



Quick Bits

NOTICE:

Don't miss our May Mistletoe Heights Association Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, in the Lilly B. Clayton Cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

May Calendar

- May 15 - Armed Forces Day
- May 18 - MH Association Meeting
- May 27 - FWISD Last Day of School
- May 31 - Memorial Day

Did You Know?

The Canary Islands are named after what animal? The dog. The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs.

Do You Have New Neighbors?

If you have new neighbors or know of someone new to Mistletoe Heights, please report them to Joy Teague at 817-923-2330. Thanks.

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Easter Bunny Makes Grand Entrance at MH Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to those who planned and helped set up Newby Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had a great turnout and the Easter Bunny was gracious enough to pose for a few photos with future egg hunters.



Friends of Newby Park Pavilion

Join our list of "Friends of Newby Park Pavilion". Buy an engraved brick and become a permanent part of this worthwhile and enduring neighborhood project. See Page 4 for application blanks and information. Below is our expanding list of people who have bought bricks. Let us add your name to the list.

- Robert & Patsy Slocum (5)
- Steve & Kathy McReynolds
- Anne E. Swenson (4)
- John & Lorri Kendrick
- M. Thielman & Betty Arvin
- Bruce Border
- Jim McDonald
- Barry & Lysta Haynes (3)
- L.M. Hilgart
- Norman R. Stemple
- Wm. & Anjannette Butler
- Kyle Carr
- Martin & Gay Herring
- William C. Parrish



May Yard of the Month

Picking the yard for the month of May was a little harder this time because there were quite a few to choose from. We have chosen 2236 Mistletoe Avenue. This is the home of Roger Ross and Leslie Smith. You won't be able to miss this wall of climbing roses on the curve of Forest Park Boulevard. The many colors complement each other as well as the perfectly manicured lawn.

As you're driving to and from your daily routine, this yard is sure to make your day a little brighter.

Happy Planting,
DeDe Barth, Becka Elbert & Celia Jones



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Paschal High School Orchestra

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome, fellow Mistletoe Heights resident, Margo Hudson to the Paschal High School Orchestra for the 2004-2005 school year!

For the past few years, the Fort Worth Independent School District has had a tremendous growth in their music departments. Many more students are choosing a music elective, thanks to the incredible teachers at the elementary and middle schools. A result of their dedication and long hours is the huge incoming class at Paschal for the 2004/2005 school year.

Paschal Orchestra has been winning sweepstakes awards for several years in a row at UIL competition. This means that we have received a Division 1 rating on stage and sight-reading; all thanks to the incredible talents of our members and to the talent, dedication and leadership of Mr. Haberkamp.

The Paschal High School Orchestra performs private performances as a means of fund raising. Quartets, chamber orchestras and the full ensemble may be utilized. For information contact Mr. Earl Haberkamp (school phone 817 922-6600 or home phone 817 579-8293). Or you can contact Carrie Johnson at 817-926-9776 or 682-561-9776.

Of course, all donations are greatly appreciated. So, please keep us in mind when planning your next event and show your support for the orchestra and for the younger residents of our neighborhood!

Britanni Johnson, harpist at PHS and MH resident

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Happy Gardening,
Patsy Slocum



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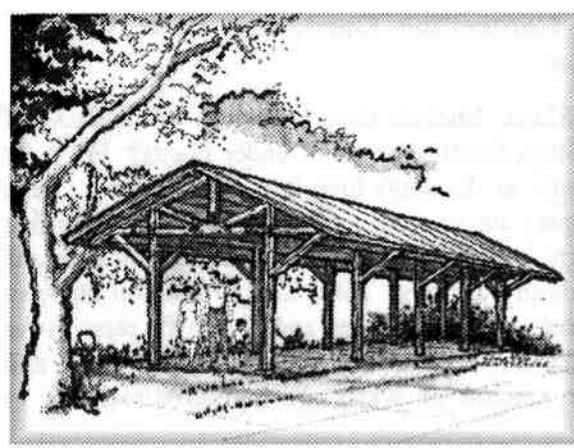
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Calling All Friends of Newby Park



The **Newby Park Pavilion** fund-raising campaign is in full swing! With an estimated budget of \$40,000 in construction costs and an additional \$10,000 for enhancements, fund raisers such as the sales of engraved bricks and a computer laptop raffle will be conducted. We are also soliciting corporate sponsors and support from the City's Park Department. We know you'll want to be a part of this worthwhile and enduring neighborhood project.

