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Jim Bradbury

Letter from the president

The pumpkin judging is now complete and we're headed into the end of the year. The November meeting will be on the 21st at Tracy Smith's house. We have a number of items to discuss and officer elections will be held. We still need a volunteer to host the Christmas party. Since November is upon us, December will be here quickly, so please give this some thought and let us know.

A few updates on development in the area: At a recent meeting I attended, I heard the developer's plan for the area below us on the river, just across from the zoo. Although the plan and the city's involvement aren't yet defined, the working plan involves construction of a development that would include retail shopping, condominiums and office space.

You will recall discussions some time back about building a pedestrian bridge across the river to handle zoo overflow parking. The current thinking is that the bridge would be built to provide access but that the actual overflow parking would either be located in a parking deck built on the east side of the current zoo parking lot or in an improved lot on the Archery Field.

The money to build these improved parking locations would come from the

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Great Gourds!

On the evening before Halloween, the dedicated Mistletoe Pumpkin Perusers hit the streets. We were soon delighted with many imaginatively carved pumpkins and their enthusiastic creators. The fine American art of carving a Halloween pumpkin is alive and thriving in Mistletoe Heights.

The esteemed panel of gourd graders could not resolve a tie between two entrants so the "Grand Prize" goes to two carvers this year: the trio of pumpkins we named "Psychogash" were found at Ryan Dougherty's house at 2320 Irwin and another trio we named Gavin's Trio by Gavin (pictured above) at 2229 W. Rosedale South. Congratulations to these young carvers (and no doubt their moms and dads).

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Tuesday, Nov 21, 7:00 p.m.
2300 Magnolia (corner of Forest Park and Magnolia)
Besides good talk, there will be wine and cheese too...

(President's Letter - continued from page 1)

TIF that will likely be created for the development. I've asked the city for more details on this so stay tuned.

The development at Rosedale and Forest Park has been slow to develop. As I'm sure you've noticed, many of the trees were removed. I inquired with the developer about the plans and schedule and he advised me that they would likely build the hotel that was in the original plan and sell off the rest of the development. I'm not certain what this means, but I'm concerned about control over the mix and quality of the remaining portions of this large development. I've also asked the city to provide me with some specifics on the progress and restrictions for this development.

The city is moving forward on installation of new playground equipment at Newby Park and you'll receive notice of the exact details. A meeting will be held to explain what will be involved and to answer your questions. I've suggested to the city that the meeting be held at Lily B. Clayton but that's not definite yet.

Fall is a great time in Texas, especially after the beating that we took this summer. Get your bike out and take a ride through the neighborhood and say hello to a few neighbors you haven't met yet.

And last, on the broken record front, Fort Worth is experiencing rapid growth and lots of changes. It's a critical time for citizen involvement. Take some time and volunteer for a committee or go down to the City Council and see what's going on. The more voices the better.

Deck the Drives with Bows of Ribbon

After such a scorching summer it is difficult to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. But this is the case and therefore it is time for an old Mistletoe holiday tradition. Each Thanksgiving neighbors gather at Gay and Martin Herring's home to visit; have refreshments and cut ribbon and greenery for decorating our

streetlights. Please come help us get the neighborhood ready for Christmas. Many hands make this a fun chore!!! Starting at 3 in the afternoon (you can come late and leave when you please). If there are a bunch of neighbors it will take about an hour; if not, it becomes a chore.

JOIN US PLEASE! AND BRING A NEW NEIGHBOR!

**When: Sunday November 26th, 3:00 p.m.
(the Sunday after Thanksgiving)**

Where: Gay and Martin Herring's Home (2336 Irwin)

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Here are excerpts and/or summaries of the neighborhood e-mails since the last issue.

Want to get on the MHA e-mail list? You can e-mail Tom Richey at vicepresident@mistletoeheights.com or you can go to the MHA Web site [www.mistletoeheights.com] and find the join-up link.

