



# Mistletoe Express

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May 2011



Charlie and Adley Rodman with the Easter Bunny.  
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## The Big Egg Hunt of 2011

*Submitted by Susan Pressley*

Thank you to everyone who came to the Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd. A good time was had by all, including the adults. This year more people than ever attended. Seventy-seven children dropped off eggs to participate in the Hunt. Parents, grandparents, and even neighbors without kids watched as children of all ages darted around Newby Park collecting eggs. After the Hunt, the Easter Bunny stopped by on his motorcycle for pictures. The weather was nice and everyone enjoyed the park. The new flowers planted by the Mistletoe Heights Garden Club looked especially beautiful. This year, in the interest of health, bagels and fruit were served instead of the traditional donuts. This healthy alternative was welcomed by many parents.

A special thanks to Woody Bruner and Betsy, Mary Ann, and Mark Shelton who made sure the Easter Bunny made it to the Hunt, Kelley & River Reece who helped set up the park, Patsy Slocum who provided coffee, and Jonnie Steed who helped hide eggs.

## Select YMCA pools to offer community swim hours for Fort Worth residents

The City of Fort Worth is partnering with the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth for a second year to open four pools to the general public.

Beginning Saturday, June 4, and running through Aug. 20, Fort Worth residents can swim from 2 to 4 p.m. seven days a week at the following pools without a YMCA membership:

- Eastside YMCA, 1500 Sandy Lane, 76112
- E.R. Van Zandt Southwest YMCA, 4750 Barwick Drive, 76132
- McDonald Community YMCA, 2400 East Berry Street, 76105 (closed Sunday)
- Westside YMCA, 8201 Calmont Avenue, 76116

The price to swim is \$1 for children age 17 and under and \$2 for adults age 18 and up. Swimming lessons also will be offered at all four pools weekdays at 4 p.m. for an additional fee,

and financial assistance is available for those interested in lessons.

The City's pools will be closed for the 2011 season due to on-going budget constraints and maintenance needs.

### About the partnership

The City first partnered with the YMCA in 2010 when budget reductions closed all municipal swimming pools except Forest Park. At the end of the 2010 season, the liner at Forest Park pool ruptured, making it unsafe to reopen in 2011.

In light of continuing budget constraints and maintenance issues with City pools, the City and the YMCA partnered again for 2011 to en-

sure residents have access to pools and swimming lessons.

The City has developed an Aquatics Master Plan to address the need for pools and other aquatic centers throughout Fort Worth.

The plan is available for download on the Aquatics website.



**MHA Neighborhood Meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2325 Mistletoe Drive**

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## Yard of the month: 2341 W. Magnolia Ave.

Brent and Susan Pressley of 2341 W. Magnolia Ave. are recipients of the Yard of the Month award for May.

Vivid color and texture catch the eye, and varied foliage frames their prairie-style house. About five years ago, Susan designed and planted the front beds, using native and adapted plants because they required little maintenance.

Leatherwood mahonia, now full of blue berry clusters, and cast-iron planters (aspidistra) line the foundation. On one end of the bed is a large knockout rose in full bloom with red hot poker to its side. On the other end is a crape myrtle surrounded by yellow irises, salvia greggii, rosemary and Turk's cap.

Columbine, yellow sun drops (calyophus), pincushion flower, pink oxalis and thrift provide yellow, lavender-blue and pink color in the spring. In the summer, hibiscus, black-eyed Susan, purple coneflower and Henry Duelberg sage will be blooming.

Gray river rocks define and contain the front beds. Flanking the sidewalk in front of the porch are potted red geraniums and yellow pansies. Sitting on the porch wall are long pots of red begonias, with ferns hanging from above.

The Pressleys' objective was to group plants so that something blooms throughout the year.

For example, the hibiscus is planted right in front of the columbine. When the columbine blooms in the spring, the hibiscus is barely showing its new shoots. In the summer, when the hibiscus is big, it covers the columbine because it won't bloom again until spring.

Susan said that choosing plants for this bed was tricky because it faces north, and the house has large eaves so that the back part of the bed is shaded and the front part gets sun.

Susan considers the side yard a work in progress. The area close to the house is landscaped with roses, catmint, phlox, amaryllis and lamb's ear. However, last winter's freezing temperatures killed most of the Asian jasmine that filled a large portion of the side yard.

But Susan sees the positive side and feels this will be a great opportunity to replace the Asian jasmine with sun-loving flowering plants and shrubs. She hopes to have a water fountain feature on this side soon.

