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Jim Bradbury

Letter from the president

If the first few weeks are any indication, 2006 is going to be an active year for the Mistletoe Heights Association.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has now scheduled a hearing on whether Sunmount Corp.'s application for a temporary batch plant will proceed or whether a contested case hearing will be granted. That meeting will take place Feb. 22 in Austin.

Now's the time to act. We need letters and any evidence, particularly from those within 440 yards of the proposed batch plant, to be submitted to the TCEQ.

In December, Berkeley Place and Mistletoe Heights officers met with city officials and state Reps. Lon Burnam and Anna Mowery regarding opposition to the batch plant. As a result of these efforts, both Lon and Anna sent letters to TCEQ opposing the batch plant. We're also meeting with the city of Fort Worth to develop an ordinance or other measures that would aid neighborhoods faced with batch plants in the future.

The process for the Southwest Parkway (121) is in full swing. If you haven't been following this, an extension of Texas 121 is to be constructed adjacent to the northern boundary of our neighborhood. In early January, the city and the Texas Department of Transportation held a meeting to discuss

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Parkway Noise is Focus of Meeting

With plans for the Southwest Parkway nearly complete, the main issue now facing Mistletoe Heights is noise mitigation along the northwestern edge of the neighborhood where the parkway would merge with Interstate 30.

Consultant Scott Polikov, whose firm, Prime Strategies Inc., has been working on behalf of the city of Fort Worth on the parkway project, spoke at a Jan. 25 meeting of neighborhood residents on the types of noise abatement that might be used.

He fielded questions and responded to concerns, most of them dealing with the amount of noise that will be generated, how it can be lessened and how mitigation measures would affect the existing berm, with its landscaping and mature trees.

Residents who would be most affected by highway noise, according to engineering studies, would be those on the two-block stretch of West Rosedale Street South between Buck Avenue and Mistletoe Drive. The sides of four houses in that stretch along the southern side of West Rosedale South look out onto the berm.

The berm, which currently consists of trees and bushes planted on a grassy slope, would be the focus of noise-abatement measures, Polikov said. They could take the form of a wall, more landscaping, an increase in the height of the berm or a combination of all three, he said.

Owners of those four houses, called "receivers" in the engineering studies, would have the most direct say in what sort of noise abatement might be used.

The Jan. 25 meeting was conducted by City Councilwoman Wendy Davis in response to a previous meeting organized the previous week by

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Consultants Scott Polikov, left, and Bryan Beck, center, of Prime Strategies Inc., are introducing the Southwest Parkway Corridor Master Plan. Councilwoman Wendy Davis is at right..



City liaison report By Mike Windsor

The big topic this month is traffic.

The efforts of the new Traffic Committee are discussed in more detail

elsewhere in this newsletter. The Fort Worth Transportation and Public Works Department is working with our neighborhood to see what can be done to ease traffic congestion and decrease speed in the neighborhood. The evaluation process by the city could take a few months. The Fort Worth Police Department, however, will act much sooner, and residents may soon see an increase in the number of traffic stops in our neighborhood.

Another big traffic-related issue is the periodic effort to take a portion of parkland for roadway development. An idea in the works is to take the northwest portion of Trinity Park to create a four-lane road to connect University Drive to Montgomery Plaza and the South of Seventh development.

The city says that this has been on the drawing board since the 1990s, but the latest effort appears to be developer-driven. The justification for the roadway is to ease congestion at the intersection of University Drive and Seventh Street. A long-term study seems to indicate, however, that the new road would not significantly ease congestion.

The latest effort was stopped by state Rep. Lon Burnam mobilizing residents. City leaders, however, appear not to have abandoned the idea, and the *Star-Telegram* has editorialized that residents and Burnam need to offer a better idea before the city rejects the current one. If you have thoughts on this subject, please contact me or Councilwoman Wendy Davis.

A couple of residents have contacted me about the city's alley abatement program. After I was contacted, I notified the city, and a quick check was done to see if the alleys qualified for abandonment. An alley might not qualify if it's needed for resident access, or for water and sewer access. Unfortunately, the alleys that were checked (the two that bracket Irwin east of Forest Park) did not qualify for abandonment. If you're interested in your alley, however, please contact me.

