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Letter from the president

Hi Neighbors,

By the time this edition of the newsletter get to your door, we will have had our annual potluck supper at Lily B. I hope you were a part of it.

Our Easter Egg Hunt had to be canceled due to rain. It was probably going to be the largest ever in attendance due to the tremendous work and effort invested by Wyatt and Joy Teague. Their dining room table was covered with cartons of eggs! What a shame the hunt didn't come to pass.

It's beginning to green up, and more and more people are taking advantage of the weather to stroll the neighborhood. Our next event will take place April 23-24 when the Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Garage Sale occurs. There will really be lots of people strolling our streets looking for bargains and treasures. Don't forget that each household participating must have an individual garage sale permit.

We've got some money in our bank account that could be used for a project or two. Please submit ideas to me, Tom Richey or Alex Blanton by e-mail or phone.

See you around the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE APRIL 23-24



To request a permit online, go to www.fortworthgov.org/development/permit/garsale.asp Permits may also be picked up at the Municipal Building, 1000 Throckmorton, 817-871-7851.

March 30, 2005

Friends,

Your calls, letters and emails had the desired results. Representative Anna Mowery requested a second Public Meeting to discuss the proposed Concrete Batch Plant at Forest Park and Vickery, and the TCEQ granted the request. It has been scheduled for April 28th at 7:00 PM at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School Auditorium. Wendy is most appreciative of your efforts.

It will be very important for all of us to show up and to speak about our concerns regarding this Plant. Obtaining a Contested Case Hearing may be contingent upon how well we articulate those concerns at this second Public Meeting.

Our office will be back in touch with you as we approach the April 28th date. Until then, thank you for your efforts. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions.

Thank you,

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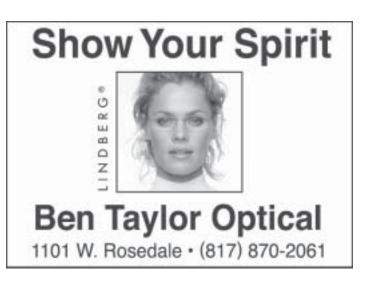
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Feline Leukemia

by Mike Windsor

I finally caught the cat with the hurt foot last night, and took him to my vet this morning. Unfortunately, the cat tested positive for the array of feline leukemia diseases. Since the prognosis for the cat was not good, I made the sad decision to have him put to sleep.

This incident provides a lesson. Many of the feral cats may carry feline leukemia. The disease does not affect humans, but is contagious and usually fatal to cats. Infected cats do not always have symptoms. Even with extraordinary medical care, infected cats typically live only 4 - 5 years.

Since the life span of an outdoor stray is usually 4 - 5 years, the disease problem may not be readily apparent. An outdoor cat who is a pet has a longer life expectancy, and an indoor cat can live 10 - 15+ years. If you have outdoor cats who are pets, you need to get them vaccinated for feline leukemia and related diseases. The vaccine is not always effective, but significantly reduces the possibility of the diseases. The vaccine is usually given in an initial dose, with a follow-up approximately three weeks later. (In contrast, the rabies vaccine is usually an annual vaccination.)

Even indoor cats need the feline leukemia vaccination if they have contact with outdoor cats (for example, rubbing up against door or window screens).





Animal Control

Recently, a neighbor called me concerning a dog she had seen while walking her own dog. On her way to Newby Park, she saw a large yellow Lab sitting in an alley off Jerome. He did not respond to her calls. On her return trip, it became evident that the dog was wounded. She called me and after calling the City of Fort Worth Animal Services, we met to wait with the dog while an animal control officer came out.

The dog looked like he had been swimming in the river, was very dirty, but still had on a faded green collar without tags. He was skinny, and listless. We offered food and water, and he stood up to eat with great difficulty, showing a front left leg that appeared broken.

In the poor shape he was in, and after inhaling the food, he came up and lowered his head to be petted. He was someone's pet, who knows how long ago. The officer showed up and loaded him into her truck. The rules say that they can only offer anti-inflamatory drugs for the first three days while waiting for the animal to be claimed, then they will determine if the animal can be treated successfully and offered for adoption or perhaps will need to be euthanized.

