

## HISTORY

Because of the similarity of homes, close geographic proximity to each other, and connected history, the Colonial and Bellaire neighborhoods, located four miles southwest of the Fort Worth Central Business District, are grouped together.

The Colonial Hills Addition is set around Country Club Circle, and is part of the 1856 Anthony B. Connor Survey. Between 1856 and the mid-1930s, much of this land was used as a dairy farm. In 1936, J. Marvin Leonard, one of the well-known Leonard brothers of Fort Worth, took much of the land he had acquired in the area and built Colonial Country Club. Some of the land east of the country club had been platted in 1929.

South of Colonial Hills, and west of Texas Christian University, is the Bellaire neighborhood. Originally part of the 1870 H. H. Edwards Survey, most of the land was divided into lots in 1926 and developed by Bellaire Estates. Land owners at the time included

Marvin and O. P. Leonard, as well as U. M. Simon, for whom the street Simondale is named.

As part of the 1868 Wade Hudson Survey, the land along Bellaire Drive North was owned by Fred Hammond in 1926. This land was inherited by Hammond from Edwin T. Phillips, and was originally platted into small lots in 1926, but was replatted in 1929 to become the TCU football stadium.

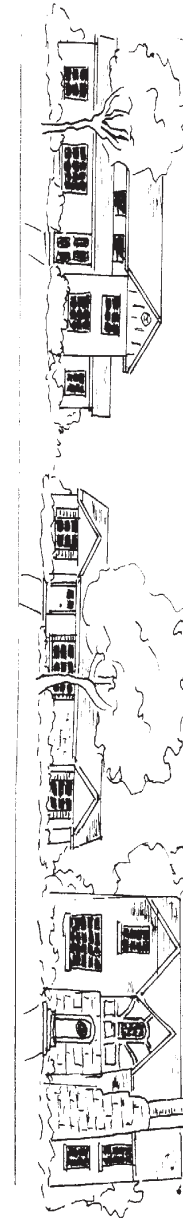
In 1923, the City of Fort Worth developed the Worth Hills Golf Course in this area. In 1962, needing more campus space, TCU's President, Dr. M. E. Sadler, made a trade with the city. He agreed to pay a large sum for the golf course so that the city could buy land near Benbrook Lake for a municipal course, if the city would pay an equal sum to make a boulevard around the new campus. This boulevard is now part of Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive South.

Both the Colonial and Bellaire neighborhoods were surveyed for platting by Brookes Baker, a surveyor in Fort Worth since 1880.

## NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

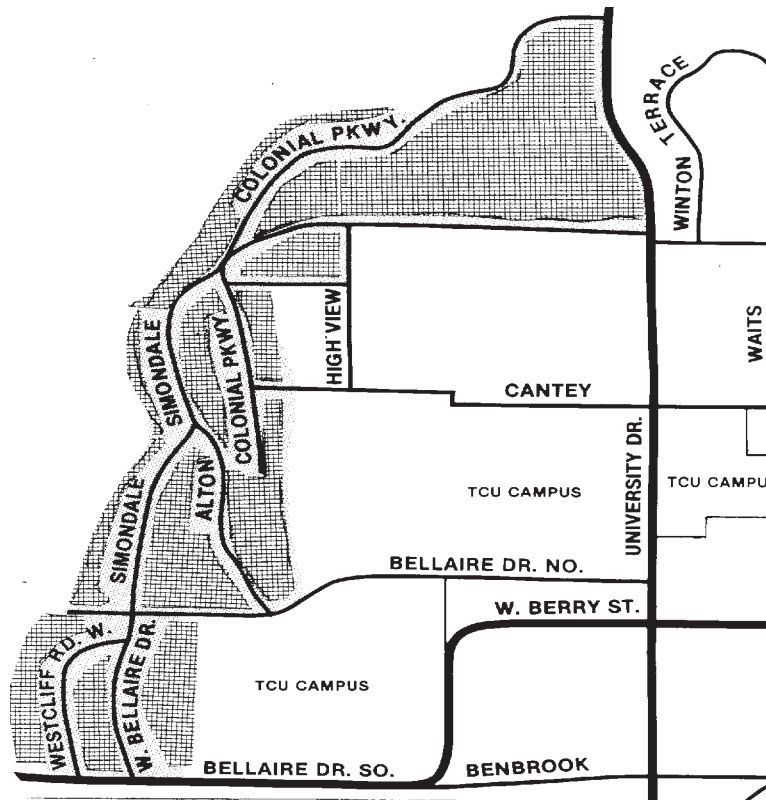
Large two-story Colonial, Spanish and Tudor style homes dominate the Colonial and Bellaire neighborhoods. These styles mix with ranch-style homes along Simondale and Alton Road. At the southern end of these neighborhoods, these designs are set among prairie cottage style homes. Many of the homes in this area are made of stucco or brick, and many also have tile roofs and basements.

The streets are curving, following the contours of the land. On Simondale, bluff lots overlook a spectacular view of the river valley and Fort Worth's west side. Many of the Colonial Parkway lots have views of the club's golf course.



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## SCHOOLS

### Elementary

Tanglewood, 3060 Overton Park W., 817-922-6815

### 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: Trinity River Station, 4450 Oak Park Lane, 817-926-3497

Nearest Grocery Shopping: Westcliff Center

Nearest Mall: Hulen Mall

Nearest Park: Forest Park

City Council District Number: 9

School District Number: 5

Voting Precinct Number: 4095 (Colonial area), 1081 (Bellaire area)

## 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.