Subject: Free Kittens

Adorable, healthy and beautiful 8 wk old kittens free to caring homes. They are weaned and litter trained. They were born indoors and would prefer they stay indoors. One male is orange with blue eyes, two females are white with gray ears and blue eyes. We have raised the parents and this is the "oops" litter before we could have them neutered/spayed. If you would like pictures, we can send them to you or just give us a call and visit them.

If you are looking for a wonderful companion, please call 817-350-4710 (2320 Harrison).



E-Chat

Subject: Dist. 9 Presentation of Comprehensive Plan

So that we and our fellow neighborhoods can be more aware of the City of Fort Worth's Comprehensive Plan, Wendy Davis has arranged for a presentation that will be given at 7:30 p.m. at Benito's Restaurant (1450 Magnolia) on November 16. This is open to our neighborhood as well as the other neighborhoods in Dist. 9. So if you are interested in hearing about the plan and asking some questions this is a very good opportunity.

Missing Cat:

Liger, our long-haired, creamy yellow cat is missing. Liger will follow people, is extremely friendly, but he does have a home where he is greatly missed.

If you have seen this cat, or if he followed you home, please call us or bring him back to 1208 Buck.

Thank you,
Simone and John Scott 1208 Buck 817-924-3838

Subject: Presbyterian Night Shelter

Hello everyone, just wanted to remind you that I will be taking things to the shelter again this year, so when you are pulling out your winter clothes and come across things that you can no longer use let me know and I will be more than happy to pick them up and drop them off at the shelter.

Thanks again 817-271-0413 From: kelly jordan
[mailto:kelly@maysrealty.com]

Subject: Re: FW: Presbyterian Night Shelter

Kelly really is a great person-not only does she pickup your things for the shelter, but she puts in her own time there too. I have been leaving her big trash bags of clothes & shoes since spring, and she picks them up & doesn't even ask you to help her load them. Now that the weather is getting cooler, this is a great time to contribute.

Christine Moffatt 1124 Clara Street

Mistletoe Heights friends,

After almost six years on the Historic & Cultural Landmark Commission and four as chairman I will soon be reaching my term-limit. I will continue to serve on the HCLC through January, but this month is my final month as Chairman. I make reference to Mistletoe Heights in my parting comments in the attached link of last week's meet-

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ing. My comments were scribbled out just prior to the meeting and though not as eloquent as they could have been, I thought they might be of interest the neighborhood.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the city and my friends and neighbors in Mistletoe and all of Fort Worth and will continue to support the preservation of this great Fort Worth neighborhood.

Joel Burns

Subject: foundation repair

Hello MH neighbors!

We had work done to our home's foundation this week (you may have noticed the trucks and crew at the corner of Forest Park and Harrison). If anyone else is looking into foundation repair we would be more than happy to share what we've learned. Investing in major structural repairs is an important financial decision for those of us with older pier and beam homes but will also add value to your property and help preserve the historic nature of our neighborhood. Feel free to stop by or give us a call! Thanks,

Carl and Emily 2301 Harrison 817-927-8469

Subject: Fort Worth Shred Day. It's FREE!

Celebrate Texas Recycles Day by shredding your old documents and papers during Fort Worth Shred Day.

WHAT: FREE SHREDDING OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS (no business waste)

WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 2006, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rain or shine!

WHERE: Vista Fibers of Fort Worth, 1100 NE 23rd St. (Mapsco 62M)

WHO: All Fort Worth residents

WHY: Protect against identity theft and securely dispose of documents by recycling paper. Certificate of destruction will be provided.

LIMIT: 10 boxes (about 200 pounds)



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Subject: infant care recommendations

I'm looking for a childcare program for my 8 1/2 month old. I visited St. Stephen's Presbyterian Day School and Lil Goldman and her older sister attended University Christian Church Day School and University Baptist Church. I've heard Lil Goldman is excellent and the best deal around for what you get. I haven't heard as much about St. Stephen's. I just know that I can't recall there being openings at St. Stephen's during the whole 4 years we've lived here. I have a special needs 3 1/2 yr. old who is doing so well at her current placement that she may not qualify for the program next year. She has, or am blessed to be able to say, had a speech and mild developmental delay. Therefore, keeping her needs in mind is paramount to my decision because the waiting list for a quality setting around here can be years. I am open to any other suggestions because I know there are so many excellent places.

