

HISTORY

The Park Hill neighborhood is located three miles southwest of the Fort Worth Central Business District overlooking the Fort Worth Zoo and parts of Forest Park. Its streets are circular, outlining the bluff above the Zoo. They all terminate on Park Hill Drive at the southern edge of the neighborhood.

It is included in two surveys. Most of Park Hill lies within the 1864 S.A. & M.G. Railroad Survey, owner of most of this land at the time, and the 1860 Gouhenant Survey. Much of the land in this survey was sold to the City of Fort Worth in 1909-1910 to form Forest Park and the City Zoo.

The Fairmount Land Company began general development in 1926. W.C. Guthrie, along with William C. Bryce, the president of the company and later the Mayor of Fort Worth, began developing Park Hill in 1926 with building permits for \$12,000 homes with at least nine rooms and tile roofs. By 1928, fifty homes had been built at a total cost of \$1,250,000.

This addition soon became the home of many prominent Fort Worth professionals, oilmen and city leaders. The *Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey*, published by the defunct Tarrant

County Historic Preservation Council and now owned by Historic Fort Worth, Inc., lists 22 homes in this area as historically significant and possible candidates for historic markers. The neighborhood entrance gates, street lights and tile street name insets in the curbs are also mentioned as being historically significant.

Period street lights were added to Park Hill in 1927, and were updated in their original form by the City of Fort Worth in the early 1980s.

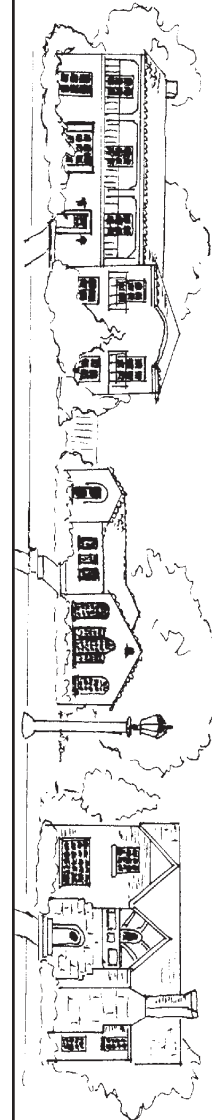
In 1915, Mrs. Ida Turner, a Fort Worth artist and postmaster, convinced the Fairmount Land Company to contribute two and one-half acres, later increased to six acres, of Park Hill for the building of a children's hospital. Located at 2400 Winton Terrace West, the land extended to University Drive. Much of this land was used for raising cows, chickens and fruit trees for children in the hospital.

The Federated Women's Club of Fort Worth and various building trades, in conjunction with the prestigious architectural firm of Sanguinett & Statts, designers of Thistle Hill, donated their services towards the construction of the Fort Worth Free Baby Hospital.

Building was interrupted by World War I, but was finally completed in 1918. In 1923 a second story was added to accommodate children over five years of age. After the Fort Worth Children's Hospital was built on Pruitt, the Fort Worth Free Baby Hospital was abandoned and destroyed in the late 1950s. Newer ranch style homes now occupy this area on Winton Terrace West.

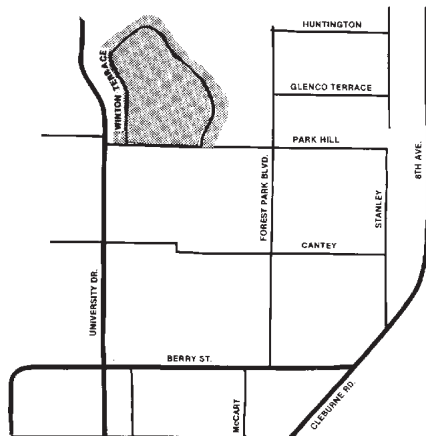
NEIGHBORHOOD DESCRIPTION

Gates and a low brick wall mark the entrances to the circular streets of Park Hill. The majestic homes include styles of Spanish architecture and Tudor Revival among others. Joseph Pelich, a noted Fort Worth architect of the era, designed many of the homes in Park Hill. Most of the older homes are two story, many with basements, with the newer additions being one story. New houses have been built in recent years going back to the older two story styles. Sidewalks, old style street lights and large trees add elegance to the area.



PARK HILL

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The neighborhood association in Park Hill is an active one, governed by a Board of officers and members at large, usually representing each street, and supported by dues from each household.

ACTIVITIES

A committee monitoring City Hall has fought to remove the billboards along University Drive at the western edge of the neighborhood, and has successfully negotiated the replacement of streets lights and the Park Hill Dr. bridge to remain with the old appearance.

Other activities include a Christmas Home Show, Fourth of July Parade, Halloween Party, Christmas Ladies Luncheon, Security Patrols and the sale of note cards and tablets printed with a design of the gates on them.

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SCHOOLS

Elementary

Lily B. Clayton, 2000 Park Place Dr., 817-922-6660

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: 1301 W.

Rosedale, 817-871-6800, emergencies 911

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

Nearest Post Office: 2600 8th Ave., Berry Street Station, 817-924-0673

Nearest Grocery Shopping: Berry Street

Nearest Park: Forest Park

City Council District Number: 9

School District Number: 5

Voting Precinct Number: 4095

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.