A resident recently complained that cars are driving down the alleys on the east side of Forest Park, apparently to avoid traffic congestion on Mistletoe Boulevard. The neighborhood police officer has been notified of the problem, and noted that transients are also walking down the alleys. I'm contacting the city to see what might be done about the problem.

Last month, I mentioned that many neighborhood associations use resident surveys for a variety of purposes. A draft survey is circulating, and may be in your newsletter as soon as next month.

A final note is from the "you learn something new every day" department: The city has a forestry department. If you see a tree on city property that is diseased, damaged or presents some sort of danger, the city forester can investigate and take remedial action.

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Traffic Committee report

By Meralen Tyson

In response to concerns about traffic problems in the neighborhood, a Traffic Committee has been formed and an initial meeting was held Jan. 11.

Tom Richey, Julie Wilson, Bruce Simdon, Terri Ellis, Mike Windsor, Gerry Tyson and Meralen Tyson attended, along with Charles McLure from the Fort Worth Traffic Division. Mr. McLure left a large aerial map of the neighborhood for the committee to use in making suggestions to help fix the problems.

The discussion dealt with various ways to slow down speeders and alleviate traffic congestion on Forest Park Boulevard. Some of the measures discussed were speed bumps on Mistletoe Boulevard and Mistletoe Drive, stop signs at Buck and Mistletoe Boulevard, "traffic calming" devices, changing the timing of the light at West Rosedale and Forest Park Boulevard (south and north), and a left-turn arrow at Forest Park Boulevard for turning east onto Mistletoe Boulevard—which has now just been installed.

Committee members agreed to draw up "wish lists"

and meet again in two weeks. At that time, the aerial map will be marked and suggestions compiled. Mr. McLure will discuss the committee's suggestions with the city staff and report back to the committee about what solutions the city can provide.

More information about traffic solutions may be found at www.fortworthgov.org/tpw/NTMPI.htm

WELCOME BASKET REPORT

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CSANADI, Randy, 2132 Edwin St., Dec. 3

RILEY, Pam, 2205 Irwin St., Dec. 4

PARISH, Jim and Karen, 2323 Edwin St., Dec. 3

WEIDERMEYER, Ellen and Drew, 2324 Edwin St., Dec. 3

If you have a new neighbor, call Joy Teague at (817) 923-2330 with the names and address. Without your help, we miss some of the new neighbors and they don't get a welcome basket. And that's not fair.

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALK ...

By Martin Herring

The Friends of Newby Park appreciate all the support from the neighborhood and other parts of the city in making the park pavilion a reality. Financial support came from all over — including the sale of bricks for the walk, corporate donors, city and TIF funding and the wonderful in-kind donations.

Because of increases in the cost of material, the total out-of-pocket cost of the pavilion

exceeded the budget. As a result, some planned amenities, such as picnic tables, benches, and more landscaping, were not purchased.

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construction of a wall to block highway noise on the berm between Buck and Mistletoe Drive on West Rosedale.

Streams and Valleys will make a presentation at our February meeting on the proposed mitigation plans for the Trinity River, which the parkway will cross just below our neighborhood.

In the coming months, the city will conduct meetings for our neighborhood to lay out a comprehensive plan for measures to mitigate the impact of the new highway. These measures will include screening walls, landscaping and public art. We hope to explore the possibility of coordinating our proposed new entrance with these roadway plans.

The bottom line is that we're looking at a very direct impact on our neighborhood. Get involved. Your voice and constructive assistance are very much needed.

I want to mention a couple of other issues so that you can look into them on your own.

An issue has come up regarding construction of a roadway through a part of Trinity Park. Many of you may have received recently an explanatory memo from City Councilwoman Wendy Davis. Lon Burnam and his staff have walked the neighborhood and conducted a public meeting in opposition to the roadway. We've tried to present both sides of this issue in the Mistletoe Heights e-mail distribution. This will allow you to make your own judgment.

