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July 4, 2007 parade at the 'Triangle'



by Claudia Wilson

The 4th of July celebrations "at the triangle" turned a little contentious this year.

Over the last few decades this low-key event meant neighbors get together at the triangle for a holiday showcase of kids and pets on foot, kids riding bikes and trikes, little ones in strollers pushed by their elders, toddlers too small to walk that far being pulled in wagons by parents, and other low-key fun.

Participants in years gone by simply strolled around and around the triangle in a "parade", no one going too fast, no one going too slow, pretty much a kiddie parade at a kiddie pace. And pets in costumes during one era.

This year new neighbors invited motorized vehicles to the parade, not knowing about the low-tech tradition of the event.

For certain, the struggles of this [new] editor in getting my '90s technology updated to cope with the newsletter has created a shortfall in getting news out, but more importantly the conditions of what our 4th of July parade is and isn't *did not get out via newsletter in your mail slot*. Mea culpa. I am so sorry.

Some of you got it via e:mail news—Martin Herring's nice flyer. When I realized I couldn't get the word out via

the newsletter, I shrunk his full-page flyer to ¼-page size, printed them out & asked sector captains if block reps would spread the word with the postcard-sized notices. A small last-minute stop-gap measure.

That distribution system relied on a lot of good will on the part of a hierarchy of sector captains, block distributors, and their schedules and helpers. We rely a lot on their good will to get the newsletter out also.

At the event, folks grew concerned because

- motorized vehicles may endanger kids on bikes and trikes, and those on foot
- we have no parade marshall to keep order and tranquillity at the parade
- children driving motorized vehicles seemed particularly risky

From the handful of neighbors who spoke with me after the event (I did not attend), I heard the crowd grows larger yearly, maybe 100 folks this time. The band marches in playing, and the kids form a line that circles the triangle. They march around and around and around.

The motorized vehicles were invited by a fairly new neighbor, in a spirit of festivity, who hoped to add some interest, with no ill intent. There was apparently a close

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National Night Out big event at Forest Park Pool

RSVP for a COOL night at the pool

Mark your calendar for Tuesday evening, August 7th, from 6pm to 9pm for one of Fort Worth's biggest events "National Night Out Against Crime". This event is our way of saying we are organized and fighting back against crime in our neighborhood. Mistletoe Heights residents are invited to join their Fairmount neighbors, for food, fun, games and prizes.

The event is hosted by Fairmount Citizens Patrol. The location will be at the Forest Park Pool! Yes, a pool that

is cool! Chicken fajitas will be provided as the main dish. You are requested to bring something to go-with to share with everyone. We'll have tents, tables and chairs, and lots of ice, iced tea, lemonade and home made ice cream also to keep you cool.

Fairmount is known for annually hosting one of the biggest National Night Out parties in town with Fort Worth Police, Firemen, Health Department, and Fort Worth dignitaries in attendance to meet the neighborhood and answer your questions.

Free pool admission. Bring your swimsuit, towel, and your neighbors. RSVP to David at 817-923-4807.

Belated report on the Easter egg hunt

Last year: tank tops and T-shirts;
this year: coats and parkas

By Wyatt Teague

Saturday, April 7, began as a cold, blustery day with snow flurries until 10 a.m. The flurries stopped for the Easter Bunny and helpers to hide the eggs and have the kids do their thing. The doughnuts got cold and so did the coffee.

Despite the weather, the turnout was good. We received eggs for more than 47 children - their ages ranging from 14 months to 12 years. Additional children also brought eggs that morning. In fewer than 10 minutes, 12 dozen eggs were gathered in Easter baskets.

After the hunt, the snow began again.

A thank-you is extended to all of our neighbors and family who had a hand in helping make this Easter egg hunt a success.

A request from Wyatt... Mistletoe Heights will need a **new volunteer** to take charge of the Easter egg hunt next year. Joy and I and our family are resigning after almost 10 years. We'll be glad to answer any questions and offer help.

To Wyatt, the editorial board says thanks, but that doesn't begin to express our gratitude for your years of service!