This pavilion is for you and your family's enjoyment. With your help, these two innovative fund-raisers will get the pavilion project ball rolling.

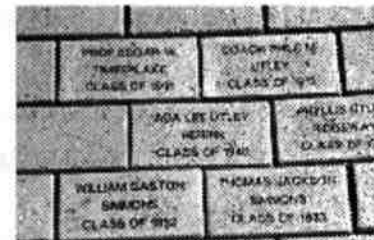
LAPTOP COMPUTER RAFFLE

Who couldn't use one? Purchase a chance to win a Dell laptop computer for only \$25 per ticket. Hey, the odds of winning are super! Tickets sales began at our MH meeting on February 10. Enter as many times as you wish. For tickets email name, address and phone to carrk@charter.net or PHSFtW@aol.com.



PERSONALIZED ENGRAVED BRICKS

Be a part of the pavilion and posterity! Purchase a personalized engraved brick for \$100. What a great idea for any friend of Newby Park. Engrave names of family members, friends - even pets. The tokens of love and remembrance are limitless, and it will be there for generations to come. The bricks will be displayed in or around the pavilion. All brick purchases are considered tax-deductible donations.



Engraved Brick(s) Application:

Please print your message(s) below to include up to 3 lines of text with a maximum of 13 letters per line per brick. **Make checks payable to:** Friends of Newby Park, and mail to: 2218 W. Rosedale St. So., Fort Worth TX 76110.

Brick #1

Brick #2

Brick #3

Brick #4

Want to order more bricks? Questions? Call 817-923-5510.

Letter from the President

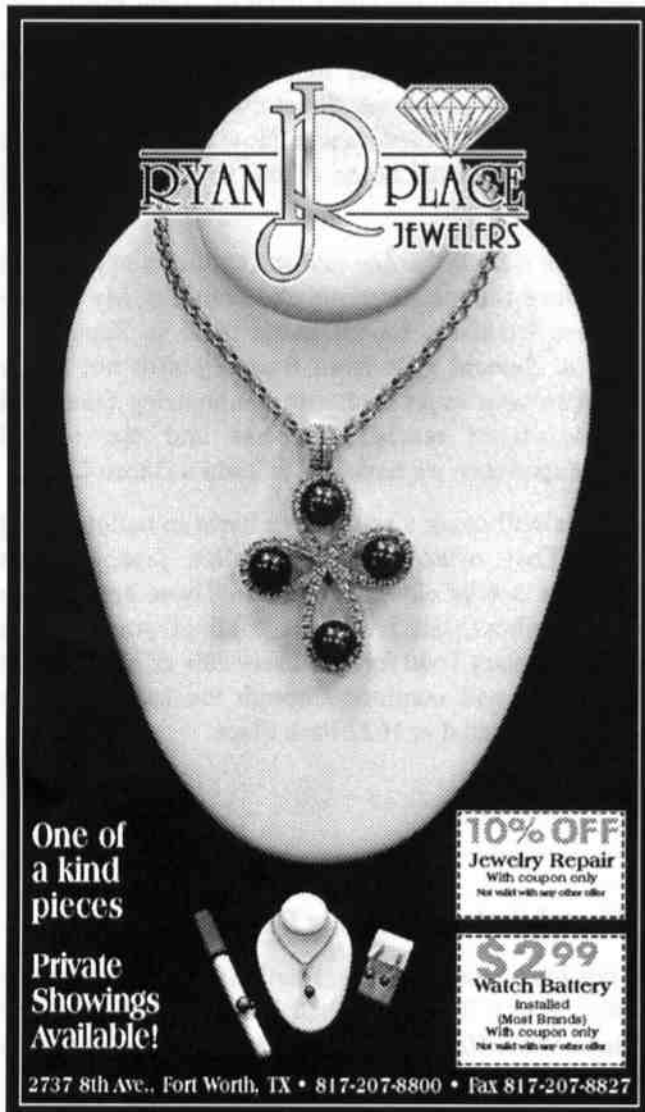
Some things change and some stay the same. Kids still love to play in the park, but the playground equipment they use has been through a lot of changes. That's what several of your Mistletoe Heights neighbors learned when we met Mr. Randall Harwood from the City to discuss the funding of the improvements in Newby Park. It seems that there are not a lot of choices we get to make on how the money is spent, and we do have to wait our turn to get it. But the "Playscapes" that will eventually be installed are high tech, using the latest materials and designs to prevent injury to children on or near them.

