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Income taxes on Gas Lease bonus

Norm Stemple

H&R Block Tax preparer

By now those of us who received a gas lease bonus during 2007 should have received a Form 1099-MISC showing the amount we paid. This should be in Box 3 as "other income".

The easiest way to report this on your 2007 Income Tax return is to list it on Line 21 with a notation "Gas lease bonus".

Note this is *not* a royalty payment until gas is actually produced. Royalty payments will be reported to you, and to the government, in Box 2 of the Form 1099, and that amount should be reported on your tax return on Schedule E.

So far no natural gas has been produced.

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Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Newby Park on Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m. To participate, deliver 2 dozen plastic eggs filled with age appropriate candy or toys to 2341 W. Magnolia Ave. by Thursday, March 20.

Be sure to put your child's age, name, and telephone number on the bag. Remember to bring your Easter basket and camera on Saturday. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance! Coffee, juice, and doughnuts will be provided compliments of the Neighborhood Association.

For more information, call Susan Pressley at 817-923-6061 or 817-308-1484.

If it rains, the Easter Egg Hunt will be rescheduled for 2:00 p.m. If it is still raining then, the hunt will be cancelled, and your eggs can be picked up at 2341 W. Magnolia. Happy Easter!

We're looking for a few good officers!

The Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association has quite a few vacancies. As we went to press we needed these officers and helpers: ☐ President ☐ Secretary (the Pieper's, in the job for three years, did agree to continue) ☐ Historic Preservation Committee Chair ☐ Newby Park ☐ Garden Column ☐ Newsletter Ad Manager ☐ Yard of the Month.

New officers and volunteers from the November meeting and earlier in 2007: *Vice President*, James Huling; *E-Mail Monitor*, Laurie McCoy; *Webmaster*, Scott Ewing; *Easter Egg Hunt*, Brent & Susan Pressley; *Hospitality*, Moksha Todd; *Newsletter Editor*, Claudia Wilson.

As of February meeting, *new treasurer* is Jeri Jo Blackmon. Liz Stevens and Wendy Blanton will *revise our directory*. Thank you!

Trinity River Vision

Public Meeting Notice Neighborhood and Recreational Enhancement Program

Proposed Date: February 19 at 6:00 pm, Rose Room at the Botanic Garden. Opportunity for residents and river users to provide ideas about the Trinity River greenbelt

This meeting will review comments and ideas from the past seven meetings. Expect discussions of better trail linkages to neighborhoods, trail extensions, improved signs and information systems, additional trailhead locations, recreation facilities, beautification, environmental preservation ideas and others. Everyone is encouraged to attend and express views and suggestions.

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\$10.2-million bond election for May 10

The Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the 2008 bond package for streets and arterials with the exception of the \$10.2 million allocated for construction of new bridges for the Trinity River Vision (Trinity Uptown) project. Instead, the League supports using that \$10.2 million for neighborhood streets and arterial repair and construction.

BACKGROUND:

\$150 million is the total amount of the proposed bond package scheduled to go to voters in May 2008.

\$114 million is allocated to repair and construct streets and arterials citywide, even though \$971 million is the estimated cost to repair and reconstruct all the streets and arterials.

Neighborhoods will get less than 10% of their street needs met in the present bond allocations.

\$22.2 million is allocated to reconstruct the West 7th St. bridge (\$12 million) and to build two new bridges for the Trinity River Vision/Trinity Uptown project (\$10.2 million). The estimated funding need for the bridge projects is \$35 million.

Bridges will get 62% of their needs met in the present bond allocations.

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Something to discuss? Get on board our neighborhood bulletin board

by Laurie A. McCoy

MH Volunteer Email Distributor/Moderator, from her 11/30/07 email

Greetings, Neighbors! Wow! It's amazing to me how much email traffic we have going on!

On the one hand, it's wonderful: lots of intra-neighborhood communication, information exchange, concerned neighbors, etc. On the other hand, however, the emails are stacking up in my queue. (Right now, at least 12.)

As you know, I can only send 1 email out per hour, and I realistically can only send a few out per day. Despite that, there have been many days when I have sent 11 and 12 emails out. This is simply a pace that will be very difficult to maintain long-term.

