonald is working diligently on the 2023-2024 BPA Directory. If you own a business and would like a free listing, please send the information to Tess by June 1, 2023. She needs the business name, resident's name, type of business (what do you do/offer?), phone number, email address, and website (if you have one). Again, there's *no charge* for this listing, and it will be in the printed directory that goes out to the more than 550 homes in the neighborhood.



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Hudson Pavell



*Davis Nichols,
Trinity Valley Lower School*

HIGH SCHOOL



*Sarah Jackson,
Paschal High School*



*Elena Cantu,
Daughter of Matt & Christi Wilson,
Paschal High School*



*Sawyer Tomlin,
Daughter of Sasha & Todd
Blackburn,
Paschal High School*

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!



*Carter Shipp,
Paschal High School*



*Parker Bane,
Paschal High School*



*Cayden Reynolds,
Paschal High School*



*Conor Kilkenny,
Son of Dan Kilkenny & Jennifer Hove,
Paschal High School*

Congratulations!

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES! (CONTINUED)

AND BEYOND



*Ben Shipman,
University of Texas at Austin*



*Ian,
Oldest grandson of Ole Lorenzetti,
Ohio State University,
Ph.D. in Pharmacology*



*Fischer Tomlin,
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THE COLORFUL WHITE FAMILY

BY DEBRA MILLION

There is a busy family of seven at 2233 Ward Parkway, the White family: Dad Hunter, Mom Kate, and five lively children—Bennett, eight, Oliver, six, Jones, four, Ellis, two, and baby Millie who will be one in October. As I spoke with Kate on the phone, a spirited lit-

tle conflict resolution could be heard in the background.

As with many of our neighbors, TCU is what brought this Colorado mountain girl together with a Louisiana beach loving guy. Their first meeting is so wholesome sounding. They

met working on the homecoming float that her sorority and his fraternity were building. Hunter graduated one year before Kate, but once she graduated in 2009, they married in Vail, Colorado. Soon after, they moved to Washington D.C. so

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A COLORFUL WHITE FAMILY (CONTINUED)

Hunter could attend law school at Georgetown University.

After six years of enjoying all the fun restaurants, museums and history of D.C., they decided it was time to move back to the place they met and shared so many happy memories. Besides being home to their alma mater, Fort Worth was just the right place since it's sort of in the middle between Colorado and Louisiana. Both families can visit easily. They first lived close by in Fairmount. Then, needing a larger home for their growing family, moved to a home in Aledo. But Fort Worth was where they really wanted to be and what better place than Berkeley.

They purchased the home on Ward Parkway with every intention of adding to or altering the existing house. Soon they realized that building a new home was going to be more cost efficient and would be better designed for a family of seven. Currently Kate, a former special education teacher, is homeschooling her children. Bennett and Oliver homeschool three days a week and attend a small tutorial school, The Oak, two days a week. While homeschooling has been the right choice for now, in the future Kate realizes some of their children might need a different

experience. Kate emphasized that one of the things that drew them to Berkeley was our excellent public school, Lily B. Clayton, so they have a solid back up plan, just in case.

As you can imagine, five children mean most of the family activities circle around whatever the children may be doing—soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis, or swimming. Family movie nights are one of their favorite ways to spend time together, and the older boys like to play games with Mom and Dad. Family walks are another favorite thing to do, so you may see them walking through the neighborhood with their shaggy rescue dog, Milo. When they do decide to go out to dinner, Pacific Table is a favorite because they can sit outside. The boys love it because it's so close to the trains. They call it the Train Restaurant. Joe T's is another favorite, with the lovely gardens and fountains—a great place to take young ones. They attend Paradox Church that has just finished a beautiful new building on the edge of downtown.

Kate and Hunter said they love the character of Fort Worth and are enjoying getting to know the city even better than in their college days. I love that, the character of Fort Worth. Kate pointed out our city does

have a distinct character, with all types of people from cowboys to businessmen to creative folks, and they all get along and contribute to the unique flavor of Funky Town.