Fairmount/Mistletoe Heights
National Night Out Against Crime

Sponsored by: Fort Worth Parks & Community Service • Old Neighborhood Grill & Ben E. Keith [furnishing chicken fajitas] • South Side Preservation Association • Fairmount Neighborhood Association • Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association

Host: **Fairmount Citizens Patrol**

8/7/07 at Forest Park Pool
Tuesday night, 6-9pm

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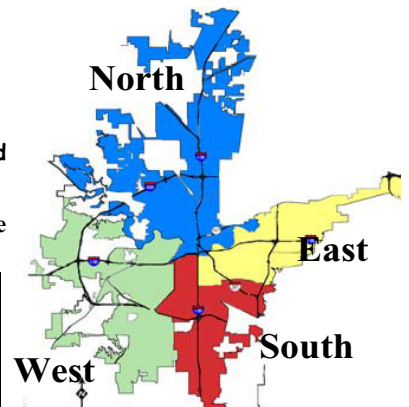
The Fort Worth Police Department invites all Fort Worth Residents to participate in the 24th Annual National Night Out celebration. Residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with their neighbors and the police. Neighborhood Crime Watches, Citizens on Patrol, Neighborhood Associations, and other neighborhood groups are encouraged to host events on National Night Out in their neighborhood.

National Night Out is designed to:

- ★ Heighten awareness of crime prevention
- ★ Generate support for, and participation in local anti crime efforts
- ★ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- ★ Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information on National Night Out or to register your neighborhood event please contact the Crime Prevention Specialist for your area .

East Division	Michael Grigsby	817-871-5201	Michael.Grigsby@FortWorthgov.org
North Division	Cruz Marquez	817-740-2119	Cruz.Marquez@FortWorthgov.org
South Division	Billy Rudd	817-922-3405	John.Rudd@FortWorthgov.org
West Division	Kala Sloan	817-392-4764	Kala.Sloan@FortWorthgov.org



**National Night Out 2007
Participation Form**

Crime Watch, Neighborhood or COP Group name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____

Type of Activity _____ Start Time _____ End _____

Exact Location of your Event _____

Estimated # of Participants _____ Activities for Children yes / no

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E-chatter Excerpts

From: Windsor mailto:mdwindsor@charter.net

Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2007 9:19 AM

I just got through this week's *Fort Worth Weekly*, and I'm just on fire about an article that I read. I assume that everyone knows that the Trinity Trail provides a hiking and bike trail that runs along the Trinity River through Trinity Park to Lake Benbrook.

Part of the trail passes through a grove of old-growth oak trees just west of Rogers Road (just west of University Drive). Like most people, I assumed that since there are some benches and a picnic table near the trail, the grove of trees was part of a city park. Unfortunately, the grove is privately owned and slated to be levelled by Chesapeake Energy for a gas well.

Chesapeake's web site touts that it wants to "serve as a conscientious corporate citizen in every community where it conducts business," and it is committed to "environmental stewardship." I suppose it was acting as a good steward of the environment when it told the *Fort Worth Weekly* that it will not bulldoze all of the trees. Apparently, support for the drilling site is coming from Colonial County Club, who recently signed a gas drilling lease with Chesapeake, and who does not want drilling on Colonial CC property. Also according to the article, there are other potential drilling sites that could service Colonial. The City's response seemed to be that it was all on private property, and that there wasn't anything to be done.

I use the Trinity Trail several times a week. I am already concerned that when the ranch land south of the railroad is developed, the City will allow developers to remove the trees near the trail and replace them with a privacy wall to protect the houses that will be built. Now I learn that a grove of old trees is going to be cut down for a gas well. Apparently, the city can't manage to invest a part of the billion (yes, billion) dollars that it expects to receive from gas drilling to preserve the trees along the Trinity Trail. I urge you to contact Wendy Davis and let her know how you feel about this issue.

-Mike Windsor

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From: Fuquay, Jim [jfuquay@star-telegram.com]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 10:25 AM
thanks for the note. here are a couple of stories the star-telegram has done on that property

Monday, February 27, 2006 Zone change is requested

A development group is seeking a zoning change for 22 acres west of University Drive along Rogers Road, including a half-mile of frontage along the Trinity River, for the proposed University Crossing... in-fill development, north of Colonial Country Club, ... 388 residences and about 120,000 square feet of space for offices, restaurants and shops, said Phillip Poole, a partner in Townsite Co... real-estate consulting firm working on the project.