Another positive observation I have regarding the email traffic is that so many of us are computer-savvy and comfortable with online communication. As such, I am thrilled more and more folks are registering to use the bulletin board feature on our neighborhood website.

While it's great to have so much dialogue going on in our neighborhood, email is not the best venue for it. Currently there are nearly 300 email addresses on my list. While not everyone is sending emails, this is still far too many for any one person to moderate if the email system is being used as a discussion forum, which is not really the intent.

Email is best for 'announcement'-type messages, not commentary.

That being said, I am glad to be of service to the neighborhood in this capacity, but I strongly encourage everyone to migrate discussions to the MH website's bulletin board. There are many benefits, including the following:

- Discussions are organized by topic,

so you only read what you want to read, and can refer back to specific topics easily.

- You can get notifications of new posts as they come in.
- The ability to post messages is instantaneous.

Scott Ewing, our webmaster, has set up several "Hot Topics" to get us going: Urban Gas Drilling, Street Lights, Crime Watch, SW to NW Rail Corridor, and Lost and Found.

Much of our current email traffic falls into one of these categories and really should be posted there.

With the same effort it takes to draft and send an email, you can do the same on our web site. Please check it out at <http://www.mistletoeheights.com/forum/>. The registration process is simple and you're prompted through it.

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What *they* were thinking: Mockingbird-Station-Type development for Midtown

At a Midtown meeting on February 6th for Mistletoe and Berkeley, Joel Burns offered hope and useful advice; but developers opposed the City's adopted plan because a Wisconsin firm is rushing to build now.

More than twenty years ago, the City began trying to sell the land at Rosedale and Forest Park Boulevard. With leadership from Wendy Davis and the neighborhoods, the City adopted a good zoning plan that now complements the commuter-rail station we expect in 2012.

It appears that developers will try to scrap the City's plan at the Zoning Commission meeting at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at city hall. IF YOU CARE, BE THERE! One hundred of us there can make a big difference.

Developer's Claim:

The developer disparaged the City's plan saying that although we might want a residential / commercial development resembling "... Mockingbird Station, with the Angelica Theatre inside ... the market today is not right for it."

The developer also said that our commuter-rail station might never be built because it is not funded yet. But it is too early for it to be entirely funded because for example, the draft environmental impact statement still being written. Considerable local funding has already been pledged.

Truth and Action:

The truth is that The-T (Fort Worth Transportation Authority) seems to be on schedule with its plans, which include real advantages in competing for funding such as using existing tracks.

After decades of trying to sell the Midtown land, and after adopting a practical plan for really exciting development there; now is not the time for the City scrap its plans in a rush because a Wisconsin hotel firm wants us to give up in favor of its two hotels.

Joel Burns and Gaye Reed

Thanks to Joel Burns for telling the meeting that The-T is still expecting to get our neighborhood commuter rail station operating on schedule in 2012.

Joel recommended that Mistletoe do advance work at city hall to have a better chance of winning at the Zoning Commission meeting. (NOTE: The single most important thing is getting the City staff to recommend against the developer's plan. Now is the time to do that. Also, it would not hurt to get testimony from The-T).

MHA member Gaye Reed is Joel's new appointee on the Zoning Commission. She cannot ~~What we were thinking:~~

Brainstorming Midtown in our emails

We were dreaming about our ideal vision of Midtown development back before the holidays. Here's a nostalgic recap of those emails, compiled in December by Carrie Johnson. Some good ideas here!

-----Original Message-----

From: Carrie Johnson

Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007

Subject: Midtown

Leslie sent out a request for neighbors who might be interested in forming a Midtown committee or even just a group of concerned citizens to get in touch with her. I would like to ask those of you who have an opinion on this, or if you are interested in signing

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Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor TAC-CRC Meeting in March

by Judy Meyer

Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor,
Public Involvement Team

Once again, we thank your neighborhood for your involvement in the Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor. We are making progress on the environmental documentation, and would like to update you.

Mark your calendars to attend the next joint meeting of the project Community Resource Council (CRC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The meeting will take place on **Monday, March 10, 2008**, beginning at **6PM**, at the **Intermodal Transportation Center, 1001 Jones Street, Fort Worth**. A light dinner will be served.

Please RSVP via email or call the project hot line at 817-215-8785.

