

Bomber Heights

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Bomber Heights Neighbor- hood Association General Membership Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018

7:00pm Meeting

**Agape Baptist Church
3900 Southwest Blvd**

Choir Room

Guest Speakers

**Amy Albrecht
Unit Supervisor
Ridglea Library**

Tabitha Butler

**Community Engagement Liaison
Communications & Public Engagement**

Hello Bomber Heights!

The month of May is now upon us. This month has two holidays to celebrate: Mothers Day (May 13) and Memorial Day (May 28).

Did you know: You can find out what's going on in our city by accessing fortworthcity.gov? The site has useful info such as planned events, meetings, departments, etc.

Need to have a garage sale? Go ahead have it. No permit required due to the city approving a no permit required until October 2018. Then the decision will be made to extend, do away with it or go back to requiring it. I hope they do away with it!

Also want to emphasize the importance of the phrase "If you see something (suspicious) say something. You can contact our Neighborhood Police Officer (Marion Collinsworth) at 8178519627. You can leave a voicemail if he is unable to answer your call.

Oh don't forget Mayfest May 3-6 @ Trinity Park. I would not be surprised if a storm passes through otherwise it would not be Mayfest!

Thank you board, committee, volunteers, and association members for your help and support, which is vital to our success and outreach to our neighborhood.

John Barcenas - President of Bomber Heights Neighborhood Association

The Purpose of Bomber Heights Neighborhood Association

To encourage the active involvement of residents by promoting, enhancing, and solidifying the quality of life in our Bomber Heights community, through social, educational and charitable endeavors.



From the
“Green
Thumb”
Guy...

I WAS PONDERING WHAT TO WRITE about this month. Well, lo and behold, my inspiration came from this month’s yard of the month. Those of you that have heard my various thoughts and opinions know that I am not normally gung ho on lots and lots of flowers everywhere. I tend to lean towards different foliage textures and colors to do the job of drawing the eye to a focal point (the front door for example). Don’t get me wrong, there are many important uses for color of all kinds in the landscape. Sometimes though it’s easy to get a little carried away with annual color, which can get a little “busy” looking. Always remember that simple and balanced can be just as effective a way to get the wow factor in your landscape. The home that I chose this month always has a tasteful arrangement of seasonal color in front that you just can’t help but admire each time you pass by. I catch myself eagerly wondering which flowers will be next up as the different seasons change. Now that just goes to show you that even li’l old me can certainly admit that, well, lots and lots of flowers are pretty awesome after all. I might just have to make a trip to the local nursery and pick up some flats of blooming beauties for my own flower beds!

~ Steve McCoy

Please send your nominations for Yard of the Month to:
bomberheightsna@gmail.com

Yard of the Month



MARK’S PLACE HAS BEEN THE SOURCE of many of our Bomber Heights Yards of the Month and this month is no exception. Every time I drive past this home, I’m always inspired by the flowers, manicured shrubs, and green lawn. Rows of colorful annuals in alternating colors lead your eye to the front door which is surrounded by different styles and colors of pots, each brimming with tropicals and annual flowers. The rich, green lawn is the perfect welcome from the street to the front door. A tasteful and welcoming design is what helped make this month’s Yard of the Month such a special one! Thanks to our neighbor on Mark’s Place for doing his part in making Bomber Heights such a special and beautiful neighborhood!

~ Steve McCoy

“People in Trees; Horses on Roofs”

FORT WORTH MEMORIES



LONGTIME BOMBER HEIGHTS residents, James and Lolly Pinkston, moved into their home on Aberdeen Drive in 1954, and have been married for 69 years. James met his bride, Lolly Pinkston, while he was stationed at the now closed Lake Charles Air Force Station in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1946. He transferred to Fort Worth later that year and began working at the Consolidated Aircraft manufacturing plant. Lolly soon landed a job at the plant, as well, starting her new job in early May, 1949 and they both helped build B-36 Peacemakers.

The newlyweds rented a small, fully-furnished house on the corner of Isbell and Rockwood, just down the hill from White Settlement Rd, near the West Fork of the Trinity River, for just \$10 a week, all utilities paid. Lolly's mother and father and her 16-yr-old brother came to visit the newlyweds in early May of 1949, staying in a motel that used to stand on Camp Bowie Blvd, not too far from where the couple lived.

During the night of May 16-17, nearly twelve inches of rain fell on the upper Trinity River basin in Fort Worth. The Trinity River flooded over its banks and the waters rose as high as the second story of the old Montgomery Ward building on West 7th St, in what many consider to be the worst flood in Fort Worth's history. Headlines read "People in Trees, Horses on Roofs" and the Star-Telegram reported that the West 7th Street Bridge “trembled” as floating houses smashed into its pilings.