I was happy to hear Kate say that one of the things she loves about our neighborhood is the *Poobah!* I know Judy and Mary will appreciate that! The Whites also enjoy the community socials, holiday activities like the Easter Egg Hunt and the Pumpkin Paint In, and the fact that there are multiple generations all living close by. One thing Kate emphasized is something I know we all feel, Berkeley feels like a traditional neighborhood in all the best possible ways. She says it felt like instant community.

Hunter and Kate have not ruled out adding more children to their family, so seven might turn to eight or more! There is a quote by comedian Jim Gaffigan, himself a father to a large brood,

“Big families are like waterbeds/
you used to see them all the
time./

Now they're just weird.”

If the Whites are considered a weird family, we should all hope to be so weird!



A NEIGHBORHOOD OF LIBRARIES

BY DEBRA MILLION



time. Its brightly colored facade covered by happy people and a small banner urging you to “BEE a Reader!” was painted by art teacher Amber Bailey Perez and fourth grade students.

Berkeley is a neighborhood of readers so it just makes sense that our streets would boast not one, not two, but three Little Free Libraries! The oldest Little Free Library, the Free to BEE! library, is located at 2224 Wilshire, in front of Annica and James Fischer’s home. The Fischers, who are not the original builders of the library, are carrying on the task of keeping it stocked with books. The library was purchased by the previous owners of the house, Pere and Rocio Costa, from the 2012 Lily B. Clayton Silent Auction. It was designed and built by Chris Hazzard who was a Lily B. dad at the



The next Little Free Library is located at our home, 2217 Huntington Lane, and was built in memory of our daughter, Sarah Rose, who passed away tragically in 2018. We opened it on her 28th birthday, July 19, 2021. She was an avid reader from



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THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF LIBRARIES (CONTINUED)



The third Little Library is located in the Hargrove Memorial Park on Ward Parkway. This cheery little lending library is named Henry's Book Shop. It was placed there by proud grandparents, Charlie and Cathy Dierker, in honor of their book-loving grandson, Henry. Bright, friendly horses were painted on it by the eighth graders at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Henry lives at 2401 Warner Road, so he doesn't have to go too far to visit his very own bookshop. He will be in kindergarten at Country Day in the fall.

the time she was young, so I try feature the books and subjects she loved. It was also designed and built by Chris Hazzard to resemble our home. Clark painted it, finished the details, and wired it so it lights up at night. I added three little plastic animals peering out the windows to represent Sarah Rose's favorite pets—her grey cat Indy, our black cat Boo, and our first dog, a schnauzer named Boomer. Unfortunately, a few weeks ago, someone stole the little animals.

Please take advantage of these wonderful lending library locations. Take a book and leave a book. Summer is right around the corner, and it is vital to keep your children reading while they're out of school. It has been proven that children who read for pleasure, outside of required reading for school, are more enthusiastic learners, have higher grades in all subjects, and get along better with their peers and families. Being a proficient reader is the key to success for every child. Happy Reading!



BPA BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

BY TESS MCDONALD

Savings account \$15,027.26

Checking account \$37,377.26

Submitted 5/16/2023

THE HEAT!

BY JOHN MINNERLY, DVM,
UNIVERSITY ANIMAL HOSPITAL



We've reached the time of year that we have to worry about the heat. The old joke, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity," holds true. We see more heat stroke and heat exhaustion in the late spring than we do during August. There are several reasons for this. The humidity plays the biggest part. With the higher humidity in the spring, pets have a harder time eliminating the heat through panting.

If your pet becomes overheated, the temperature the pet reaches, how long the pet stays overheated, how dehydrated they become all play a part of how severe the symptoms become.

Mild symptoms are lethargy, lack of appetite, and muscle weakness. This is due to dehydration along with loss of electrolytes. These symptoms can last up to forty-eight hours.