As you know, we've had difficulty for several months with a TCU student house in our neighborhood. If you've been reading the papers, you know that the University Place neighborhood has been trying to obtain a zoning change to deal with chronic problems caused by the prevalence of houses rented to TCU students. Other neighborhoods, including ours, have joined in support of this effort. The city of Fort Worth is proposing a new ordinance and policy to deal with these problems.

In any environment, those who do the best work are always rewarded with more work. The Preservation Work Group has done such an outstanding job on preservation issues and attending meetings of the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission that we have assigned them a great number of tasks that aren't necessarily preservation in character.

As you may recall, Heather White has chaired this group and will continue to do so. To better allocate responsibility and focus, we're going to have an Improvements Committee. This committee will focus on a new entrance to the neighborhood, further changes to the berm and any other improvements needed in the neighborhood. If you're interested in being a part of this group, please contact me or let us know at the February meeting.

Meeting the overwhelming demand for a constructive solution to the traffic problems of the neighborhood, the Traffic Committee met in early January to define our problems and come up with solutions. A city representative attended to gain some insight into our issues. The problems are now being studied, so if you want to weigh in on the solutions, please let us know.

Oh yes, the February meeting. It's the potluck supper, which is a favorite of mine and my two boys. The food is always very good and no one counts how many times that you go back to the buffet table. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert. Drinks, napkins, plates and silverware will be provided. We have a good deal to discuss, so come join us.



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the Texas Department of Transportation. The meeting was quickly scheduled and poorly attended by neighborhood residents.

An informal poll had earlier been arranged among the “receivers” on the decision to build a noise barrier. The outcome of that poll – two in favor and two against — if unchanged in the months ahead, would mean that no sound barrier wall should be built.

Polikov, Davis and residents discussed such matters as beefing up the berm, the height and location of a wall and the prospect of sacrificing mature trees if a wall is built.

Some of the “receivers” have expressed opposition to a wall that would deprive them of the view of greenery that now is visible along the length of the berm. Their votes will be decisive in determining what form the noise mitigation will take.

One bit of good news concerning the parkway, Polikov said, is that Mistletoe Heights is unique among neighborhoods that will be affected along the highway’s route from the southwestern edge of downtown to the juncture of Altamesa Boulevard and Dirks Road in far southwest Fort Worth.

With noise-mitigation measures, Polikov said, Mistletoe Heights would experience a net decrease in the level of highway noise. He said the noise level would be lower, with adequate mitigation measures, than it would be if the parkway had never been built.

Mistletoe Heights residents have been promised follow-up meetings to answer all questions regarding the design process for the neighborhood. Also, the city’s planning consultants promised to look into whether a fifth house, at the end of Mistletoe Drive, should have been included in the current list of receivers.

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Can this window be saved? Part 1

By Heather White

I'm currently having many of my windows restored to their original functionality, but I've been hearing lots of stories from neighbors about windows that are in bad shape.

So I wanted to explore the question of when windows can be saved. The good news, I learned, is that the chances are pretty good that they can be saved.

I knew that John Key had restored the windows in his and Michelle's house (as well as making wood-framed screens for them), and that he has also restored windows for others in the past — and hopefully will again. So, I talked to our local expert.

Here's what I've learned from my own experience, and from talking to John:

The windows at my house are in the process of being restored. They're being painted, the broken panes replaced, the glazing redone and, those in the rooms I use often, restored to their original double-hung functionality, with the weights reattached, etc.

I've found that all my windows are easily repairable, and the only wood that needs to be replaced is a rotted sill under the long run of windows in what was originally my sleeping porch. I was lucky that the house came with a complete set of storm windows, which are wonderful for energy efficiency. (I learned exactly how helpful they are when my electricity bill shot up after they were removed this summer.)

When I was looking at houses, mostly 1920s cottages, I recall walking through one that I seriously considered. It was a balmy spring day and all its windows were open, the soft breeze blowing through in cross currents as originally intended. That's the experience I want to have in my house.