The Pressleys' planning, hard work, enthusiasm and pride are evident, and they'll receive a generous gift certificate donated by Calloway's Nursery.



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Bella and Brent Pressley lining up for the Hunt.



Lucy Blanton picking up an egg.



Kate Blanton  
and Seiler Nishimura



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# Happy Mother's Day!

## May 8

### Central Market bags still available

Central Market bags are available on Thomas and Marjorie Day's porch, 2239 W. Magnolia Ave. Please send your donation to our neighborhood treasurer, Jeri Jo Blackmon, 1408 Mistletoe Drive. The money made from the reusable grocery bags donations goes toward our Entrance Beautification program.

### Get on the Mistletoe Heights email list

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# Color in the garden

By Marjorie Day

## Red

Red is the perfect color to use near an entryway to make it a focal point in the front yard. Red screams, "Look at me!" Even a small bit of red draws the eye.

## Red-orange /orange

Hot colors like orange and red-orange take no prisoners and often work better as smaller flowers such as marigolds. Or if they're part of a total red-hot color scheme, or as a focal point. Oranges tie in best with yellows, reds and whites, and can be used as focal points with dark blues. They don't set well with pastel pinks and light blues.

## Yellow

Yellow can be hard to see in the sunny garden. To keep yellow looking bright, pair your yellow plants with dark plants to create needed contrast.

## Silver

Silver is a fantastic color in the garden, but it fades without contrast. When planted with dark flowers and/ or foliage, silver adds light and creates a focal point.

## Blue

Blue flowers recede in the garden and make plants seem farther away. They can give depth to the garden, making it seem larger.



## Pink

Pink flowers are especially pretty on their own, or mixed in with blues and whites. When an entire flowerbed is done in one color, such as pink, it allows the eye to focus on the qualities of each plant.

## White

White has a special quality for folks who come home from work late. White flowers can still be seen as darkness falls. A white "moonlight" garden made of all white flowering plants is a beautiful sight for those who may not get the chance to enjoy their outdoor space in the daytime.

Remember all good rules are meant to be broken, but tried-and-true companion planting ideas really do work well.



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# A quest for safe, walkable sidewalks in Mistletoe?

After 2 years of asking and then begging, pleading and goading, and making calls, my block of 2200 West Magnolia has new sidewalks for a few years now. What does your block look like? What are you willing to do to improve your block?

We have sidewalks in serious decline, and on some blocks they are non-existent but the thing that kills me, my big lament, which I went on about in other newsletters, is the walk from Lily B. Clayton to Newby Park. This has to be the most serious offense to child safety for miles around.

How is it that as a large solid income neighborhood we cannot

manage the repair and replacement of sidewalks? You know what irks me? This whole neighborhood came out by the hundreds when they thought they were getting a little bleeping gas check but a safe passage to a school? Cue the sound of crickets.

Will it take an injured child on Jerome or Mistletoe Blvd. to make sidewalks happen? Or course, we are conveniently located to an emergency room.

I do hope the building of Midtown, and the revitalization of West Rosedale will be the impetus to continue sidewalks up Jerome. However, if my memory serves me correctly connecting the missing sidewalks on busy Mistletoe Blvd. was a no-brainer when the city fixed that street but the Mistletoe Blvd. homeowners that called the city at what would have been the most affordable time to repair and replace sidewalks were met with anger by city officials on the phone over the request. So perhaps, assuming Midtown and the West Rosedale improvement project will help our child safety plight may be equally misguided.

The city is always going on and on about becoming a walkable city. Well? First order of business you'd think would be connecting an elementary school to a children's playground. We can't walk our kids safely to our neighborhood school and park. Shouldn't this be a first priority for caring functional adults? Do we need to get Dr. Phil in here or what?

Please contact Councilman Joel Burns and ask him to help us secure a safe passage from Lily B. Clayton to Newby Park, and connect the missing sidewalks on Mistletoe Blvd. All of our streets need to be functional and safe.

In closing, a friend from another neighborhood asked me why Mistletoe Heights allows it to be so shabby. I felt so angry when she asked that, partly because I felt embarrassed that she was right, and partly at our neighborhood's lazy acceptance of what would be completely unacceptable pedestrian conditions elsewhere in Fort Worth.

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## West Rosedale Street Retrofit

West Rosedale Street  
Retrofit - Forest Park to 135  
Sustainable Development  
Grant project for the  
design and construction  
of sidewalks, crosswalks,  
benches, trash receptacles,  
shade trees, lighting, and a  
pedestrian plaza along W  
Rosedale St from Main St to  
Forest Park Blvd.