If the symptoms are worse, there may be muscle spasms, diarrhea, and increased lack of response. At this point, the pet starts to lose the ability to control body temperature. The muscle spasms will cause the body temperature to continue be elevated causing permanent damage.

Eventually, the temperature (over 105 degrees) starts to cause seizures, continuous muscle contractions, heart arrhythmias, bloody diarrhea (due to the lining of the intestinal dying off), coma, and death.

Prompt intervention is important to prevent lasting damage. If possible, get a rectal temperature. Knowing how high the pet's temperature is determines how aggressively to treat the pet. If that isn't possible, going by clinical signs is your only option. If your pet is lethargic, gum color is pink, panting a lot but able to stand and walk around, these mild

symptoms can usually be treated by getting the pet to drink, getting them into a cooler (air conditioned) environment, and wetting their paws. Getting some electrolytes into them helps also.

If your pet is lying down and not wanting to get up, panting heavily, not wanting to drink, and gums are redder, this is more severe, even if your pet is looking around and not having any noticeable muscle spasms. Place wet towels on your pet, wet the mouth, and run water over the feet. As the temperature gets back to normal, the pet will be able to stand up and be more interested in drinking. When more stable they need to be taken to the vet for treatment.

If your pet is poorly responsive, has brick red gums, having seizures, having noticeable muscle spasms/contractions, transport to a vet ASAP while trying to cool the pet on the go to get more intensive intervention as quickly as possible.



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BERKELEY'S OWN MOVIE THEATER

BY HOWARD COX

Long before streaming and long before Blockbuster, there were grand movie theaters. Not like the ones today with six, twelve, or more movies under one roof, but the ones with a single screen, elaborate furnishings, murals, and chandeliers. In the early twentieth century, these magnificent theaters started popping up in downtowns across the country and eventually moved to the suburbs as people migrated in that direction. One such historic theater, the Parkway, stood right outside our neighborhood at 1719 8th Avenue, where Cook Children's Rehab Center now stands. *Note: You may think of our neighborhood as being urban now, but there was a time when we were on the outskirts of the city.*



This photo was furnished by Tom Williams and shows the original façade, before the 1948 remodel. Things to note in the picture are:

- Head-in parking was allowed on Eighth Avenue at the time
- The Texaco Service Station on the corner along with the vintage cars.
- The black rubber stop sign, which was common in that era, was on the street on Park Place. (It can barely be seen on the bottom left.)

The Parkway Theater was truly one of the nicer suburban theaters. It was opened by Interstate Theaters on November 28, 1935 with the first movie being *The Big Broadcast of 1936* starring Jack Oakie, George Burns, and Gracie Allen. It should be noted that the Interstate chain was a major player and, in the forties, also operated the Worth, Hollywood, Palace, Majestic, and Bowie in Fort Worth. The Parkway was designed by W. Scott Dunne who also designed several other theaters throughout Texas and Oklahoma, such as the Arcadia, Texas, and Esquire in Dallas and the Isis in Fort Worth. He also designed the Fair Park Amphitheater in Dallas.

Although the Parkway was a major draw for all ages, in the thirties and forties, it had live Saturday morning stage shows for kids with radio broadcasts and special movies, which made it one of the most popular movie houses among young folks from all over town. In fact, kids could spend a Saturday at the theater with popcorn, candy, and a drink for less than a dollar. Also a streetcar ran along 8th Avenue, so access was easy as well. And remember, this was before Six Flags and water parks seduced us outdoors during long, hot summers.

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BERKELEY'S OWN MOVIE THEATER (CONTINUED)

By 1941, the theater had been sold to Paramount Pictures, and in 1948 it was remodeled by architectural firm Pettigrew & Worley, with a fancier marquee and many interior improvements. Incidentally, Pettigrew & Worley also designed the Ridglea Theater, opening in 1950.



Flyer for the newly remodeled Parkway in 1948. Notice the more elaborate marquee vs the original one in the first picture.