Information will be presented at the meeting about the results of the initial environmental analyses for the proposed Southwest-to-Northeast Rail

Corridor. Rail station concepts that are moving forward in the environmental document will also be on display.

We also plan to conduct public meetings in March. More information about those meetings will be sent to you in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you on March 10th.

For further information, contact Judy Meyer by phone 817-215-8785, or email info@sw2neRAIL.com, or visit <http://www.sw2nerail.com/online>

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Mark Russell new cop on our beat

Officer Russell sent us this "hello" by email.

Greetings all, some of you may or may not know me. I am your new neighborhood policing officer (NPO), Mark Russell.

You can reach me via email at Markus.Russell@fortworthgov.org, office phone 817-871-8885 or by cell phone at 817-991-8472.

I work out of 1000 W. Magnolia Ave or the storefront on 2900 W. Berry Street.

I hope that I have gathered all the association's information and hope to be able to convey beat information to you or anything else that comes along.

If anyone is interested in becoming a COP (Citizens on Patrol) member, just let me know as well. Please pass information on that I send you I look forward to working with y'all and please feel free to call me or contact me anytime.

I love my "gray Taco Bell"...

The gray mission-style bungalow on Harrison Avenue has been my home for almost 30 years. And Mistletoe Heights has always meant much more to me than just a convenient place to live.

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Bulletin board.
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Thanks, Carrie

-----Original Message-----

From: LLHTEXAS@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007
Subject: Fwd: FW: revisiting Midtown

[We know] we are in an urban area and I am in favor of development, as long it is smart development. We can work with the developer to minimize the impact to our neighborhood and not just 'let it happen'. I would like to form a committee to follow this and work with Fort Worth South, Inc. and the developer as this progresses. I don't know the process and since it will be a while before our next meeting, anyone interested, please give me a call and we can meet and decide how best to proceed. And if not a committee, then concerned citizens.
Leslie Houston
2321 Irwin, 817.917.6563

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrea Thomas
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2007
Subject: revisiting Midtown

To all neighbors,
Yes we have a great [neighborhood] location. ...development and redevelopment will occur because of our ...convenience to the medical district, downtown, transportation centers (buses and rail), etc. ... It does nothing but increase our property values. ...traffic will happen whether we like it or not. Developers and retailers look at demographics of a neighborhood before they decide on locating in a particular area--it has to make economic sense.

-----Original Message-----

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007
Subject: Re: FW: FW: revisiting Midtown - the neighborhood is getting a Starbucks

Well, we didn't form a committee for Midtown last night.
Although I did ask what we, the neighborhood, could do to help instill confidence both in the developer (whoever that may now be) and in the proprietors of potential businesses. Confidence that a business in our area can be as successful as a business in the University area. (Seems developers are all flocking to University now). Paul Paine, President of Ft. Worth South came and there was plenty of discussion. He struck me as being very

straightforward, earnest and sincere.
I feel Midtown, the train station, and even Mistletoe Station are positive developments ...amidst all this development we need to be concerned with traffic (and noise) issues. ...With Hwy 121 coming through where the site of the old lumber company and Planet Auto are, I have to wonder what that is going to do to our neighborhood.
Just food for thought!
Carrie Johnson

From: Anna Horton
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2007
Subject: neighborhood getting a Starbucks

A Starbucks is going in at 8th and Rosedale. ...at the bank building there on the NW corner.
Due to the unique building (for a Starbucks), it will likely be a training center and they are talking about renting out some of the boardroom-type space for meetings. Plans are to open in February, so they will probably open in March.
Anna Horton, Starbucks' employee.

From: Carrie Johnson
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007
Subject: revisiting Midtown suggestions

Several neighbors commented on ideas for Midtown. I've gathered them together below. Feel free to comment or add to the [Mistletoe Heights Wish] list.