The group is seeking a mixed-used zoning classification on land now zoned for industry...

...project of Elk River Investments... partnership of John Pearson in Denton... and Columbus Realty Partners in Dallas,...headed by Robert Shaw.

The [mostly vacant] land includes about 8 heavily wooded acres, Poole said. Buildings on Rogers Road will be torn down for the project. Church on the Rock, 1700 Rogers Road, is building a new facility...residents in an apartment community...[will] be moving. The new residences will be built on Rogers Road on about 7 acres, and the remaining 15.1 acres will be for shops and restaurants, according to zoning documents.

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

FORT WORTH ~ Colonial Country Club has become the latest North Texas golf course to announce a natural gas drilling lease, granting Chesapeake Energy Corp. the right to drill under the club's 157 acres in southwest Fort Worth.

Chesapeake, one of the most-active drillers ... said Tuesday it also acquired an 8-acre drilling site between the club and the Union Pacific railroad yard. From there, the Oklahoma City company said, it anticipates drilling horizontally as far as 5,000 feet, enough to make runs under the rail yard and golf course as well as the Park Hill neighborhood to the south and Alamo Heights neighborhood to the north.

In March, Chesapeake signed a lease with Union Pacific to drill beneath 388 acres of the

railroad's property, said Angel Biasaatti, a Chesapeake spokeswoman.

Together with the Colonial lease, Chesapeake will have about 545 contiguous acres under lease, a choice holding that would otherwise be difficult to assemble in the densely developed urban area.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Drilling is expected to begin in 2008.

In a prepared statement, Colonial President Bill Bowers said the club's energy committee was "impressed with Chesapeake's environmental responsibility and urban sensitivity. With drilling occurring within our neighborhoods and adjacent to our fairways, we wanted an operator who demonstrated concern for noise abatement and air quality as well as aesthetics."

Golf courses are attractive properties to drillers because they offer the chance to secure a large parcel of land while dealing with only one landowner. In contrast, assembling a lease in a residential area might require hundreds of signatures before drilling can begin.

Even then, finding a drilling site far enough away from existing buildings can prove challenging. For example, neighborhood associations in Berkeley Place, Fairmount, Mistletoe Heights and Ryan Place have been negotiating with leasing companies for months.

Representatives ... mostly say they have encouraged their members to wait for their associations to offer a model lease before

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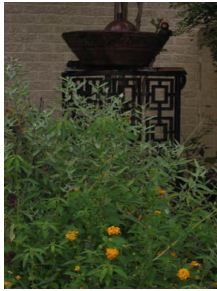
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The Yard of the Month for June-July goes to Chris Fowler and

Brian Richardson who have completely transformed their yard within the last year and a half. Of special note is their gorgeous side yard, which faces Jerome.

While the large shrubs in their gardens were already in place, Chris and Brian relandscaped all of their garden space: they enlarged all of the beds, rototilled the beds, and then added compost. They also installed lighting and a lovely fountain. Even though Chris and Brian had a unified vision of the space, it



**2133 Weatherbee St.
Yard of the Month**

was difficult for them to agree on which plants to use. And, they were especially nervous about the side beds because of their visibility. Ultimately, they settled on Texas natives or plants well adapted to the area. Chris and Brian feel that their yard is not yet complete, but we love it! Bravo!

E-chatter--continued gas

signing, and they note that a number of their members oppose any drilling in the area. ...

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 11:41 AM
To: Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood
Cc: Fullenwider, Sarah; Davis, Wendy
All,

Please know that Wendy is trying to figure a way to encourage the driller to find an alternate site. Unfortunately, there is not a lot else that can be done. This is private property and the tree ordinance does not apply since this is for gas drilling.

Wendy is fully aware of the situation and the gravity of it and is working to figure out a better plan. She does have to abide by State law and local ordinance in that effort though. She cannot mandate what happens on private property as long as it is not in violation of the law.

Kristi Wiseman Council Aide to Wendy Davis

E-chatter--on other topics!

From: Michael Myers [mailto:MMyers@swst.com]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2007 8:31 AM
Subject: Need light hauling done.