There were no TVs back then, so Lolly and James went to work that morning, not knowing that the backwash from the flood was heading in the direction of their new home. Fortunately, Lolly's parents saw the rising waters and did what they could to try and protect the newlyweds' belongings. They pulled out all the drawers and set them on top of the dresser, hoping to keep the contents of the drawers dry, and then they had to leave for higher ground as the water continued rising.

"When he got out of the boat, the water came to his neck."

When James and Lolly got off work, they were able to make it as far as White Settlement Rd, a block from their home.

"I remember being on White Settlement Road and there were rowboats parked there and we could see down below where it was flooded. James left in a boat, and rowed to our house. When he got out of the boat, the water came up to his neck. He waded into the house where the water was as high as his armpits."

The couple stayed with an aunt that first night, not knowing what their future held. But immediately, families all over Fort Worth volunteered rooms in their homes to the thousands of people who were displaced by the flood.

"The Red Cross found us a place on Colonial Parkway in the servant's quarters of the home of Dr. Brisco. We were able to stay there a month until we found another apartment." The Red Cross estimated that thirteen thousand people were made homeless in the flood of 1949. (Fort Worth's population was about 270,000 in 1949.) Schools, churches, Will Rogers Coliseum, Carswell all became shelters for refugees. The state rushed ten thousand units of typhoid vaccine to Fort Worth. Nine people died as a result of the flood.



It was a rough start to their marriage, but they persevered as people do when things are hard and all seems lost. In 1954, they bought their house on Aberdeen Drive and moved to Bomber Heights, which was known then as Ridglea West Addition. For the last 67 years, they have lived here, raised their family here and have held the history of our neighborhood in their hearts. James and Lolly have been faithful members of our neighborhood association since its beginning and we appreciate them and are grateful to them for their support. Bomber Heights Neighborhood Association is proud to call James and Lolly Pinkston our "Neighbors!"

Today I learned that the "Air Force One" call sign was created after a 1953 incident during which a Lockheed Constellation named Columbine II, carrying President Dwight D. Eisenhower, entered the same airspace as a commercial airline flight using the same flight number.

From Jarrod's Desk

“Taking Back South Z Boaz Park Update”



HELLO FRIENDS! WE ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER to finding out how our association fared in the bidding war for the CDBG grant. Thank you to our President, John Barchenas, and members Teresa Pearson, Mary Stevens and Lloyd Tunstill for joining me at City Hall on Wednesday April 18. I know that it's hard to make the trip down to City Hall with busy lives and traffic. Your attendance showed the Fort Worth Advisory Council that there is community support for the project. I really appreciate you showing your BHNA pride!

I gave a three minute elevator speech on the validity of our park project and answered questions from the Fort Worth Advisory Council. At this particular meeting, besides other projects being presented, there were three other park projects presented by the City of Fort Worth. When asked by the board which project has priority, Joel McElhaney, with the Parks Department stated that they are all worthy projects and that he couldn't rate them in order of importance but he said that the BHNA project is a good one and he and the parks department fully support us.

We are so happy and grateful that Joel gave such a positive endorsement of our project during his time to speak. It has been great working with Joel and FW PARD. Thanks Joel for the shout out! We look forward to further collaboration with you and your team.

The Fort Worth Advisory Council will be voting on May 9, 2018 on the projects they will recommend to the City Council for funding and the level of funding. I believe the City Council will be voting in June to formally adopt the recommended projects. Keep your fingers crossed that we are one of them!

If you are wanting to get involved with the project in any capacity, feel free to give me a call direct at 817-731-2228.

Kind Regards,

Jarrold Roecker

“The ‘Taking Back Z Boaz South Park’ campaign to raise funds for a playground and other much needed amenities for the Bomber Heights neighborhood is a worthy cause that has my full support.”

Brian Byrd

District 3 City Councilman

Library Series Focuses On Family Law For The Aging

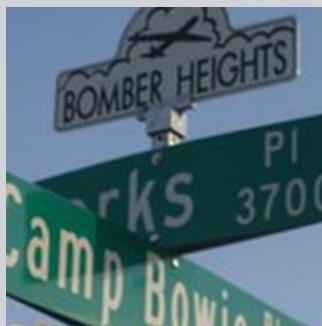
Upcoming presentations will help residents understand family law as it pertains to the aging and elderly.

The Fort Worth Library, in partnership with the Tarrant County Bar Association and Texas A&M University School of Law, will present “Family Preparedness: Elder Planning”:

3-4 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 7.

The seminar will be at **Ridglea Branch Library**, 3628 Bernie Anderson Drive. The program is offered at no cost.

The presentation is part of a continuing community education series on legal issues presented by the Fort Worth Library. Aging people often face complicated issues related to finances, property, medical care and retaining their own rights or assigning responsibilities to others. This program aims to explain not only basic rights, but also legal processes.



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