An organic grocery store (Whole Foods or smaller version is Trader Joe's), Eurotazza, EatZi's and Milwaukee Joe's are tops on the list of establishments people would like to see. I looked up Trader Joe's and it is pretty awesome so far! They use local artists for their decorations in their stores. Cool! I believe Heather's ideas open your eyes to the possible variety that could be included. I wouldn't have thought of a Crate & Barrel.
Carrie Johnson

I'd like to see a Whole Foods store. I love the idea of Eurotazza too.
Lisa Gowan

hi carrie,
have you heard of "trader joe's"? it is a great, smaller supermarket. lots of organic foods, great snacks, cards, cool gifts, wine, etc.
they have a lot of stores in downtown areas. maybe a better fit for us than wholefoods with the parking and traffic situation. look them up online. ...
stephanie

Minutes of the Nov. 20 MHA quarterly meeting

The meeting was convened at 6:43 p.m. at Urban Realty Resources at 1244 College Ave., at Magnolia, the offices of MHA President Hao Tran.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hao, who is stepping down as president, delivered her president's report covering her eventful year in office, which began with neighbors beginning to receive gas lease offers last November.

Other highlights cited by Hao:

Norm and Irene Stemple celebrated 50 years of marriage; Betsy Horn and her daughter Molly were featured artists at the Old Neighborhood Grill in Fort Worth South's Arts Goggle; and "runway" reflectors delineating a bike lane were installed, and quickly uninstalled, on Mistletoe Boulevard.

"We welcome new life and mourn the passing of old friends and neighbors," Hao said. "The one issue that consistently challenged our values and mobilized our neighborhood was urban gas drilling, and it will continue to have an effect on our community."

"I want to thank all of you who have had a hand in creating such a wonderful place to live. Your passion, knowledge and warmth have made me feel at home."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Leslie Houston was unable to attend the meeting, so the treasurer's report was read by Hao.

As of Oct. 31, the MHA bank balance was \$8,440. The decrease in the balance was due to the purchase of picnic tables for the pavilion at Newby Park. The Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department installed the three eight-foot tables under the pavilion on Oct. 4.

The balance was expected to increase in November because of the deposit of dues checks. As of Nov. 3, dues had been collected from 156 households, plus from one former resident, for a total of \$4,813. By this time last year, 169 households, one former resident and one nonresident had contributed \$5,162. Leslie reported that people are

still sending in dues. So she expects the 2007 total to be comparable to 2006. Dues checks received by Dec. 27 will be deposited in 2008.

CRIME REPORT

Neighborhood Police Officer Leah Wagner distributed a crime report for the period Oct. 20 to Nov. 20. The report, covering the neighborhood west and east of Forest Park Boulevard, listed 14 offenses ranging from public intoxication, to credit card abuse to burglary of a vehicle.

Several neighbors cited the recent spate of smash-and-grab break-ins of vehicles. Officer Wagner said the holiday period tends to see an increase in property crime. People tend to carry more money for shopping and to leave stuff in vehicles, making them easy targets.

Some advice: Don't leave stuff in cars; keep any valuables out of sight; park vehicles in driveways if possible, rather than in the street; use outdoor lighting, particularly lighting that's motion-sensitive; pay attention to car alarms and barking dogs, as they may indicate that something's amiss; keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior and report

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it to the police non-emergency number; don't offer food, etc., to homeless people who wander the neighborhood, as it will encourage them to stay.

"All you have to do is look out for each other," Officer Wagner said.

GAS LEASE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hao thanked Norm Stemple, chairman of the neighborhood committee that negotiated with the energy companies, for the good work done by the committee in getting the best possible deal for leases on mineral rights. Norm gave a brief update.

As of Nov. 19, a little more than a year since the first lease offers were received in Mistletoe Heights, 51 percent of the households in the neighborhood had signed leases.

Norm said that about 50 residents will not sign any lease on the grounds that urban drilling diminishes the quality of life in the neighborhood. He said that about 50 property owners are absentee landlords and that it's difficult to determine their status. Another 50 or so residents, he said, signed leases about a year ago with the company that first offered leases. The lease recommended by the committee, Norm said, is that offered by XTO and Fort Worth Energy, which is paying \$15,000 per acre in lease-signing bonuses.

Norm was asked if he knew where the drill site will be and when drilling might start. He said he understood that the drill pad will be north of Interstate 30 somewhere along Forest Park Boulevard and the Trinity River. He said he doesn't know when drilling might start, but that committee member James Huling, a petroleum engineer, says companies usually want a threshold of about 70 percent of signed households before drilling beneath a neighborhood.