But as malls began to emerge with multi-screen theaters and urban sprawl saw people moving further away from the city centers, the Parkway

Theater played its last movie, *Kings of Sun* starring Yul Brynner, in February 1964.

So, the next time you go north on 8th, imagine this majestic theater in its heyday and what it might have been like to attend a screening there. (Just pull over to the side of the road first.) If you are interested in this topic and would like to delve deeper, I suggest the site <http://www.cinematreasures.org/theaters> as a starting point.

Thanks to Mark Gunderson who put me onto this subject and provided a good start for the information herein.





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CHIP'D COOKIE NACHOS SWEETEN FOREST PARK

BY ERIN EAST

When those sugary cravings overtake the veggie senses in your life, newly opened Chip'd Cookie Nachos (Chip'd) is your saccharine solution! Chris and Kaity (pronounce Kitey) Draper celebrated a soft opening in April when they expanded their original concept of cookie nachos from a food truck to a brick-and-mortar in the former Black Rooster Bakery corner location at 2430 Forest Park Blvd. Cookie nachos are a decadent concept involving two cookie dough options—chocolate chip cookie or un-Chip'd. The small contains six cookies which are cooked fresh taking about five-to-seven minutes. Next, you select your sauces and toppings. Eight homemade sauces range from cheesecake and strawberry preserves to the ever-classic chocolate. Eight toppings include chopped pecans, crushed pretzels and crushed Oreos to tempt your now-growling stomach. Each Chip'd nacho bowl includes a mix of three sauces or toppings; but no one is asking you to show restraint—add all sixteen should you desire!



Our taste test involved one Chip'd with chocolate chip cookie dough, cheesecake sauce and pecans. The cheesecake sauce was delicious and rich but nicely countered by the salty pecans. For the chocoholics out there, we had chocolate chip cookie dough, chocolate sauce, crushed Oreos, and chopped peanut butter cups. I don't think any further blast of flavor description is necessary! The small size was more than enough and was basically our dinner. I think a small could be split if you enjoy but don't crave dessert.



The Drapers are no strangers to the bakery scene, having run a cupcake bakery for ten years before leaving the industry for six years. In October 2022 they started their Chip'd food truck in their native Aledo, where they are raising three sons all under eleven years of age. Within six months they were looking for a store front downtown when they learned of the Forest Park location.

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Kaity and Chris Draper, owners of Chip'd

CHIP'D COOKIE NACHOS SWEETEN FOREST PARK (CONTINUED)



They loved its proximity to TCU, tucked between neighborhoods. They have been keeping the food truck in the Willow Park area, and it is available to be rented for events. They are still working on décor and a new awning to market Chip'd but do offer bright fluorescent t-shirts with their unique slogans such as "Kiss My Cookies" and "Don't Let Your Cookies Go Naked." I put in a request for Chip'd stickers that would sweetly accent my garage fridge and Yeti cooler.

Chip'd is now on Door Dash. If you don't want to wait the five-to-seven-minute cooking time, you can call in or order online. Personally, I say cast away any guilt, walk the half mile from Berkeley, and enjoy your cookie nachos with the satisfaction that it was earned! Let's welcome the Drapers and Chip'd to our neighborhood! Make your next dessert Chip'd Cookie Nachos! info@getchipd.com, 817-304-7611 Hours subject to change, Monday to Thursday 1-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 1-10 p.m.



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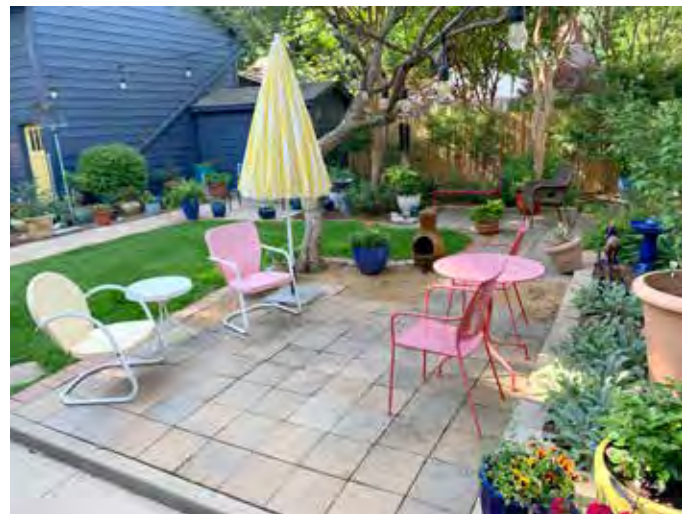