The point of this story is to let everyone know that the **City of Fort Worth Animal Control** has officers available **seven days a week**.

If you see an animal in distress, please help by calling **Fort Worth Animal Control**, **817-392-3737**, Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If there is an **after-hours emergency**, such as a stray animal hit by a car, you may call the **police**, and they will get in touch with Animal Control.

Please get a specific address before calling. If possible, contain the animal while waiting for Animal Control.

Trap, Neuter and Return

We are happy to say more stray cats have been successfully trapped, neutered and returned to their "homes." Some of these former wild cats have become tame. The 2200 block of West Rosedale South recently trapped a few of the problem stray cats, had them neutered and then returned them to their "turf." These cats will not only stop fighting the "pet" cats on their block; more importantly, they will also not be producing more unwanted animals. The trapped cats are vaccinated when they are neutered, helping prevent the spread of disease to other stray and pet cats. Residents on Mistletoe Drive have successfully trapped and returned more than a dozen cats.

If you would like a humane solution to the problem of stray cats near your home, please call me. We have four Hav-a-Heart humane traps donated by Mistletoe Heights neighbors. Canned mackerel works like a charm for attracting cats to the trap, and for a nominal, your hungry stray will have a brighter future while not adding to the unwanted animal population. This price is only available for the stray and feral cats.

We do accept donations to help cover the costs for the stray cats. Certain area vets donate their services at a greatly reduced fee in an effort to reduce the exponential possibilities of leaving the strays to breed.

This program has been operating in Fairmount now for several years and has drastically cut the numbers of unwanted cats. Please call if we can help you with a stray cat problem.

I will show you how to set the traps; then when you catch a cat, call me and I will pick it (them) up and transport it to the vet. The cats are usually ready to return the same day, as they use 'blue glue' rather than stitches. If a cat is diseased or injured, it may be necessary to have it euthanized. To help identify the treated strays, one of the ears will be "tipped."

Please remember to have your pets spayed / neutered and vaccinated.



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Garbage Talk

Fort Worth residents must follow city rules for setting out garbage, recyclables, yard trimmings, brush and bulky items for pickup. Rules are designed to keep the city looking clean, prevent litter and allow workers to do their jobs without injuring themselves or damaging your property. Residents who don't follow the rules may receive a courtesy notice, a notice of violation or a citation.

- Courtesy Notice: A courtesy notice is a flier or brochure containing general information about the city's trash program or a planned service change. City employees, the city's contractor Waste Management or neighborhood volunteers may give courtesy notices, which carry no penalty. Courtesy notices are meant to make residents aware of the rules and provide information.

- Notice of Violation: This is a warning that

something is wrong and needs to be corrected. City code enforcement officers issue the red notices of violation to identify problems and give residents a period of timeusually 24 or 48 hours-to correct them.

Examples of violations include placing garbage bags

outside or on top of the brown garbage cart, putting garbage or other nonrecyclables in the blue recycling cart, failing to remove carts from the curb on time, storing carts where they can be seen from the street in front of the home or placing bulky items on the curb outside of your designated bulky pickup week.

- Citation: Residents who do not take action to correct violations will receive a citation, or ticket. A misdemeanor citation can carry up to a \$2,000 fine per violation per day. A citation is pink and is delivered in person or by certified mail. Instructions on the back indicate residents must either pay the fine or appear in court within 11 days of the citation date.

Generally, residents would receive a notice of violation before receiving a

citation. However, for gross violations, code officers may issue a citation immediately.

- Garbage Bag Sticker: Code officers place a bright orange sticker on each garbage bag left outside or on top of the brown garbage cart. The sticker indicates that a garbage bag outside the garbage cart is in violation of city ordinance, your water account has been charged \$10 for collection and disposal of the excess bag, and provides instructions for pickup of the bag on your next garbage day.