Norm said the neighborhood, which has about 450 households, needs about 100 more signatories to reach the threshold of 70 percent.

OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Steve McReynolds and Martin Herring had scoured the neighborhood in advance of the quarterly MHA meeting to enlist interest in serving as officers for the Mistletoe Heights Association or as volunteers for various projects.

We still do not have a president. But Hao has agreed to serve another three months although she no longer lives in the neighborhood.

James Huling has agreed to serve as vice president. Jim and Mary Ellen Peipert will continue as joint secretaries—unless someone else has a burning desire to be secretary of a neighborhood association.

Brent and Susan Pressley will take on the job of organizing the annual Easter egg hunt in Newby Park. Wyatt and Joy Teague had done this for years, but have stepped down.

Other tasks and the neighbors who have taken them on: Moksha Todd, hospitality; Scott Ewing, Web master; Laurie McCoy, e-mail monitor; and Claudia Wilson, newsletter editor.

Positions available: treasurer, in place of Leslie Houston, who is stepping down; directory chairperson; historical committee chairperson; garden columnist, in place of Patsy Slocum, who is stepping down; someone to ride herd on Newby Park doings; and someone to do the Yard of the Month column for the newsletter.

PROJECTS AFFECTING MISTLETOE HEIGHTS

Paul Paine, president of Fort Worth South, provided an update on the status of the Midtown project on the property at the northeast corner of Rosedale Street and Forest Park Boulevard.

The bottom line is that not much has been happening at the site and the developer, Trademark, is apparently scaling back plans on what kind of buildings, hotels, offices, retail establishments, etc., might occupy the site.

Neighbors made various suggestions about what sort of businesses they would like to see at the site: a Whole Foods store, an independent coffee shop, a Trader Joe's, Starbucks, a quality hotel with conference room and banquet facilities, etc. Paine said Fort Worth South welcomes such suggestions so that the organization can work with prospective retailers and the developer.

There had been speculation in the neighborhood that the developer might be dragging its feet on the prospect that an energy company would pay big bucks to use it as a drilling site to tap the natu-

ral gas under Mistletoe Heights. But Paine said there is "no legal way" for an energy company to drill on the Midtown site, because such a use would be a contract violation.

The T has proposed that a commuter railway station be built near the site, and Paine described that as "a big positive." A station would generate traffic for the retailers and other businesses at the site. Renderings of the T's plans for various light-rail stations can be seen on its Web site.

The neighborhood e-mail group has seen many postings in recent days on the Midtown site and the prospective light-rail station. Please check that for any updates on either project.

EVENTS

Jim and Elizabeth Bradbury will host this year's neighborhood Christmas party at their home on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Bradburys live at 2337 Mistletoe Ave. Bring a dish to share with friends and neighbors.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Peipert*

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Tillery became a playground

by Wendy Blanton

It's Friday, 3 PM. I go to pick up my first grader from Lily B and her request is the same one I've been hearing all week: "can we go play at the new park, *please?*" As we pull in to the parking lot of the newly renovated Tillery Park, it is clear that she is not the only child affected by its draw. The weather is fine and I count at least 15 other kids climbing in, out, around, over and under the new structures. My eldest finds a familiar face in the crowd and runs to join her as the toddler and I head over to the tot-lot. True to form, the finished product feels every bit the community park its founders intended.

And, indeed, a community came together to build it. Roughly 1,200 volunteers turned out for the build that began on Wednesday, October 10th. This number included 600 volunteers from the TCU Leaps program, from residents of least six neighborhoods and many area churches. Parks & Recreation employees also volunteered to work overtime to help build the park.

Although the committee did not reach its goal of 2,000 volunteers needed to complete the build on time, those who did come were committed. Many returned for a second weekend to get the job done by October 21st.

The volunteers were served three meals per day, thanks in part to the donations of local businesses. Albertson's donated meals, ice, and snacks for the workers and Old Neighborhood Grill showed up with breakfast every morning. As for lunch and dinner, workers were treated to meals provided by Dutch's Hamburgers, Joe's Pizza and Pasta on Berry, Chick-fil-A on Hulen, and Byrne Brothers Foods. Drinks were donated by Miller, Ozarka, Coke and, believe it or not, Alliance Texas and Autobahn Motors (who donated water.)