Once my double-hung windows are restored, I intend to have wooden screens made for those in the rooms I use most. I'm hoping this will cut back significantly on my A/C use (and electric bill) in the spring and fall, as well as creating more of a connection to nature, rather than shutting myself inside with a man-made breeze as I do now.

That's the positive motivation, but I also learned the hard way the importance of window weights. Most of mine have either broken or been cut. (What were they thinking?!)

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Just after I bought my house, I bought industrial-strength cleaning supplies in preparation for scrubbing down my bathroom from top to bottom. Anticipating fumes, I climbed up and wrestled the window open, then braced my hands on the sill as I climbed back down. With no weights holding it in place, down slammed the window on both my hands!

I was by myself, and opening the window in the first place had taken all my strength. I was in too much pain to think to curse whoever cut the window's weights. I wondered if my days were numbered, and then and there vowed to get my darned windows in working condition!

Luckily I did somehow get the window open, and all I lost was one fingernail. (It grew back). Today, that window works exactly as it did in 1926-1927 when it was first installed. (And as for that marathon cleaning session? After the trip to the emergency room, somehow I lost enthusiasm for the project ...)

I've been watching the window restoration process at my house and, in my case anyway, it's fairly straightforward. Just remove the trim pieces at the sides of the windows and, sitting there right inside (amid 80 years' worth of dusty yuck) are the weights. Clean, reattach with rope to match the original, and voila! The hardest part in my case was finding the cotton rope. The package says "clothesline/window sash rope," and I got mine from Burleson Tractor Supply, of all places.

John recommends friction springs as an alternative to the original rope/pulley/weight arrangement. If you're not a purist, they are easier to install, and they're available at our own Old Home Supply.

Weights are almost always sitting inside your windows, as they were in mine. But if, for some strange reason, they aren't there, John cautions that the weights must have the proper relationship to the window — the two weights must equal the weight of the window, or they won't work. Summing up, John says: "Friction spring: Good."

John told me that the most common problems with windows in our neighborhood are that they've been painted shut, and they need to be reglazed. (Glazing is the putty that holds the panes of glass in the window. It's usually found on the outside of the window, which is where it should be, but I have some on the inside at my house. When a house is a survivor of bad DIY work, there's no telling what you may find!)

He said that people often see these two problems and believe that a window is "shot." But in fact they are problems that anyone can solve. He also explained that you can't evaluate the condition of a window properly until you get it unstuck and open it.

You can get a window unstuck with patience and a three-sided, serrated tool available at most paint stores. Glazing is also something anyone can do — the only tool you need is a putty knife.

John passed on a tip from Ralph at Old Home Supply: Once he removes the old glazing, Ralph primes the area around each pane of glass with linseed oil, and then applies the glazing. The linseed oil prevents the relatively dry wood from absorbing the moisture from the glazing, preventing chalkiness and allowing the glazing to set up more slowly and not shrink away from the wood. As you might imagine, this makes for a longer-lasting glazing job.

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Mistletoe Heights History

By Wyatt Teague

survey of one-half of a section, 320 acres, to the north of the E.S. Harris Survey and valued at \$5 per acre, or \$1,500.) All this was filed for record on Oct. 19, 1869.

Sometime between 1869 and 1887 (I haven't found the records for this 18-year period), Elizabeth Edwards passed away and her daughter, Cynthia Ann (Edwards) Burford, inherited this property.

On June 25, 1887, Cynthia Ann Burford conveyed for \$900 and other considerations a strip of land 50 feet wide, extending from the south property line to the north property line, to the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Co. to construct a railroad and telegraph line.

Quote from the records: "William Burford, husband of Cynthia Ann Burford, formerly Cynthia Ann Edwards, ... was dead on 25 June 1887." (There is nothing to tell us that he did not die before that time. It seems odd to see that the deal with the railroad and an affidavit concerning his state of being bear the same date.) On Oct. 25, 1888, Cynthia Ann Burford was married to Maloney B. Sisk.