I have some building materials from construction and tear out that needs to be hauled away. Pick up load or two. If you can recommend anyone please contact me at

mikeemyers@sbcglobal.net or the above address. I live on Edwin Street.

Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2007 1:14 PM
Subject: deck referral needed

hi, does anyone know the name of a good deck/patio builder? we have a challenging scenario. many thanks, stephanie monks stmonks@yahoo.com

From: Rose Lynn and Jeff
[mailto:scottgib@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:17 PM
Subject: need a referral for seamless gutters

Can anyone give a recommendation for a company you were pleased with that installs seamless gutters? Please let me know.
Thanks, Rose Lynn Scott 817-926-0079

From: White, Heather L.
[mailto:Heather.White@tells.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 6:07 PM
Subject: RE: gang graffiti

Just following up. I notice it's still there. Can the association work with Mr Jakes to get this painted? I am still willing to help.

Noticed a few days ago that Mr Jakes had gotten tagged... just wondering if the ball is already rolling to get this painted or not. I am willing to help with anything that needs to be done.

Thanks, Heather L. White 972/588-7938

Tillery Park redo is huge DIY project

by Friends of Tillery Park

With just over two months until its groundbreaking, there is much abuzz about the renovation of Tillery Park. The park will feature a western theme that reflects Fort Worth's unique character. It will include such elements as a western-boot slide and a Fort

Worth map rock wall. There are also plans to incorporate the unique architecture found in the neighborhoods that surround the park.

Plans for the renovation began when local residents applied for and were awarded a \$25,000 matching grant from the city. Children were then

invited to a design day to offer ideas for their dream playground. The architectural firm Leathers and Associates drew from these ideas to draft the plan for the park, which was unveiled in February (see schematic.)

Since then, Friends of Tillery Park worked hard to raise both funds and

FENCE PICKETS • \$30 donation per picket

Pickets will be installed around the "tot lot" area, creating a safe place to play for kids aged 2-5 yrs. The pickets will also replace the current cable fencing along the east perimeter of the park. Use as many pickets as you need to spell out your message. Three forms are given below for starters! Personalization per picket is one line only, 17 characters including spaces. **Please PRINT.**

Picket #1

Picket #2

Picket #3

Please install the above pickets next to each other. I need more pickets for my message, see attachment.

BRICKS • \$65 donation per brick

The 4x8 red shale bricks will be used in the formal entryway to the park and on walkways. Personalization is 3 lines of 15 characters each, including spaces, 1/2 inch high, in ALL CAPS. **Please PRINT.**

I need more bricks, see my attachment for details.

PAVERS • \$100 donation per paver

The 8x8 inch red shale pavers will be used in the formal entryway to the park and along the walkways. Four lines, 15 characters per line, 1/2 inch high in ALL CAPS. **Please PRINT.**

Mail this form with a check to: Friends of Tillery Park, ATTN Pickets • PO Box 12086 • Ft Worth TX 76110.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PH # _____

Friends of Tillery Park offers commemorative **Fence Pickets, Bricks and Pavers** to raise money for the new playground! Designed by our neighborhood children, it will be built entirely by volunteers. **Your donation is completely tax deductible!** All messages will be written in CAPITAL letters. Please PRINT the information you would like to appear on your Fence Picket, Brick or Paver. Thank you for your support!

More info about the park? www.tillerypark.org

volunteers for the building of the park. The \$17,000 raised so far has come from personal donations, a silent auction party and a \$2-thousand donation from the TCU bookstore. The organization is currently selling personalized bricks, pavers and pickets that will help fund construction and enable families to leave their mark on the new park. Bricks will be used on the entryway and walkways to the park, and the pickets will be included in the fence that encloses the "tot lot" area. An order form for all three is included in this newsletter.

The park is scheduled to be built from October 10-14, 2007. Because it will be built entirely by volunteers from our community, many helping hands are needed. Volunteers can help with construction, painting, childcare, serving food and many other tasks. A volunteer form is included in this newsletter. For more information on volunteering or donating, contact Jennifer Tayag at info@tillerypark.org or 817-926-2065.

Minutes of May 15 meeting of the Mistletoe Heights Association

President Hao Tran called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The meeting was held on Park Place at the site of the future Café Chadra.