Businesses also offered financial support. As the fundraising committee stretched to reach its \$175,000 goal, Fort Worth Energy and XTO each came through with donations of \$25,000. Sizeable donations also came from the Ben E. Keith Company, Chesapeake Energy and the William and Elizabeth Moncrief Foundation.

The result of this collective effort is amazing.



Clockwise from top—the old unimproved Tillery Park; some of the hundreds of volunteers in October 2007 who moved mountains of lumber; poured concrete and created playspaces so inviting an oldster couldn't resist climbing in.



The entrance to the park features an old western town façade through which children can enter the many levels of steps, slides and bridges. They can emerge through the doors of miniature houses and put on a performance in the mini-amphitheater or exchange messages over the whisper phones. Smaller children have their very own tot-lot that features lower structures and toddler-sized swings.

The details of the park reflect the work of artists large and small. Children painted native Texas animals on 8x8 tiles in the style of South American molas. Over 200 of the paintings are permanently displayed around the play structure.

Amy Oliveira's Art I students at Paschal



created the mural for the climbing wall. The

scene was designed by fellow student Audrey Travis and pictures a child playing with old-fashioned western toys.

Berkeley artist Cassandra Oliphint painted the details on the playhouses that were constructed in part by Mistletoe sculptor Jack Kendrick. And a helicopter constructed by architect Woody Bruner features a black lab at the controls that was painted by artist Melissa Kohout, (Woody and Melissa also hail from Mistletoe Heights.)

In the coming months, finishing touches will be added. There will be fencing partly donated by Buzz Fence, together with a wrought iron entry, plus a grand entryway where guardian donors will be memorialized. Other signage will recognize the founding families, individual component sponsors, and others.

In addition to managing these final details, Friends of Tillery Park is applying for next year's community park improvement grant. If awarded again, the grant will be used to continue improving and maintaining the park. This grant is open to any neighborhood that wishes to submit an application for their park, so if anyone is ambitious enough to take on the task for Newby, I can put you in contact with the right people!

If you were not able to participate in phase I of the build, fear not—there are still ways to take part. Personalized pickets, bricks and pavers are

available for donations of \$35, \$65 and \$100, respectively.

There are also a few remaining park components that are available to sponsor. For the person who has everything (in the way of personalized park-building materials) consider a Tillery Park cookbook that sells for \$20 and features recipes from local residents and chefs as well as a history of Tillery Grocery.

Contact Suzanne Frossard for cookbook order forms at sfrossard@sbcglobal.net. All other forms are available at tillerypark.org.

If you prefer hands-on involvement, volunteers will be needed to help install the landscaping in early 2008. Elizabeth Anna's Old World Garden has generously donated a design that utilizes primarily native plantings requiring minimal irrigation. Stay tuned for more details on installation day!

In the meantime, the girls and I plan to spend many an afternoon making memories at the park that bears their art and the dedication of their neighbors. Thank you!



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It's a tough time of year to find a yard of the month, so here's a twist—future yard of the month.

Last summer a family on a street that starts with an "M" put in sprinklers—good investment for becoming a Yard of the Month someday. The crew dug like a batch of prairie dogs and trenched up the front yard nicely then knocked off for the weekend.

The family left Saturday morning for an outing. Of course the neighbors out in their front yards had to walk over to check out those trenches and made some smart remarks to each other. Something like, "Look at that! Reminds me of 'Caddyshack'." Maybe it was those tiny flags that marked where sprinkler heads were to go. That sort of reminded us of a golf course, like the pin and flag. Nah, it was the big piles of dirt on the nice green lawn that inspired us.

One neighbor went to look up the movie and print out something to christen the scene "Caddyshack". Another went for two stuffed furry chew toys that look like badgers. Into the trenches they went, along with golf shoes to look like a fallen golfer.

Then more neighbors got involved and pulled out all the stops, or at least some of their Halloween decor. That bloody severed arm looks pretty real. Then another neighbor brought the finishing touch—her golf



? Future Yard of the Month ?



club—and gave it to the hand.

By then about five of us had conspired in this hilarity, while one nextdoor neighbor watched in mildly amused disbelief. Then the hard part came.

Waiting. Waiting for the family to pull into the driveway and stare down the "gopher". Hanging out in the front yard, we did busy-work and tried to be patient.

