

Bomber Heights

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Bomber Heights Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018

7:00pm Meeting

**Agape Baptist Church on
Southwest Blvd**

**Guest Speaker
Suzy Fisher
Luella Merrett Elementary
School
PTA President**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Bomber Heights!

Welcome to April 2018.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 16 April 2018 @ ABC (Agape Baptist Church on Southwest Blvd) and will start @ 7pm.

Our scheduled speaker is Suzy Fisher, the president of Luella Merritt Elementary School's PTA. Our meet 'n greet is at 6:30 p.m.

This past month volunteers took to the streets and gathered signatures for our petition to present to the city for a grant to Improve our park. Volunteers also passed out door hangers.

Kudos to all our volunteers and all of our residents who signed the petition. Thanks to you all!!

Our March meeting was held @ Archie's Gardenland where our very own Steve McCoy held a Q & A session for those in attendance. We also had some new members sign up. Woooo hooo!

There is lots to be done in the next few months.

Our website is www.bomberheights.org so please check it out if so desired, and tell your friends and neighbors. After all this is what we are about: Neighbors helping neighbors!

Hope to see you at the April meeting.

John Barcnas - 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.

Please send your nominations for Yard of the Month and Fort Worth Memories stories and/or pictures to Ftwwgirl1949@gmail.com



From the “Green Thumb” Guy...

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Hello to everyone! I hope you're having a terrific spring and now that the weather is finally warming up, it's time to think about our outdoor plant friends. Another one of our neighbors is also thinking about our landscape plants as well...a slow moving, slimy critter. The menacing mollusk (a.k.a. snail) that is hiding among your flowers seems innocent enough but can wreak havoc on many of our favorite plants. The good news is that there are several ways to get them under control. If you're not too grossed out just go out and pick them off your plants (slimy hands await you) and drop them in a bucket of soapy water. There are several bait products available and they're quite effective. Be careful to read the label as the baits can attract your pets as well. Organic controls usually contain some kind of a "salt" and are generally pet friendly. A jar lid with a little beer attracts them and they die a slow but happy death. Placing eggshells, pecan shells, or some other rough material on the soil surface discourages their crawling and they move on. Try to remove any large rocks, scrap lumber, or old unused pots that can be favorite hiding spots. These are just some of the ways that can help you rid your flower beds of hungry snails and slugs...now if you'll excuse me, I have to go wash my hands!

~ Steve McCoy

Yard of the Month



Congratulations to our neighbor on Lyndon for being this month's Yard of the Month! One of our members nominated this yard and I wanted to check it out. The lawn is a manicured, lush, dark green, courtesy of cool-season ryegrass. Two Pear trees flank the sidewalk and Dianthus add a touch of color to the front bed. Wrought iron decorations and a bench with two weather-proof pillows prove that great touches to your landscape don't always have to be plants. As summer approaches, the tree rings and containers will be full of hot weather annuals ready to show off their best. Thank you to our great neighbor for doing your part in making Bomber Heights a beautiful and colorful neighborhood!

~ Steve McCoy

Today I Learned that the first color television broadcast in Texas was seen at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth on May 15, 1954!

Fort Worth Memories

The Ridglea Hills neighborhood where I lived during part of my childhood presently has two lakes, as it also had when I was growing up. One is Luther Lake, most notable where Clayton Road West becomes Clayton Road East at the bridge/dam between Rowan Dr. and Brants Ln. This lake is a common “Oooh” and “Ahhh” spot around Christmas when everyone rubbernecks along Clayton Rd. to see the lights reflecting upon the water. The lake is barely noticeable to people driving along Rowan and Brants, because the lake is in the back yards of homes facing these streets. Bal Lake is even more unseen to most passersby. It shares backyards of people living in a block bordered by Bal Lake Dr., Clayton Rd. West, Angus Dr., and

Chickering Rd. I remember walking down CRW and Chickering on my way to school at Ridglea Hills Elem. and seeing swans on this lake and I used to go fishing there as a child.

I also remember when I was young that Ridglea Hills had one more lake before the neighborhood was developed from ranch land. The third lake was located near the intersection of Vickery Blvd and SW Boulevard (Now 183 then 217). The barn that stood across from there for many years had the words Arabian Stud written in huge white letters across the roof and during recess sometimes we would go pet the horses even though we were forbidden to go near them.



~ Luther Lake at Christmas, picture and story submitted by Bomber Heights resident, *Mark L. Stevens*

Today I Learned that Nichelle Nichols planned to quit her role as Lieutenant Uhura on “Star Trek” after the first season to pursue her dream of a Broadway career. She was convinced by a huge fan of the show to stay on for the sake of representation of black females in media. That fan was Martin Luther King Jr.



From Jarrod's Desk

“Taking Back South Z Boaz Park Update”

Hello friends! As many of you know, the Park Improvement Committee has been busy at work for the last year formulating a plan for improvements to South Z Boaz Park to include a playground for the neighborhood children and much more.

I am pleased to say that we have some good momentum after many meetings from our volunteers, presentations to FW PARD, city council member Bryan Byrd and the Neighborhood Relations Office.

We have submitted a grant application for a Community Development Block Grant, which is a federal grant administered through the City of Fort Worth. We are hopeful for some significant funding for our park improvements that will improve the quality of life in Bomber Heights from this grant.

Please keep your fingers crossed that we get this much needed funding and 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

BHNA Park Improvement Committee Co-Chair

“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
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Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering or have ideas to share. There will always be a place for you!

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Perfect Pasta Salad



INGREDIENTS

1 (1 lb) box [tri-colored pasta](#)
2 cups chopped [green peppers](#)
2 cups [diced tomatoes](#)
1 1/2 cups chopped [red onions](#)
1/2 lb cubed [provolone cheese](#) (optional)
1/2 lb sliced pepperoni
1/2 cup sliced [black olives](#)

DRESSING

3/4 cup [extra virgin olive oil](#)
3/4 cup [red wine vinegar](#)
1/4 cup [sugar](#)
1 tablespoon [oregano](#)
1 teaspoon [salt](#)
1/2 teaspoon [pepper](#)

DIRECTIONS

Mix together dressing first and set aside until sugar is dissolved completely.

Cook pasta according to box directions and rinse under cold water until cool.

Slice the sliced pepperoni circles in half and separate slices.

Mix together with pasta and chopped items, except the provolone cheese.

Pour dressing over it all and mix well.

Chill well.

Add provolone cheese to salad just before serving, otherwise it gets soggy.

You may have to add extra red wine vinegar or olive oil to get it to the desired consistency. Some people like it moist, others on the drier side.

~ *Genius Kitchen*

<http://www.geniuskitchen.com/recipe/perfect-pasta-salad-27221>

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