Charles Hoffman, executive director of student services for the Fort Worth school district, made a Power Point presentation on "Vision 2010 — Focus, Accountability and Integrity," the district's five-year data-driven plan to improve student achievement and community relations. The plan includes small learning communities, summer transition camps for

students transitioning from fifth to sixth grades and from eighth to ninth grades and a program to increase parent involvement.

NPO Leah Wagner gave the police report for both sides of Forest Park Boulevard, in the absence of NPO Kirk Byrom. She announced that the second Tuesday in August is National Night Out, the purpose of which is to promote better relations between the police and the community and among neighbors. Neighborhoods may wish to plan activities. The Fairmount neighborhood may be planning something at the Forest Park swimming pool.

She also reiterated that neighbors should be aware of their surroundings

as she presented the Offense Report about burglaries and assaults. People should not put outgoing mail in their mailboxes unless they have a lock box. They should take mail to the post office or drop it in a postal box

Patsy Slocum proposed that the MHA consider as a project for next year the purchase of two picnic tables for Newby Park at a cost of \$2,000. The Fort Worth Parks Department would install them. The project was tabled for the time being because of the small number of members attending the meeting. The proposal may be brought up again when more people are present to vote on it. Asked about the cost of the tables, Patsy said that they have to be of a certain type to meet city specifications.

Mike Windsor gave a lengthy report for the neighborhood gas drilling committee on the status of the mineral rights and proposed gas drilling in Mistletoe Heights. The committee is looking at such things as problems with intrusion into the neighborhood, noise, traffic, eminent domain, quality of life and environmental issues as it negotiates with various gas drilling companies.

At present, the strategy of the neighborhood committee is to send proposals to a number of companies listing in detail the requirements of our neighborhood. The main strategy is to create a "donut/buffer" around Mistletoe Heights with no operations in the neighborhood, no truck traffic and restrictions on noise.

The committee at this time cannot recommend signing a lease with any gas drilling company. James Huling also spoke at length and gave a lot of technical information. For more information, contact Mike Windsor or James Huling.

Hao Tran has been meeting with Fort Worth South and reported that a Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of June. The zoning of Magnolia Station, the development planned for east of Jerome Street, will be discussed.

Nehme Elbitar and his wife, Christina, spoke about the opening of Café Chadra on Park Place around the middle of July or early August. In addition to the café, there will be a private room accommodating about 45 people. Catering will be available and Mediterranean groceries will be sold.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Peipert, Secretary*

Calendar of events in and around Mistletoe Heights

Tuesday, August 7
National Night Out

Tuesday, August 21
Neighborhood meeting
6:30pm, Lily B. Clayton

Monday, August 27
School starts at Lily B.

Monday, September 3
Labor Day holiday

Friday, September 7
Arts Goggle 5-10PM

Wednesday, October 31
Hallowe'en

Tuesday, Tuesday 20
Neighborhood meeting

Thursday, November 22
Thanksgiving holiday

Send your calendar notices to mistletoenews@yahoo.com

Mistletoe Milestones



Lyla Rose Kanthack
Clara holds her baby sister, Lyla Rose, born on Good Friday, April 6, 2007. Parents Molly and Sol Kanthack said she was 6 lb 14 oz and 18.5" long.

Thelma Prindle

A long-time resident of Mistletoe Heights passed away Thursday, June 7, 2007. Her funeral was on June 11. Thelma Prindle lived at 1304 Buck Ave for the past 50 years and died at the age of 92. She was a very smiling and uncomplaining person. I hope all of us can learn by her example.

submitted by her neighbor Norm Stemple

Nancy Medford

celebrated a milestone birthday around June 24th by treating herself to the adventure of a sailing lesson on Lake Lavon.

Norm and Irene Stemple

On Saturday June 16 the Stemples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their wedding was June 16, 1957 in Lyndora, PA (40 miles north of Pittsburg). They spent their first year of marriage completing their Masters degrees at Penn State Univ, second year in Poughkeepsie, NY, third through 10th year in Peekskill, NY starting a family of five children and the past 40 years at 2408 Harrison Ave.