It worked. They came

home and the parents were laughing and laughing. The kids didn't get it, but Caddyshack was before their time. We enjoyed the scene all weekend, and the most amused was the supervisor on Monday morning when he returned with the crew. He laughed and laughed. The crew didn't get it.

There is plenty of silliness on this block of Mistletoe Heights, and not too many grown ups.

Dear Neighbors,

We'd like to alert you to an opportunity to support a major new Near Southside event that will take place on March 29. On that day, Samaritan House will sponsor Joe's Run, a 5K walk/run that will start at 8:00 a.m. near our facility on Hemphill and Rosedale, ending at an after-party and awards presentation at Magnolia Green Park, on Rosedale just west of Hemphill.

You are invited to participate in Joe's Run in any way you may choose: by running or walking in the race, by volunteering to help on race day, or just by coming out to cheer the participants on and share in the excitement of race day.

Please join us for this exciting event. Attached is our poster, which will give you more detailed information. If you'd like to learn more about Samaritan House and what we do, please visit our web site:

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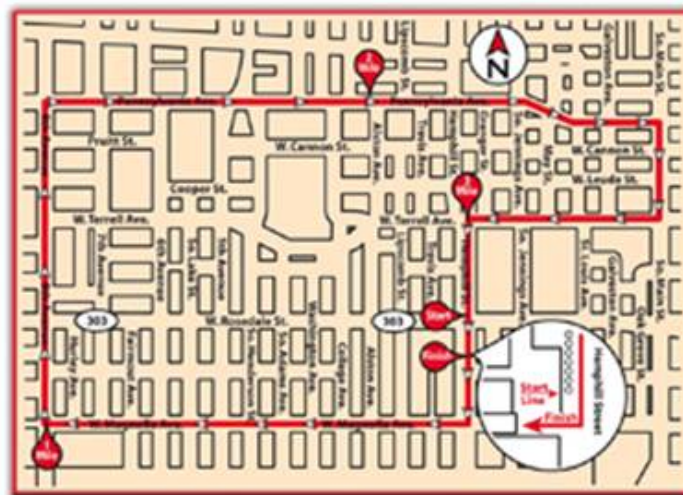
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Spring ArtsGoggle will be Friday, March 28. Lots of Mistletoe residents are artists whose work will be shown at businesses all over the Southside area. Come out and support them.

With ArtsGoggle on Friday night and Joe's Run (5K) the next morning, the weekend of March 28-29 promises to be big for the Near Southside.

April events

Prairie Fest and Mistletoe Yard Sale



New neighbors welcomed

Welcome baskets have been presented to new neighbors in recent months by Joy Teague.



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We are celebrating our One Year Anniversary in Near South Side at Arts Goggle March 28, 2008. Come by and visit our center.

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Those who received Holiday-themed baskets are:

*Nancy Staples
at 2319 Harrison*

*Ben Belsher
at 2132 Weatherbee*

*Clint & Joanna Newell
at 2212 Mistletoe Ave*

*Moonye Harrell
at 2112 Weratherbee*

Last month around Valentine's day, Joy welcomed Katrina and Mark Pittman and their son Knox with a welcome basket at 2301 Edwin.

Thank you, Joy, and welcome to our new neighbors.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Its time for spring cleaning! Clear out and sell all that stuff which takes up space in your attic and garage!

Mistletoe Heights in conjunction with Berkely Place will be holding **spring garage sales on Saturday, April 12** with a rain date of Saturday, April 19! If its raining at 7am the day of the sale, with continued rain in the forecast for the rest of the day, then the sale will be postponed.

An ad will run in the Star Telegram the week-end of the sale. Please contact the city Garage Sale Permit Department at 817-392-7851 to obtain your free permit.

Also, let's all be mindful to not leave our money bags out for buyers to see and to not let anyone in our homes in the spirit of safety!

Trinity River meeting, cont'd

A brief overview of the program and current state of the river corridor will be given, followed by attendees' questions and comments.

Staff from TRV partner organizations and representatives of the consultants will be there to take notes and encourage involvement. Your input is needed to prioritize and conceptually design many other recreation projects and neighborhood connections identified in the TRV Master Plan. This planning process will result in a ten-year action plan for project funding and implementation.