Current Construction  
Schedule\*

\* All Future Dates are  
Projections Construction  
Phase Start - Pedestrian  
Amenities 05/19/2011  
Construction Phase Start  
- Main Project 05/04/2012  
Construction Complete  
- Pedestrian Amenities  
05/25/2012 Construction  
Complete - Main Project  
12/28/2012



# Mistletoe Heights Garden Club spruce up entrance, Newby Park

Melissa Kahout, Andy Rodman,  
Lisa McGowan, Marjorie Day,  
Diana Stubbe and Master Gardeners  
Charlie and Ashley Rodman.

Photo taken by the very preppers  
Alex Rodman who came to be  
emotional support because the only  
labor Alex should be doing is at the  
local hospital. It was a lot of fun and  
thanks to all the early bird gardeners  
of the Mistletoe Heights Garden Club

At Newby, Claudia Camp, Julie  
Wilson and Nish helped out, too.

*Thank you!!  
- for all you do!!*





# Plant a Tree: Offset noise and pollution

Select a site based on the tree's light requirements, mature height and width, and water requirements. If you want to plant along the street, save the Bur Oaks and Pecans for the big backyard. Consider the site and talk to a qualified nursery people when choosing which tree to plant.

Dig the hole twice as wide as the root ball (container), and no deeper than the height of the root ball.

Backfill around the root ball, with the soil you've dug out of the hole.

Make a 4-inch berm around the hole. Fill your berm with shredded bark mulch and/or compost.

Right after planting, water the tree in.

Week 1, after planting, lightly water the tree every day with a quart of water.

Week 2, water every other day with two quarts of water.

Week 3, water every three days with three quarts of water.

Week 4, water once a week if needed. The goal is to wean the tree slowly off of water, until the tree is established on natural rainfall.

**Water Tip:** Use your finger to check watering needs. If the soil is cool to the touch, do not water. If it is warm and dry, water.

Trees remove carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the tree and soil and releasing oxygen. Trees

provide cooling shade, reduce energy costs, block winter winds, attract birds, purify our air, prevent soil erosion, clean the water, reduce and block noise pollution, cool pavement, reduce heat-island effect in the city and beautify our neighborhood. We have a new highway coming in nearby and now is the time to plant large shrubs and trees to reduce the effects.



## MH Home Remodel Before and Afters

The newsletter would like to see your MH historic home's Before and After Remodeling photos for an upcoming newsletter.

Please send your photos and any information or story regarding your remodeling project to the editor at [perrellim@aol.com](mailto:perrellim@aol.com) and put "Remodel MH News" in the title of your email. Anything from kitchens, baths, exterior, to garden projects...there are lots of stories out there to share with your neighborhood.

## Fairmount Home Tour May 7-8

*From Fairmount's website*

More than 1,500 visitors will gather in Fort Worth's Fairmount neighborhood over Mother's Day Weekend to celebrate the rich history of the Southwest's largest historic district.

The Fairmount Tour of Homes will take place May 7-8 from noon to 6:00 p.m. and will kick off with a neighborhood parade at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. The event will feature an expanded artisan area with local artists and craftspeople showcasing their goods at the primary ticket booth location, Zio Carlo - Magnolia Brew Pub.

This year's tour will showcase five beautifully restored homes, a renovated commercial property, a new construction home built in an appropriate historic style, and a "work in progress" home to give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at home restoration.

"We're featuring a wide variety of properties this year," said Chelsie Thornton, co-director of the event. "It's such a treat to see inside these places and learn about their architectural history."

New additions to the event will highlight the neighborhood's urban charm as well as provide added convenience for tour attendees. Fairmount Bike Taxi will provide complimentary pedicab service between tour stops. Those hoping to grab a quick bite during the event can either visit one of Magnolia Avenue's many restaurants or the food truck rally that will take up temporary residence in the parking lot of SiNiCa Glass Studios.

"Our goal is for visitors to leave with a sense of what makes Fairmount a great place to live. Part of its appeal is that it's become such a walkable, urban neighborhood while maintaining its historical roots," said Ashley Paz, co-director of the event.

Proceeds of the tour benefit the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, and its mission to preserve, restore and maintain the Fairmount neighborhood and surrounding historic district.

Tickets are \$12.00 if ordered in advance, and \$18.00 on the day of the tour. Tickets stop being sold online on Saturday May 7 at 9 a.m.