Garbage bags are not allowed outside the cart except on certain holidays. To view garbage holidays visit www.fortworthgov.org/dem/ new_garbage_holidays.htm and when residents use special, pre-paid bags known as Pay Bags. For additional information on Pay Bags visit www.fortworthgov.org/dem/ news110104b.htm.

Residents who follow the

rules for setting out their trash have nothing to worry about. If you have questions about the rules or any other trashrelated issue, call 817-392-EASY (3279) or visit Environmental Management's web site at www.fortworthgov.org/dem/index.htm



Garage Sale Time

For all of those who inquired about the neighborhood garage sale, it is scheduled for Saturday April, 23 and Sunday April, 24. The following weekend (which is the last weekend of April), is normally when it is held but we changed the schedule so as not to conflict with Mayfest which is indeed April, 28 through May, 1. If you plan on taking part in the garage sale make sure that you obtain a city permit. There is no charge and it can be done by telephone at 817-871-7851.

Garage Sale Guidelines

Before setting out your garage sale treasures, residents should be aware of city codes affecting garage sales (in order to avoid a citation).

- Only two per year are allowed

- A permit is required at least 72 hours in advance. For a FREE permit call 817-392-2222, or go to www.fortworthgov.org/development

- New items purchased for resale are prohibited

- Only one sign on your property
- A maximum of three days long

- merchandise should be in a confined area, not all over the property

(Don't wipe out your garage sale profits by receiving a code violation and subsequent fine!).

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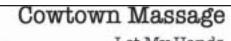
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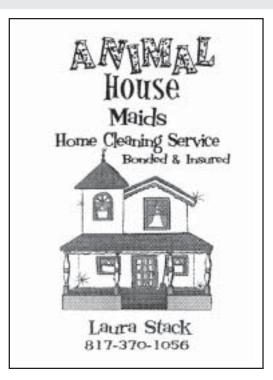
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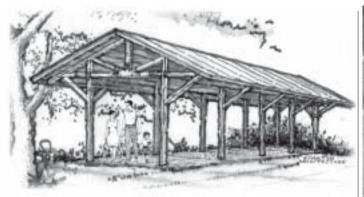
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Thanks to you, the Newby Park Pavilion is on its way to becoming a reality.

We are happy to say that Elizabeth Anna's Old World Garden has completed a landscaping design plan for Newby Park. It was presented it at our last committee meeting, and everyone was pleased with the design. We now are submitting the plan to the City Park Department for their approval. They may be able to provide some "in House" help for us regarding materials and plants. John Key has been actively soliciting larger donations from individuals and corporations, and our goal in this area is \$10,000. When this amount is pledged, we can start construction. We are still taking orders for engraved bricks, but this will cease when construction starts.



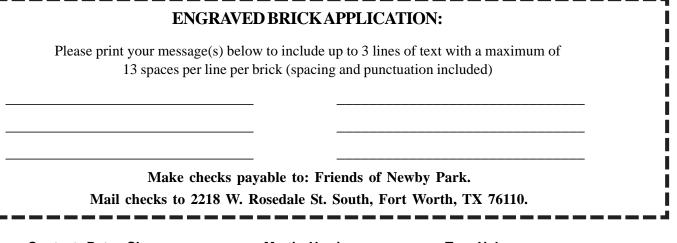
OUR GANG?

Fresh gang activity was recorded on Buck Avenue on Saturday, March 19. An undercover agent of the Mistletoe Heights Gang Prevention Agency (MHGPA) was able to approach the seven-member gang and capture this picture.

"At first they would not tell me the name of their gang." said the agent. "They shrugged shoulders, they said the gang had no name. Then they threw some scary names at me, like "the raptors," the "hoola-hoops," "the Shrieks. "They didn't seem to agree on anything. One suggested the gang should be named after that dinosaur with seven horns, but could not remember what it was called. After going through dozens of dinosaur names, one finally guessed: "TRICERATOPS"? "Naaaa! they all said, that wasn't it, not scary enough.' Then the seemingly youngest one suggested "Lucky." "Yeah, 'Lucky'," echoed the rest of the gang, as they settled on the most unlikely name of all: the Lucky Gang.