This got me to thinking about my childhood, where a broken arm seemed as common as a loose tooth. Those were the days before bicycle helmets, child car seats didn't exist, and if you put on a seat belt you were in an airplane. I rode in the car as a small child standing in the front seat next to my mother, whose arm automatically reached out to hold me back as she came to a stop, this being the only restraint between me and a dashboard made of steel thicker than a Hummer's bumper.

What is considered irresponsible behavior today was the norm back then, but it's not that we're being overly protective. We have learned more, and realize that precautions are worth taking to preserve life, health and property, and even if we have to use some of that hard-earned money to do it, it's a wise investment.

So take a look around and see what needs to be done. Prune that dead tree branch, caulk that crack, and fasten that seat belt. It will be time well spent to insure that you and your house are around to enjoy the summer.

See you in the neighborhood,
Jeff Gibbons



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New Mistletoe Heights Email Account

I have formed an email group for Mistletoe Heights on Yahoo! Groups. It is a free service that enables us to send one email that will reach the entire neighborhood. This is good for lost dogs, and last minute notices about upcoming events. It also is a place we can put reminders, or residents can meet and chat about anything. The website is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mistletoeheights/>. We can post pictures, like of the Easter egg hunt or 4th of July parade. Each person wanting to be part of the group needs to go to the website and sign up. **I request that no one use the group for solicitations or advertisements.** Let me hear from you if you think this is a good idea or not. My email is Lori@ftworthhomes.net and my phone is 817-923-4673.

Lori Gallagher

Todd Edson's Park Place Dance Center

I would like to let our neighborhood know about a great dance center just down the street from us. Todd Edson was a neighbor of mine for the last 11 years over in Fairmount. Many of you may remember him from the cover of the Southwestern Bell telephone directory several years ago. He is a skilled and talented dancer. Now he has opened his own studio which is the home of the Bruce Wood Dance Company.

They rehearse during the day and the studio is open to the public for classes in the afternoon and evenings. My 7-year-old daughter, Madison, started ballet there in September. She loves it. Several girls from Berkeley also are in her class. I am so very impressed with the amazing talent and professionalism of teacher she has and the overall wonderful experience we have had at Todd's Dance Center.

I believe this will spark a life-long interest in ballet for my daughter. They offer classes in ballet, jazz, creative movement for 3-4 yr olds, and Pilates. Those are just the ones I know about, but I encourage all of you who are interested to contact Todd for a full schedule of classes. I do know that they will continue through the summer. The dance center is located at 1622 Park Place.

Lori Gallagher

Long-Time Mistletoe Heights Resident Dies

One of our long-time residents, Frank Stones, passed away on Sunday, March 28. Frank had lived at 1141 Mistletoe Drive since 1969. He was 99 years and 8 months old when he died. He was a great old guy, and we will miss his sharp mind, which he kept until the very end.

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