

HISTORY

The Bluebonnet Hills neighborhood lies approximately four miles southwest of the Fort Worth Central Business District. Referred to as Bluebonnet Place by the current neighborhood association, it is part of the original grantee's, Elijah Sutherland, 1864 Survey. The neighborhood surrounds Bluebonnet Circle and extends north to Berry Street.

The 165.5 acres included in the Sutherland Survey were platted in 1929. This acreage is divided by University Drive, with development on the western side beginning in 1930.

Stadium Drive, on the western boundary of Bluebonnet Hills was originally platted as Edgevale Street in early 1929. Further north, the same street was platted as Archer Street. When the Texas Christian University football stadium was built on that street later in 1929, the street name was changed to Stadium Drive.

To the east of University Drive, along Park Ridge, Cockrell and Greene, some homes were built in 1928 and 1929, but most development took place when the Bluebonnet Hills Development Company began work in 1932.

L. H. Wentz and John J. Harden of Oklahoma owned another portion of this land, which they began developing in 1945, and completed in the early 1950s.

Berry Street, the northern boundary of Bluebonnet Hills, was not paved by 1929, and the city limits only extended to mid-block. The entire area was annexed by the city in 1937.

Deed restrictions in Bluebonnet Hills specified that homes must cost at least \$3,500 at the time of construction.

NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

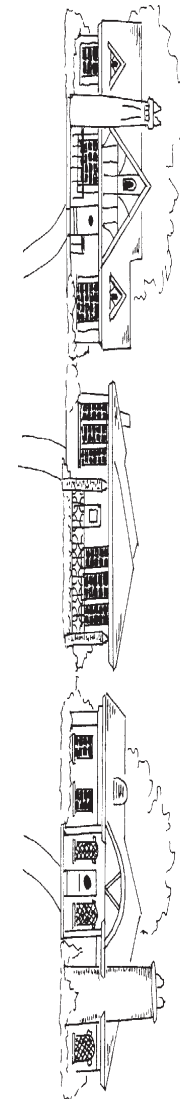
Prominent architecture in the area includes prairie bungalow and Tudor cottages. The homes

are primarily one story, many constructed with brick and stone or frame with siding. The neighborhood has sidewalks. There are some apartments and duplexes. Along University Drive and Berry Street and on Bluebonnet Circle there are commercial businesses.

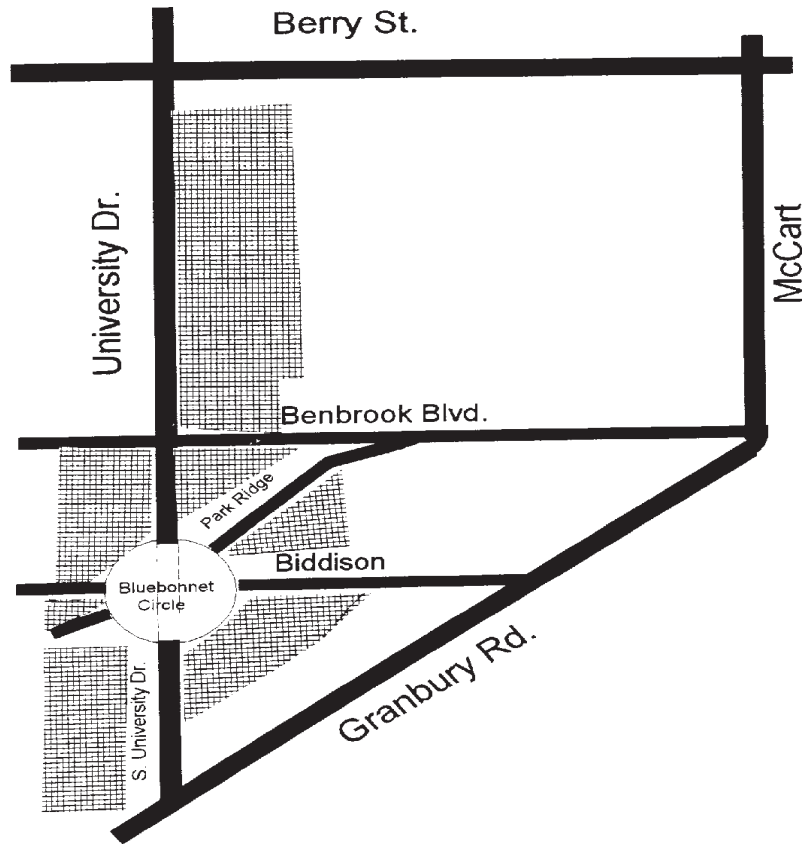
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Bluebonnet Hills #1 Neighborhood Association in the Bluebonnet Hills Addition covers only the area to the east of University Drive. Activities include a crime watch program and in some blocks a newsletter. One of the main purposes of the association is to beautify Bluebonnet Circle, using only plants and trees popular in the early 30s when most of Bluebonnet Hills was developed.

Bluebonnet Place Neighborhood Association extends west of University Drive and has several activities, including a newsletter.



BLUEBONNET HILLS
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SCHOOLS

Elementary

Lily B. Clayton, 2000 Park Place, 817-922-6660 (North of Benbrook St., East of University Dr.)

Westcliff, 4300 Clay Ave., 817-922-6850 (South of Benbrook St.)

Tanglewood, 3060 Overton Park W., 817-922-6815 (North of Benbrook, West of University)

Middle

W. P. McLean, 3816 Stadium Dr., 817-922-6830

High School

R. L. Paschal, 3001 Forest Park Blvd., 817-922-6600

OTHER INFORMATION

Nearest Fire Station: 3501 South Hills Ave., 817-871-6800, emergencies: 911

Nearest Medical Facilities: Baylor All Saints Medical Center, 1400 Eighth Ave., 817-927-6102

Nearest Post Office: 2600 Eighth Ave., 817-924-0673.

Nearest Grocery Shopping: Berry Street and Westcliff Center

Nearest Mall: Hulen Mall

Nearest Park: Forest Park and Bluebonnet Circle

City Council District Number: 9

School District Number: 5

Voting Precinct Number: 1298

FORT WORTH FACTS

History: Fort Worth was established as a frontier army post in 1849, and named for Gen. Wm. Jenkins Worth. The outpost became a stopping place on the Old Chisholm Trail and a shipping point for great herds of cattle being sent to northern markets.

Population: 700,000

Land Area: 293 square miles

Altitude: 670 feet above sea level

Weather: Normal sunshine averages 250 days a year

Average mean temperature: 65.5 F

Annual avg. precipitation 29.46 in.

Medical Facilities: 46 hospitals

Education: 66 elementary schools, 19 middle schools, 12 high schools, 13 special education schools, 11 major private and parochial schools, 9 college and university campuses

Libraries: 1 main library with 1 regional library and 9 branches

Museums: 11

Parks: 9,026 acres

Churches and Synagogues: more than 910 with 45 denominations

Communications: 1 daily newspaper, 2 weekly papers, 10 TV stations plus cable.