Carrie Johnson

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Gardening with Patsy Slocum

While on an automobile trip through the Southeast recently, we were treated to a stunning display of wild cosmos along the median of Interstate 20 in Alabama. It's Alabama's state flower and miles and miles of gorgeous orange and red cosmos wave in the breeze along the state's highways.

We stopped at a welcome center and discussed the wildflowers with the staff there. I did some research on this wild flower and found that it's considered an annual. It's a heavy bloomer in the late summer and fall, dies with the frost, and will reseed itself. It's a popular garden annual. It prefers good soil and trans-

plants easily.

Seed can be purchased at a local garden center to start in the spring, and cosmos will adapt to almost any environment, except one with too much moisture.

The cosmos we viewed were about 2 to 2 1/2 feet tall, but some varieties may grow as high as 6 feet. I've never tried them in the garden, but after seeing this spectacular sight I will try some.

I'm a confirmed Texan, but this display of cosmos almost equaled the glory of a field of bluebonnets near Marble Falls.



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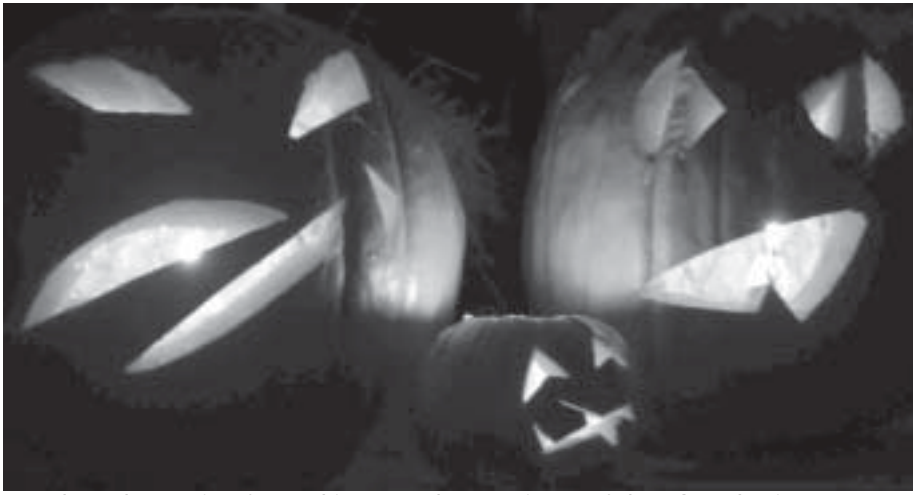
To the residents of Mistletoe Heights:

Thank you for supporting Mosaic Landscape Services during the first season of operations. You have helped this new company pursue the goal of improving our community.

As the installations of the fall planting season are being completed, the weather is finally beginning the gentle transition to what we call winter in Texas. In addition to taking care of the usual fall activities that occur during this time, Mosaic Landscape will continue to collaborate with you on new landscape designs for next spring. I look forward to meeting and working with you soon.

Once again... Thank you for your help,
Todd Welch

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"Psychogash", a trio of pumpkins, was the co-winner of the "Grand Prize." It was found at Ryan Dougherty's house at 2320 Irwin.

Haunted House Cat - 2305 Mistletoe Ave.
Mystery - 1206 Mistletoe Dr.

As usual, non-carved but delightfully decorated and lit porches abounded, and although not part of the contest, certainly greatly contribute to the holiday season in Mistletoe Heights. I bet Christmas will also be amazing...

GO FOR IT, NEIGHBORS!!!!