YARD OF THE MONTH

BY JENNI COLE

Congratulations to Dixie and Buddy McIntyre of 2021 Hawthorne Avenue for being our June 2023 Yard of the Month winners. Two neighbors nominated the McIntyres for their beautiful yard.

The McIntyres have done most of the planting after moving in thirteen years ago. In addition to some evergreen shrubs, they planted a Japanese maple tree, several rose bushes and variety of colorful flowers in the front of their home. Their backyard is just as welcoming, with bougainvillea, vinca, blue daze, and other flowers in bloom. Their back yard is a favorite gathering place for the McIntyres and their friends. Dixie explained that the yard was prettier when all of the rose bushes were in bloom (about a week before the pictures were taken), and she shared that the roses will be in bloom again in



a few weeks so if you are out for a walk in early June, add Hawthorne on your route.

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

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 Mary Keller. “I just wanted to tell you how much I have really enjoyed the ‘Who’s teaching your kids?’ articles each month in the *Poobah*. My husband and I have four kids at each of the schools in our pyramid, and I have loved getting to know more about the principals’ histories and personalities. Thank you so much for taking the time to do that!”

—Kate Cochran



Longtime residents Joe and Mary Dulle bid farewell to their house and our neighborhood.

2023 BPA BUDGET

INCOME	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE
Poobah Ad Revenue	\$8,220	\$4,475
Directory Ad Revenue	\$1,000	\$0
Annual Dues Collection	\$20,500	\$8,985
Designated Donation July 4	\$500	\$0
Designated Donation October (Pumpkins in the Park)	\$500	\$0
Designated Donation October (Santa Park)	\$500	\$0
2023 INCOME	\$31,500	\$13,460

EXPENSES	BUDGETED	YEAR TO DATE
BPA Board Insurance	\$744	\$698
Lily B. Auction Donation	\$750	\$750
Middle School Donation 6th Grade Campus	\$325	\$325
Middle School Donation 7-8 Grade Campus	\$325	\$325
Paschal HS Donation	\$750	\$750
Annual Due Letter Postage	\$685	\$0
Berkeley Place Events	\$4,850	\$241.87
SquareSpace—BPA Website	\$337.74	\$358.91
Website Management Fees (Google Workspace)	\$144	\$0
Domain Registry	\$50	\$0
BPA All Adult Dinner	\$3,000	\$1,560.15
Dropbox/PO Box	\$400	\$0
Poobah Printing	\$9,500	\$4,011.01
Zoom Membership 1 yr	\$160	\$159.20
Poobah Newsletter Layout	\$1,300	\$295
Printing—Directory****	\$4,500	\$0
Ward Parkway/Hargrove Memorial Park	\$1,000	\$0
Misc (new ribbons for light poles, BPA special mailers)	\$300	\$0
Block Parties	\$1,000	\$400
TOTAL	\$30,220.74	\$9,874.14

UP FOR ADOPTION: JOEY

BY ROBIN FULTON



rubs. He is doing well walking on a leash and is vaccinated, microchipped, neutered, crate-trained and housebroken.

If Joey sounds like the pup for you, please apply at <http://www.luckylabrescue.com>.

Joey is an absolutely adorable eleven-month-old pup who weighs about forty-seven pounds. He has a gorgeous colored coat and has perfect eye-liner. His foster mom loves watching him play with her dogs and work off his puppy energy. He's terrific with other dogs and adores them. Joey would be thrilled to have another dog in his forever home or access to play with them often. He loves to play chase and tug of war and be rewarded with treats.