Hao Tran



Letter from the president

President Tran wrote her inspiring and eye-opening column before the 4th of July holiday. I apologize for not getting it to you in time. Another news bit I heard:

“Congratulations – Hao Tran Of Urban Realty Resources has been appointed by the Fort Worth City Council as Human Relations Commissioner for Place 10. The commission’s purpose is to provide a means by which all citizens of Fort Worth may be assured equal enjoyment of all rights, privileges and remedies of the protection of their person, property, livelihood, and freedoms, and to equally share in the common benefits of society without regard to race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or familial status.” — Editor

Summer has begun and children are free from the daily rigors of school and homework. Soon we’ll see them circling the Triangle on their bikes in our Fourth of July celebration in observance of our country’s freedom.

What is freedom and what does it mean to us? Is it the ability to own property? To worship as we please? Or is it simply the opportunity to pursue happiness? The one facet of freedom that’s amazingly evident in this country is that all of us have a voice and the ability to exercise the power of freedom in our lives, our communities and country.

The greatest lesson about freedom that I’ve learned comes from a story that I tell about two brothers from Vietnam. Both served in the military and, at the fall of Saigon, they had to escape at all costs so as not to be captured by the communists. One had a family with three small children and the younger did not.

Weeks and months passed and neither knew the whereabouts of the other. But news finally came that the younger brother didn’t make it out. He was captured by the Viet Cong and put in a prison camp known as the Hanoi Hilton.

He would spend 10 years there, and when he was released, he was given news that his brother, who lived in Texas, had died. He made a promise to his family that when he could get out of Vietnam he would come to pay his respects.

Another 10 years passed and he kept his promise. At the gravesite, I was able to have a conversation with him that became pivotal in my life.

He talked of the war and why the beauty of the country couldn’t be scarred by the terror of the conflict. He gave me advice on combat strategies that intrigued but also frightened me. He told me that he was subjected to horrible torture and solitary confinement because he shared his food with those in need.

The prisoners were forced to work like human cattle, chained by their necks to plow the land. If anyone fell behind, the one who faltered was pulled along the ground. The daily ration was one potato, which this brother hid to provide to others.

In his eyes, I could see a poignant sadness, but also an inner peace that conveyed that he was quite happy. He described his life now as full and explained to me the joy of living. I had to question how his life could be full if years of it were lost.

Because he had become so emaciated while in prison, his health was failing. He probably won’t ever marry or have children. He then explained to me that happiness is relative.

He told me that the man in the grave lived a happy life because he left children. He smiled and pointed to the loss of his teeth, but said he enjoys

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Gardening in the neighborhood

with Patsy Slocum

Personal experience seems to be the source of inspiration for this month's newsletter.

Our grandson is a teacher/coach and is at our house for summer vacation. He has a large, young puppy that brings joy to the family but problems to the yard and garden.

We have a fairly large area for the puppy to roam, but he becomes bored, as most dogs do. Dogs hear noises in the area. (Boy, do we have the noises, with road construction, trains running day and night and fire trucks and ambulances.)

They also smell and hear other dogs and want to run back and forth along the fences, jumping over the flowers and veggies in the garden, trampling small shrubs and, eventually, making a path if an effort isn't made to vary a route.

They can be taught to go various ways by placing short fences, using plant containers to block their access, or maybe laying a garden path of bark mulch for them to use.

Digging also can be a problem, as dogs like to create a cool burrow in the summer. If the

digging occurs in a flowerbed, sometimes mulching or laying out chicken wire will help.

Sometimes bored dogs will damage a tree trunk by peeling away the bark. Putting some kind of wire mesh around the trunk will solve this problem. If you see dead spots in the lawn or around trees or posts, it's because of the call of nature. Just be sure to water those places thoroughly as it will help dilute the salts.

If you don't have ample space in an enclosed area for your dog to run, a good run may be made out of rounded or flattened stones (1/2-inch to 1-inch stones work well). They won't wash away with rain, and can be cleaned easily with a garden hose.

Pests such as fleas, ticks or flies are a problem with pets in your yard. Spraying periodically to control them helps, and your local nursery or feed store can supply you with good products.

With our hot summer weather just around the corner, be sure to keep lots of fresh water available for your pet and provide a nice shady spot for it to rest and snooze.