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L.J. Edwards died Oct. 8, 1869. The estate was inventoried and then filed with the county on Oct. 16 of that year. It was appraised by the Probate Court, and the 640-acre tract (now known as the E.S. Harris Survey) was appraised at \$2.50 per acre – a total of \$1,600.

The widow of L.J. Edwards, Elizabeth Edwards, was then the sole owner of the 640-acre parcel of land. (I also note that Elizabeth Edwards gained ownership of the George Shields

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It's a good time to plant pansies.

February is a good month to do a spring checkup on your lawn, flower beds and gardens. For the perennial flower beds, it's time to spread organic material to mulch new areas or replace mulch that has decomposed.

Early spring is also a good time to divide

perennials. Install a soaker hose or a drip-irrigational system in new and old beds to help conserve water. Examine the plants for insect infestation. A strong spray of water from the hose will knock off aphids and mites.

For trees and shrubs, it's time to prune stems and branches that show damage and to spread fertilizer around and under the trees and shrubs after the danger of frost has passed. Evergreens should be inspected for signs of insect damage.

Annual plant seeds can be started now indoors under fluorescent lights. Many pansies are available in vibrant colors, and they can be set out now and will last well into May. Because of our mild winter so far, pansies that were planted in the fall are providing us with a cheery spring greeting. Pinch off faded blossoms for continuing flowering.

When the danger of frost has passed, annual flower seeds can be sown directly into prepared beds. After planting annuals, a layer of mulch should be spread on the soil to discourage weeds and to retain moisture.

In the vegetable garden, green onion plants can be set out now as cold weather will not bother them too much. Cold-weather crops such as spinach, broccoli, cabbage and lettuce seeds can also be sown now.

Warm-weather plants should not be set out until the danger of frost is past, and that's the time to sow squash, beans, corn and melon. Okra likes hot weather, so its seed shouldn't be planted until well into May

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Subject: watering

Would you get a message out to the neighbors about unnecessary watering for me? We are in the middle of one of the worst droughts in recent times, and yet there are still people in the neighborhood who are running their sprinkler systems every day, even in the middle of winter. I walk every morning, and it really bothers me to see all the water running down the street into the storm drains. There is even one house that is currently unoccupied, but the sprinkler still comes on early each day. What a waste! Remember that your lawn doesn't need to be watered as much in the winter, and help the rest of us conserve a precious resource.

Subject: alleys

I received a complaint that commuters (or people up to no good) were driving through the alleys between Forest Park and Jerome. I contacted the City about putting temporary barriers at one end of each alley until the Rosedale construction is over. Apparently, this is not easily done.

The Transportation and Public Works Dept. had to check out the matter. They determined that (1) only two of the alleys appeared passable to vehicles, (2) there was no indication of heavy use in the two that were passable, (3) temporary barriers might impede utility access, and (4) the whole thing might need approval from the City Planning Commission. Kristi Wiseman of Wendy Davis' office observed that nothing is easy.

There are a few obvious observations. First, the complaint is not heavy traffic in the alleys, just occasional traffic that does not belong. Second, if the utility company can't figure out how to move a temporary street barrier, then we all better start chopping trees and digging coal for warmth. I do not, however, want to start bashing the people at the Transportation and Public Works Dept. Although they have a whole city to look after, they have been very quick to respond to my questions and concerns. I sent an e-mail about this January 13th; within a week, someone drove to check on our alleys, and got back to me. Also, it seems like a lot of hoops to jump through, but maybe the Planning Commission has to give its approval to block a public area in a non-emergency situation. Imagine all the people in the city who would like to put up temporary barriers for one reason or another.

Before I start filling out papers to take this to the City Planning Commission, I would like some input. Do residents along these alleys really see auto traffic as a problem? Do you think that temporary, wooden barriers (like at construction sites) would make a difference? (These barriers are not intended to do anything about foot traffic.) If you do feel that this is a problem, can you try and put together a log over the next few weeks that shows the time and date that you observe a car or truck of a non-resident driving in the alley? That will help me to make a case that this is a real problem. Remember that residents and workers can use the alleys to access their property. Also, if you see a suspicious vehicle or

person in the alley, call the police non-emergency number (817-335-4222) and ask the police to send out an officer to check out the situation.