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The public meetings will be held in a wheelchair-accessible location. Anyone requiring language translation or other special communication accommodations should contact LComm Marketing & Public Relations at 817-737-8388.

Please email info@trinityrivervision.com with any questions or ideas, and feel free to fill out our questionnaire so we can know what connections and recreation improvements you would like to see on the river.

May 10 bond election, cont'd

The League believes the city needs to take responsibility for the pressing need for neighborhood streets and arterial repair and construction BEFORE it builds new Trinity Uptown bridges. Since bond projects take as long as twenty years to actually be built (*example:* the widening of East 1st Street was approved in a 1980s-era bond issue, but the project has yet to be started), the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods supports shifting the \$10.2 million for the construction of two new Trinity River Vision bridges into street projects that are sorely needed necessities TODAY.

Please visit www.fortworthgov.org for the line-by-line allocations in this upcoming bond issue.

Café Express would be a nice addition since we lost the one on university. Food for thought.
Eric & Jennifer Rice, 2300 Irwin

We would like to see a Chase Bank close by.
J.T. and Barbara Sutter

From: Lisa Nussbaum
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007
What about a Eurotazza coffee house... the young lady that owns the one on Camp Bowie is lovely; it's her first coffee/tea house.
EatZi's would be great!

In addition to a Starbucks or even better, an independent coffee house, I would like to see EatZi's or something similar.
Michael Phillips, Realtor

Milwaukee Joe's is a locally owned ice cream store. One of the two owners lives in Berkeley. They call him, humorously, Chicago Don. The other is Milwaukee Joe. They used to have a store on Camp Bowie. Now they have one in Bedford (original) and one in Southlake Town Center. Since they know location is everything, I doubt that Mid Town would be of interest. But with one owner living in Berkeley, perhaps they'd consider it.

Carol Spencer

From: Shelley J. Hardell
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007

I miss Milwaukee Joe's!!!!
Yes... can we persuade him??

Carrie,
I don't think you have flipped your lid! In fact I am in total agreement with you and would be willing to help wage a campaign to get some great retail in that area. I have often thought that Whole Foods should try a pilot store in that space that would be on a smaller scale than its current locations.

I believe the demographics of this area would show that a store of that type would be supported. Also, generating interest of independent locally owned business might be a good idea. I am ready and willing to help in trying to get some neighborhood friendly shops in midtown.

Mecca Givens
2222 W Magnolia Ave,
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Hi, Carrie, I really like the Knox-McKinney area in Dallas ... it might be a good model for development.

Have you been there? I go every few months, & usually before Christmas as it's a great place to shop for little gifts (and big ones). There's the Highland Park Pharmacy-it's still a functional pharmacy, and has

its original soda fountain. I love to go there & get a sandwich & malt. Recently the Minyards bought it and expanded the hours a bit. Froggie's 5&10 is nearby, and there's also Weir's, which is huge.

Also Quatrine, where I've bought several things for my house (it's slipcovered furniture, there's a similar place on University). A big Sur La Table. There's a great gift shop (Iota) along the lines of Strings on 7th, there's a Smith & Hawken, combo gift/antique shop, Pottery Barn (we already have on University of course), Crate & Barrel, Chuy's & other restaurants, an Apple store. On the other side of the highway, various antique and gift shops, Urban Home (very cool--interiors old & new, they have the refinished metal government-issue furniture from mid-century), etc. ... just thinking how cool it would be to have this stuff in the neighborhood...
Take care, Heather

From: Tran, Hao
Sent: Tues, October 30, 2007
Subject: RE: FW: Is it too late for Midtown?

Thank for you the dialogue regarding MidTown development. It will be an integral part of our neighborhood, and the planning process as to what types of businesses should be there... also consider the viability of its support [from] surrounding neighborhoods, residents and commuters (particularly with the rail line). I personally would like to see non-chain businesses. Although this may not be realistic, the character of this area is sustained by the individualistic and cultured crowd. It would be such a benefit to our community if we support our own economic viability by such businesses.

Okay, so Trader Joe's is chain. Dang, I agree with seeing non-chain businesses go in but I do like their concept. Whole Foods too.

Ohhh, I'm so torn!

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