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Two status reports of Mistletoe Heights gas lease committee, 7/20 & 7/3

Norm Stemple, Chairman • James Huling • Pam Cannell
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Update regarding letters received about Friday 7/20:

Many received another letter from Four Sevens Energy, repeating the offer made last November to Mistletoe Heights Addition residents. That original solicitation inspired us to form the committee and work for our combined interests. The negotiation settled on four conditions, repeated below.

The new letter addresses none of these issues. Chairman Norm Stemple contacted Cyndi Dodson from Four Sevens, who said the company works closely now with Chesapeake Energy and further negotiations would have to be with Chesapeake.

The committee recommends that residents of Mistletoe Heights not sign the lease until our concerns are resolved. Come to the meeting 8/21.

From the committee report of 7/3:

Last November part of Mistletoe Heights received an offer from Colt/Four Sevens to lease gas in the Barnett shale under our properties. At that time, Jim Bradbury, then president of MHA, appointed a volunteer committee to determine the best possible lease, both environmentally and economically, for the committee to recommend to Mistletoe Heights homeowners.

After several months of reviewing the concerns of residents and researching the potential financial benefit to residents the committee defined four "key" concerns:

- 1 • No drill site or compressor should be within 600 feet of a home in Mistletoe Heights,
- 2 • No truck traffic should be permitted on streets within Mistletoe Heights,
- 3 • Noise level should be less than 5 dB above ambient at any Mistletoe Heights home, and
- 4 • No gas transmission lines should be constructed within Mistletoe Heights. These requirements seemed reasonable, but Colt/Four Sevens rejected them as being too restrictive. Many companies are currently operating wells in the Barnett Shale under more restrictive lease terms than those outlined above by the committee.

The committee also estimated our potential financial benefit, based on published data from Devon Energy and Chesapeake Energy who have both drilled horizontal gas wells in the Barnett shale in Tarrant County.

As an example, royalties for a 90' x 135' lot: Based on 25% of the gas produced at today's natural-gas prices, the royalty is estimated to average \$580 per year over 20 years (or as Jim Bradbury stated last November, "one

good meal each month"). The committee weighed financial benefit versus environmental impact and decided the aforementioned four keys were the most important.

On May 30 we sent E-mails to seven potential gas drilling companies to request acceptance of our four concerns (expressed as an addendum to the basic lease) and a written quotation of the financial benefits to Mistletoe Heights homeowners. Our letter requested a reply by June 22. As of today, July 3, we have received **NO** reply from **any** of these seven companies.

These companies know our concerns; now your committee is in a waiting mode. Until some company makes a move to comply with these concerns, the committee's recommendation to Mistletoe Heights homeowners is to wait. Any resident is urged to contact committee members with questions, comments or suggestions.

Parade, continued

call during the interaction of vehicles and foot traffic, but no bad results. Some felt little trike- and bike-riders might not have the skills to control their "rides" to avoid an accident in close proximity to the motorized vehicles.

Perhaps with a little planning such concerns could be regulated and alleviated?

A completely different concern voiced by a big player—our own Uncle Sam [Martin Herring]—reminded us what's proper behavior during our national anthem. [hand over heart, hats off unless you're in uniform; sing it if you can, otherwise shut up] See him doing that on page 1.

Now what? Review the situation, at our next meeting?

Questions perhaps to be answered:

- *Do we need a parade marshall to dispense good cheer and be responsible for our well-being during the event?* (Theory: *someone* should be accountable, responsible and in charge, on the spot!)

- *What about having a parade route? Or several of them, for different endurance "speeds" and ages?* (A theory: it's outgrown spontaneity, crowd size warrants organization. My theory: walking around and around a small course is reminiscent of NASCAR or the hadji circling in Mecca, both intense? While a stroll down the lane is what a parade does, waving to bystanders on their own sidewalks along the parade route.)

- *What about having the parade in the morning?* (Objective: if it's a kiddie parade, they are fresher in the morning. and on a holiday we should eat ice cream at the social whether it's held morning, noon or night.)

- *Whatever else is on your mind.*

- *How do we evolve and change?* And how do we notice those moments and move forward?

Letter from the president

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