Subject: homeless

Coming home for lunch, I saw a police car and pickup evicting someone from under the I-30 entry bridge off of Rosedale (just west of the transformer station that is on Rosedale just west of Forest Park). The first time I drove by, I saw a mattress by the road. When I went back to work, I saw a chair and another three foot high pile of things. I can tell you that the hardest part of any move is carrying those heavy, floppy mattresses. Whoever carried that stuff under the bridge may be homeless, but they sure as hell aren't lazy. And they're pretty strong too. As much as I'm in favor of helping the homeless, I don't think I want a strong, industrious, homeless person living nearby. In any event, the police are doing

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Hi. I am looking for a housekeeper that will clean and iron. If you know of someone that is looking for work in this area and is trustworthy please call me at 817 732-7335. Thank You, Sherry Choate

Subject: jewelry classes

We are looking for a jewelry making class in the area (gold & silver). Any ideas? Thanks! Joan 817.920.1440

Subject: Piano Tuning/Lessons

I saw an email about someone looking for guitar lessons. I too would be interested if anyone in the neighborhood would know of anyone could tune a piano or gives piano lessons. We are new to the neighborhood, and we think this is wonderful the way everyone is looking out for everyone via email.

Would appreciate any input. Thanks. Kathy and Fred S.

Subject: Chasing criminals

As you may know, Gene Walker (across the street from me at 2344 Mistletoe Avenue) had his truck stolen on Sunday night. This morning at 3:30, my wife and I were awakened by the sound of a moving car with the alarm going off coming through the neighborhood, then down our street. I grabbed my phone and jumped in the truck and gave chase. The car had turned on Rosedale (probably headed to 30) by the time that I got to the FP/Rosedale intersection — I drove down 30, but as they say “I lost them.”

So if someone reports another stolen vehicle in the neighborhood, that is probably the answer. James D. Bradbury

Subject: Holiday party

Gerry and I really enjoyed having the Neighborhood Holiday party at our home this year. Lots of good conversation and good food. It was great to see so many people here. There are several pretty

Christmas plates that people brought and served their food on. They are clean and ready for pick up whenever it's convenient. There aren't any names on these platters, so it's up to you all to come

get them. You might want to call first to make sure we're home: 817-926-5909. If they aren't picked up, we'll bring them to the next meeting. Thanks to everyone who participated. Meralen Tyson

Subject: Mail Theft

There was a mail theft in the 1100 block of Buck Street Wednesday morning. According to the mail carrier, a homeowner put out her bill payments in the morning, then noticed 30 minutes later that they were gone. When the mail carrier came in the afternoon, he confirmed that he had not been by in the morning. By the time the homeowner reached her bank Wednesday afternoon, the thieves had already been able to launder and cash at least one of the checks. (For those who don't know, thieves have developed a process by which they can wash the ballpoint pen markings off the parts of the check they wish to change, then enter the amounts and payees they want, while leaving your signature intact.)

Too bad it has come to this, but perhaps we should start using postal drop boxes for critical mail, particularly any mail containing checks.

Follow up:

Looks like we need to be even more vigilant, let's watch for strangers walking up to houses & don't be too shy to call the police non-emergency number at 817-335-4222 or if you believe there is a crime in progress call 911. Remember if you want an officer on the scene from the non-emergency number you must ask for an officer on the scene. It might be wise to drop outgoing mail off at the Post Office (I know it's a pain. We may have to lobby to have our neighborhood drop box reinstated) for safeties sake. Tom R

Subject: Neighbor cats looking for a good home

We recently got word that one of our neighbors passed away over Christmas, unexpectedly. He lived alone and had two cats. I don't know much about the cats except that they have been together for about 10+ years. If there is anyone who would be interested in them or knows anyone who might, please give me a call. I understand they have all their shots, been fixed and kind of live out doors. They are friendly but scared. For now some of the neighbors are feeding them but we all sure would like to see them get a good home.