Other Great Gourds:

- Multiple Bit player - 2312 Irwin
- Top Knot Smiley Duo - 2336 Irwin
- Felix the Pumpkin - 1122 Buck
- Metaphysical Representation of Death - 1208 Buck
- Cyclops and Bat-mouthed Triad - 2321 Rosedale
- Dental Nightmare - 2319 Rosedale
- Haunted cowboys - 2315 Rosedale
- Monster Mouth - 2345 Mistletoe Blvd.
- Toothsome - 2337 Mistletoe Blvd.
- Headless Sam - 2126 Mistletoe Blvd.
- Snaggletooth and Howling Wolf - Mistletoe Blvd.
- Green Witch - 2313 Mistletoe Blvd.
- Arachnophobia - 2336 Magnolia
- Zippermouth and Droopy - 2341 Magnolia
- Witch on the Moon - 1220 Buck
- ?????? - 2425 Mistletoe Blvd
- Funky Duo - 1211 Clara
- Winnie the Pooh - 1355 Mistletoe Drive
- Tiny Trio- 2239 Harrison
- Ghosts and Goblins - 2212 Rosedale
- Jack-o-lanterns to the Max- 2335 Mistletoe Ave.
- Sports Trio - 2337 Mistletoe Ave.
- The Scream - 2339 Mistletoe Ave.
- Happy Traditional - 2316 Mistletoe Blvd.

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Yard of the Month: 2205 Weatherbee St.

By Jack and Lorri Kendrick



Photo: Lorri Kendrick

This month the Yard of the Month committee selected the yard at 2205 Weatherbee St. because of the homeowners' attention to detail and the selection of foundation plantings that complement the architecture of the home.

The yard is made up mostly of well-groomed St. Augustine grass, leading up to narrow beds at the base of the house. These beds are filled for the most part

with evergreen plantings in a variety of colors, heights and textures.


We particularly liked the way tall, leafy plantings had been carefully spaced between large windows in the front of the house, providing a nice balance of heights and colors, with ajuga plants spilling out of decorative wrought-iron window boxes.

The home's porch steps are flanked with huge pots filled with tall evergreen junipers for height and blooming plants for color. Small decorative vines also trail out of these pots down the porch steps, for a nice effect.

The overall effect of the yard is amplified by the fact that an open wrought-iron fence affords a lovely view of a green, lush, densely planted back yard area.

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FINAL DUES AND COMMENTS FOR 2006

There are 484 residences in Mistletoe Heights. Of the dues notices mailed, 24 were returned as vacant. 168 residences contributed this year, as well as one former

resident and one non-resident, for a total of \$5,137. This compares to \$4,614 for 2004 and \$4,212 for 2005. Thanks to everyone for their contributions!

Here are some comments from contributors:

- Quite frequently, we get our newsletter at the end of the month, so we miss a lot that is going on. Also, can we do anything about the speeding on my block? (2200 block of Irwin)
- Our metal frame signs are unreadable, are set out at wrong locations and are often put out late.

- Landscaping for Mistletoe Heights sign on corner of Rosedale & Forest Park.
- Would there be a way to give welcome baskets to newcomers? There seem to be a lot of new people in the area & it'd be great to have a street rep or other greet them.
- Note: I have not had a new directory for some time. Need one, thanks.

- We could really use a swing set or play area in the grass triangle off Mistletoe Ave. & Blvd. It would be a huge improvement over it being a place for dogs to do their "business."
- Nice picnic tables on the triangle – maybe 2, so families can have a place while the kids play.
- Playground @ triangle, Picnic benches at Newby Park.
- New directory of neighbors.
- Fence for Newby Park (E, N & S sides).
- Trim overgrown trees and crape myrtles on Forest Park Blvd. 2-4 X per year.
- Discourage homeless from loitering on the Berm.
- Street is too dark @ night. (2200 block of W. Rosedale St. S.)
- Closing M. Blvd, at the railroad tracks.
- Improving or installing sidewalks on the 2200 block of M. Blvd.
- Get city to repair broken curbs.
- Stop sign at Jerome and Mistletoe Ave.
- Speed bumps on Berkeley Place at Weatherbee.
- Fall block party

- (or at the triangle) – Irwin St./Buck, live music by the neighborhood band.
- Wish we could make or encourage our neighbors to keep their house & yards better.
- Thanks again for the billing. I can enter in computer & keep track.
- Save the Berm!
- You all do a great job! Many thanks!
- Newsletter is great. Thanks to all of the officers & other volunteers who do so much for the association.

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