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



GROWN UP'S GIDDY-UP PHOTOS



GROWN UP'S GIDDY-UP PHOTOS (CONTINUED)



FORT WORTH DECLARES DISABILITY BOOK WEEK

BY LAURIE GEORGE

Last month the City of Fort Worth officially recognized April 23-29th as Disability Book Week. This recognition invites all readers to become more inclusive with what they read by intentionally choosing books written by disabled authors or featuring disabled characters. The goal of Disability Book Week is to open up a world of literary contributions to better understand, appreciate, and empower the disabled community.

I first heard of Disability Book Week this past fall. As an avid reader, I was excited when I heard about it and vowed to bring Disability Book Week to Fort Worth. First, I visited the City of Fort Worth website and filed for an official proclamation from Mayor Mattie Parker. Then, I contacted the City of Fort Worth library director, our Lily B. Clayton librarian, and the director of library services at Fort Worth ISD. They all agreed to spread the word about Disability Book Week and encourage their librarians to create displays featuring books by and about disabled people. Our LBC PTA supported our librarian by purchasing several new books she wanted to feature in her display.

Finally, Disability Book Week arrived. I appeared at the April 25th city council meeting to accept the proclamation and spoke with council members regarding the importance of services for persons with disabilities. A proclamation may seem like



“just a piece of paper.” However, it is a symbolic way of letting people know that our city recognizes and supports persons with disabilities. Accepting it at a public meeting is one way to bring focus to the disabled community.

Later in the week, Mayor Parker visited Lily B. Clayton Elementary and read three books to a group of students in the library. The director of library services, the director of special education, and the assistant superintendent also came. The first book, *All The Way to the Top*, was about a child who participated in the Capital Crawl, a powerful protest that led to the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Before the passing of the ADA, no federal law prohibited discrimination against people with disabilities. The second book, *My Travelin' Eye*, shared the experience of a young girl with strabismus, and Mayor Parker shared her own family's experience with strabismus. The final book, *Brilliant Bea*, was a story about dyslexia. The students engaged in a great discussion about disabilities they cannot see, often called “hidden disabilities.”



Fort Worth's first Disability Book Week was a huge success! I hope we can build on the event next year by having even more libraries create displays and incorporating several community story times and author visits. If you want to learn more or participate next year, visit DisabilityBookWeek.org.

WEEKEND WARRIOR: FISHING LAKE TEXOMA

BY FISCHER EAST

During March Madness (the NCAA basketball tournament) and spring break my parents took us on a fun weekend to Lake Texoma to go fishing and visit our old Berkeley neighbors who retired to the Oklahoma side of Lake Texoma back in October. Lake Texoma is seventy-five miles north of Dallas. Driving from Berkeley is an easy route on Highway 121 to US 75. I learned a few things about Lake Texoma. For example, it is the largest surface area lake in Texas and has twenty-four marinas leased by the Corps of Engineers. It has 550 miles of shoreline in Oklahoma and Texas.

We rented a cabin with a huge fire pit, trampoline, hammocks, a swing, horseshoe pit, darts, a Wii console, and access to a small creek where we could fish. I stayed in the upstairs loft, my parents stayed in the master bedroom, and my brother had another room downstairs.

Our first night we met Dick Burt and Martha Blessing, our former neighbors who lived at 2111 Warner for nineteen years. We were neighbors for eleven years of those years. We would watch Martha's cat Jax, and she would watch our big mastiffs. We miss these neighbors and were excited to have dinner with them at Grandpappy's Marina, which is on the Texas side of Lake Texoma. We had so much fun hanging out with them.

On the first day we hung out as a family and watched Purdue men's basketball, TCU men's basketball, and then my favorite team played the University of Texas. That night we had a big fire in the fire pit. We cooked hot dogs and made s'mores. I jumped on the trampoline a lot. We took our dogs with us, so you can find cabins that let you bring your pets.