Please give me a call if you have any interest or know someone who might. Thanks! Joan Shriver 817.920.1440

Subject: Thieves

There was an attempted robbery at 2225 w. rosedale. at approximately 10:20 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 3). A Hispanic male with jeans and a black (dark grey) cheap polo shirt. short hair, in his early 30's

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maybe. A older version van — dark colored (dark green or black) with license plate number 288wy2. when we went outside to confront him he took off running, got in his van, and took off and we assume he turned on forest park

Hello all,

Britanni just told me that she saw the van again this morning. She said it's more of a dark grey/black color and still an older van. Think of a late model Odyssey with the wedge shape front.

It doesn't have the rounded shape to it at all - very angular. It was approximately 10:45 a.m. when she saw the van but by the time she got outside it was gone. I'm hoping one of us can catch it going by again because the license plate number I was so intent on getting didn't pan out. This time I'm going to try and remember my camera (if I could only get so lucky) Carrie.

Life in the not-so-fast lane

By Tom Richey

I've managed, over the years, to live in a variety of neighborhoods, in various places. The measure of good living has always derived from the interplay of the neighbors themselves.

Friendly neighbors make for enjoyable neighborhoods; unfriendly neighbors make a neighborhood simply a place to live, and that's about it.

Mistletoe Heights is decidedly in the former category, partly because of the neighborhood and block parties that spring up on a regular basis.

Sometimes they're impromptu — a group of neighbors congregate and the next thing you know a grill is going, a wine bottle is open, drinks are being poured and people are laughing and engaging in good conversation.

Sometimes they're planned, such as the Edwin Street Christmas gathering that Jim and Amy Pannell have hosted for the past two years. What could be more delightful at the holiday season than a nicely decorated house, fine refreshments, convivial hosts and neighbors gathering to talk about upcoming family dinners or children and grandchildren, or... well, in some cases, leaks in gas lines resulting

in no heat or hot water during the coldest week of the year. But, as is my wont, I digress.

Once again the Edwin Street neighbors enjoyed a pleasant evening, with everything but the visions of sugar plums. (We may have had them, but I'm not sure since I've never figured out exactly what they are). And I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim and Amy for once again providing such a nice evening.

But, to go back to my original point, this is the type of opportunity that we can all share in. Such gatherings make us all better, they ease the burdens of hectic lives and they're always enjoyable. They're among the better things in life that are common in Mistletoe Heights and uncommon in other neighborhoods.

I picture people who lived here in the 1920s and 1930s doing the same things, blocking off the street occasionally, visiting, enjoying the front porches and conversing rather than hibernating with the television. It's been that way here for about 80 years now. Let's hope that it remains so.

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Yard of the Month: 2218 Irwin St.

By Jack and Lorri Kendrick and Stephanie Monks



Winter yards, with their brown grass, dormant beds and leafless trees, make selections difficult for the Yard of the Month Committee, and this year's early freeze hit Mistletoe Heights yards particularly hard.

But for February, the committee decided to acknowledge the efforts of Tim and Christina Rudolph, whose yard at 2218 Irwin sported a lush, bright-green lawn in January.

Tim went to great lengths to ensure the vitality of his yard by seeding the lawn with winter rye, which flourishes in deep green just as St. Augustine lawns are giving up the ghost.

Not only does this yard stand out with the greenest grass in the neighborhood, but the Rudolphs also have taken pains to include winter-hardy accents of kale and pansies that complement the red nandina bushes and bring

additional color to the walkway and flower beds.

A window box of pansies on the porch and a collection of colorful poinsettias in a barrel by the front door round out the effect.

Tim can often be seen hard at work on his yard on the weekends, and the committee salutes this homeowner for his dedication to maintaining his yard's appearance even in these difficult winter months.

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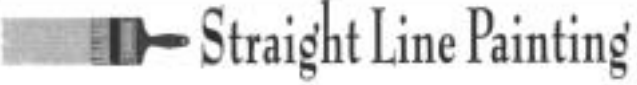
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