The agent has been unsuccessful in decoding a suspicious hand posture that three of the members are displaying on this photograph. Any information on this matter should be addressed directly to the Mistletoe Heights Bureau of the Department of Homeland Security.

(From left to right Scott, Teddy, Harry, Arthuro, Ben, Aaron, and Robert. $) \end{tabular}$



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Gardening with Patsy Sloeum

Now that it is the first part of April, we can be reasonably assured that there will be no more freeze or frost. However, I can remember a 10" snow way back about 45 years ago in April. My husband and I like to have a vegetable garden, and by this time, the spinach and beet seed we sowed in mid-March are up and growing, and we are eating the green onions he set out in January. I took a chance and set out three tomato plants and one red bell pepper plant early, and sure enough, had to cover them one frosty night. We usually put out our tomato plants around Easter time. We like Celebrity the best, but usually try some of the other varieties. We are planting lady peas now. If you have never heard of them, some call them "green eyes." They are smaller than a blackeyed pea, much milder, but tedious to fix. Sometimes we sow squash and cucumber seed, but the bugs are hard to keep out of those. We will wait until it gets warmer to plant okra. My husband has been saving his own seed for about 20 years, and he thinks he has a new variety of long green velvet. It makes huge leaves and is very productive, does not have spines, and is tender even up to four inches long. If anyone is interested, he will save some okra seed for you this season.

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Express Yourself

Tuesday, March 29, was due to be a big day for 13year-old Rachel Mallison. There would be two hours of band practice after school, which wasn't unusual except that band directors from other schools—high schools, no less—would be present to critique the William James Middle School players. After all, University Interscholastic League competition was only days away. "I love it," she says of her chosen sport. She had a slight mental setback, though, when her team lost its first game 50-0 to the girls at Dunbar Middle School. Every once in a while she attends a TCU women's basketball game. She has a poster of the team taped to the ceiling of her bedroom, right over her bed. "I wake up every morning and there it is," she says, delighted.

Intense.

Rachel plays the alto saxophone. She plays the piano, too, except not for the school band. She'd rather not say which instrument she prefers lest she hurt some kind music teacher's feelings. Suffice to say, she works hard at both, waking up at the crack of dawn for a 7 a.m. piano lesson once a week.

Tonight, Rachel is sitting at her dining room table while her parents catch up with the post-Easter weekend laundryfolding. Her brother Jacob is occupied in the



When previously asked if she wanted her profile written, Rachel Mallison exclaimed that there was absolutely nothing interesting about her. We have to disagree.

By Liz Stevens

family room. Daisy, the longhaired daschund who is no longer long-haired due to an overzealous groomer, happily sniffs a guest.

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We have to disagree.

Besides being an accomplished musician, Rachel played basketball this year at William James, where she is enrolled in the Special Interest Program.



staff to see her bedroom, which she described as "a mess!" But, to our delight, she relented. Next to her bed, Rachel's dad had mounted

At first, Rachel didn't want the Express Yourself

six cork bulletin boards, in two rows of three. providing her with an entire wall of pushpinnable space. She has used the canvas well: a signed poster of the TCU women's swim team, a VW bug poster, an unused napkin from Krispy Kreme, awards and lots of pictures of friends. She also has two 250-dinar notes from Iraq, with Saddam Hussein's image on them.

They're worth about 34 cents at the moment, but someday, Rachel hopes, they'll be worth enough to pay for her dream car, a DeLorean. That way, she can drive to her job as a forensic pathologist in retro style.

For now, though, the most pressing concern in Rachel's life is triumphing at UIL.

"Wedgewood is a real threat," she notes, of a competing middle school. "We can't get too scared, though, because, on a good day, we can beat them."



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Lost and Found At the March 22 Potluck Supper, black plastic serving utensils, two black markers, and leftover labels were left behind. They can be returned on my porch at 2341 Harrison. Thank you.

REALESTATE (Listed)

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