Sunday morning was our last day and our fishing

day. Fishing was an early experience! We had to arrive at 7 a.m., and it was the first day of daylight savings, so we lost an hour of sleep, and the fishing captain told us the wrong time! A whole hour early! It was okay, we still had a lot of fun. We were fishing for striped bass. Lake Texoma, a saltwater lake, has the largest population of striped bass outside of the ocean. Minerals wash into Lake Texoma from the Red River basin. It is actually called the "Stripper Bass Capital of the World." The lake has lots of different types of fish--stripper bass, white bass, largemouth bass, common carp, and spotted bass. The boat ride to our fishing spots was cold but still fun. It took a while for us to catch a fish but every now and then we would catch a few in a row. After a while me, my mom, and my brother all caught several fish and were just waiting for my dad to catch one. He was getting bites but just couldn't catch it. We caught a total of fourteen striped bass. After fishing we had to pick up our dogs and drive home. I jumped on the trampoline one last time before we went home. On the way home I took a nap and played on my iPad. We froze all our fish but left out a couple to make ceviche. I love ceviche. My mom combined a couple recipes and I want to share the recipe that was so good. That was my fishing experience at Lake Texoma. www.laketexoma.com

Fischer East is a freshman at Arlington Heights High School. He is part of the FFA program and looks forward to his courses on wildlife management.

My Mom's Ceviche

½ red onion, thinly sliced with the grain

2 teaspoons kosher salt (or more for taste. I LOVE SALT)

¼ teaspoon black pepper

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WEEKEND WARRIOR: FISHING LAKE TEXOMA (CONTINUED)

¾ cup fresh lime juice (4-6 limes) freshly squeezed, try to use ripe limes

1-2 garlic cloves finely minced

1 fresh serrano or jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped (more for personal taste)

1-pound fresh fish, stripper bass, sea bass, red snapper, halibut, tilapia, mahi mahi, whatever fish you like

¼ to ½ cup cilantro

1 cup diced tomatoes

1 cup lemon juice and 1 cup lime juice to pre-marinate the fish

Avocado to put on side of plate

Instructions

Marinate the fish in 1 cup lemon juice and 1 cup of lime juice for two to three hours, up to seven. Drain fish. Mix red onion, salt, pepper and lime juice. Add fish, garlic, peppers, cilantro, tomatoes and garlic. Let the mixture marinate for 30 minutes or an hour before you eat. Eat with tortilla chips and salad.



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COMING OF AGE ON WARD PARKWAY IN THE 1950s

BY LINDA BLACKWELL SIMMONS



Ben Dyess – 2217

On a recent warm afternoon, my stroll took me down Ward Parkway, one of Berkeley's loveliest streets. During previous walks, I stopped by the Hargrove Memorial Park but never took the time to read every stone. That day, I did. Some of the memories were dedicated to people I know, some I did not know. But one particular engraving caught my eye—"Kids in the '50s on Ward Pkwy" followed by four boys' names—nostalgia captured my attention. It was then I decided I had to at least try to find these four "boys"—perhaps see their faces, hear their voices, and match a story to their youth. Four boys who grew up a few houses apart seventy years ago—the tales they must have. The boys and their respective 1950s street addresses:



Philip Schutts – 2034



Ronnie Cooley – 2026



John Tucker – 2030

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COMING OF AGE ON WARD PARKWAY IN 1950s (CONTINUED)

Three of the four maintain deep roots here, having remained in Fort Worth. One, Ronnie Cooley, who relocated to Weatherford at some point, passed away last year.

All four attended Lily B. Elementary, McLean Junior High, and Paschal High. Ben's grandfather, E.E. Dyess, was McLean's first principal, and he remained in that position for twenty-two years.

"John, Philip and Ronnie lived next door to one another on the north side of the street," Ben said. "My house was on the south side and backed up to the creek. This creek became our 'hangout.' We went there to catch frogs and crawdads. Then a few years later it became our hideaway where we escaped to smoke the Lucky Strikes and Camels we confiscated from John's house."

"On occasion we would walk down Warner Road which at that time terminated just south of Ward Parkway," Philip added. "It was there a very large field opened up, our entry to the railroad tracks where we would go and watch the trains—of course, unbeknown to our parents."

The parkway was our athletic field, mainly baseball," Philip said. "Horseshoes was another feat we tackled, a hole in the ground, our target."

"We all had very cool red, blue, green, and black Schwinn Corvette bikes," John adds. "With playing cards on spokes, we would ride them up and down the sidewalk on the south side of the street as well as down to the zoo. There we would stop long enough to enjoy snow cones and ride the carousel cars, boats, and airplanes. Our parents never worried about us crossing Forest Park."

All three remember the roar of the lions and elephants both day and night. And each vividly recalls the 1954 escape of Pete the Python from the Fort Worth Zoo. Some sources say he was eighteen feet long. A month passed before he was found.

"We all had our family dogs—John a black Labrador named Iggy, Ronnie and Ben both had collies named Lassie and Prissy, and I had a mixed Airedale collie named Bourbon. Bourbon's claim to fame was winning second place in the *Star-Telegram's* 'ugliest dog' contest," Philip told me. "Back then, everyone on the parkway considered neighbors their family. Doors were always open. If parents wanted their kids to come home, they would open their front door and yell their name 'time to come home.' John's dad was the best at yelling."

"As we grew a little older, many Saturday mornings we would walk to the Parkway Theatre on 8th Avenue at Park Place to watch one of the many Saturday serials," John said. "The theatre opened in 1935 and closed in 1964. One of our favorite walking destinations was Tillery's Grocery Store on Forest Park and Huntington Lane where we would shop for comic books and Big Reds."



"Then suddenly we were teenagers, and we each finally got our long-awaited driver's license. One of the funniest memories, but not so funny at the time, was the evening John and I snuck his mother's '58 Chevy out of the garage minutes after his parents left to go to the rodeo," Ben recalls. "We picked up our dates and, while out, a heavy snow fell. How do we get the car back in the driveway without leaving tracks in the snow? We knew we had trouble coming."

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COMING OF AGE ON WARD PARKWAY IN 1950s (CONTINUED)

Ben recalled the morning of the JFK assassination in November 1963. He and a friend cut school that morning and went downtown to see the president give his last speech at the Texas Hotel.

“For the most part our friendship has continued for years,” Ben said. “Ronnie is gone, and occasionally, John and I see Philip. John and I have remained best of friends for . . . seventy-two-plus years, each being the best man in the other’s wedding . . . Oh, how much fun it was and how fortunate we were as kids to grow up on Ward Parkway. Wonderful memories!”

And my research comes full circle when I discover that John Tucker has a daughter named Leigh. And Leigh married a man named Steve. And Steve is a past president of Berkeley. And they, Steve and Leigh Scanlon, are my nearby neighbors on Windsor Place. And, Ross Douglass, our VP and president-elect, is John’s cousin.



Ben, John, Ronnie at the Paschal 50th reunion, at Angelo's.

ROSIE'S BOOK CORNER

BY DEBRA MILLION

Since it's summertime and baseball is being played from T-ball to the major leagues, I'm featuring a great baseball themed book, *Wait Till Next Year* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Goodwin won the Pulitzer Prize in 1995 for her book, *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*. She's been called America's "Historian in Chief" for her in-depth but very readable books on LBJ, Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, and many others. But



this time out, she has written a bittersweet and warm memoir about growing up during the post-war years and her deep love for her family and the Brooklyn Dodgers. This was a time when players played for the same team and teams stayed in the same city for years. More than players, the members of the Dodgers seemed to be a part of her life and her community. When the Dodgers leave for Los Angeles in 1957, it marks the end of her childhood in more ways than one.



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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

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