A couple of the tour homes on South Adams







# Sound the trumpets. The new BRIT is open.

If adventure is in your nature, we invite you to come explore BRIT's dazzling new world-class home in the Fort Worth Cultural District. Tour the remarkable sustainable construction elements that are the shining stars of the new building, enjoy live music, festivities and discover how BRIT shares knowledge about the plant world to enhance life for all living things. No matter how you spend your visit, we hope you'll leave with one resounding thought: We must each become stewards of our environment.

## BRIT Grand Opening

Numerous activities for families, children, and adults will be taking place during BRIT's grand opening on May 21, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Below is the schedule of entertainers that will perform on our outdoor main stage and the lecture series taking place in our Commons Room. We will also have several education stations in located in different parts of our campus. The herbarium, library, and education wings will be open for touring. It will be a day full of fun, we cannot wait to see you there.

### Events & Performances: Main Stage

10:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremon  
Flip of the Switch with Green Mountain Energy  
11:00 a.m. Radio Disney  
1:30 p.m. Mondo Drummers  
2:15 p.m. TCU Cheerleaders  
2:45 p.m. Ballet Folklorico Azteca de Fort Worth  
3:30 p.m. Fort Worth Youth Orchestra  
4:30 p.m. Telegraph Canyon

### Lecture Series: Commons Room

12:00 p.m. - "A Landscape Manifesto" by Diana Balmori an internationally renowned landscape architect and author  
1:00 p.m. - "The Story of BRIT's Living Roof" by Dr. Tony Burgess, Professor of Professional Practice at Texas Christian University  
2:00 p.m. - "Restoring Active Play & Learning in Nature" by Nancy Herron of Texas Parks and Wildlife  
3:00 p.m. - "Discovering Texas' Botanical Heritage" by Barney Lipscomb, BRIT Leonhart Chair of Texas Botany and publisher

### Outdoor Education Stations:

Geology Wall  
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### Indoor Education Stations:

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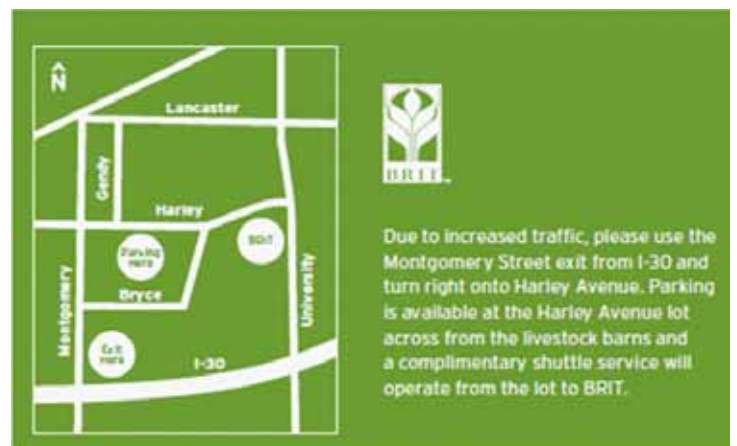
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10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 21

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A variety of Fort Worth food vendors will be serving up tasty treats, remember to bring along a lawn chair or blanket for a front row seat to enjoy the outdoor entertainment.

Please no pets or alcoholic beverages



# Air Pollution Top Ten

In the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the air pollution season runs from May 1st through October 31st. Here are some steps you can take during air pollution season to help reduce air pollution:

- Limit your driving. Try not to drive at all, especially before 10 a.m. Consider walking or riding your bike when making short trips. Carpool or ride the bus to work.
- Minimize cold starts by combining trips. Most vehicle emissions occur when an automobile's engine is cold.
- Avoid jack-rabbit acceleration. Fast starts use more gasoline than slow ones.
- Avoid excessive idling. Drive during off-peak hours to avoid traffic. Avoid highway construction and drive-through windows.
- Drive your lowest emission vehicle, usually your newest and most fuel-efficient car.
- Refuel carefully and in the evening when it's cooler. Avoid spilling gasoline, and check to make sure your gas cap seals properly.
- Maintain your vehicle. Get a tune-up.
- Keep your car in the garage when it's not in use. Garages reduce day/night temperature swings that can cause gasoline vapors to escape from your gas tank into the atmosphere.
- Don't mow your lawn or use gas powered equipment during the morning hours when we are under an Air Pollution Watch. Lawn care machines produce a significant amount of pollution -- one gas-powered lawn mower running for an hour emits as much pollution as driving a well-tuned 1992 model automobile from Fort Worth to Houston and BACK! Use electric or hand powered models.
- Limit your chores on days when we are under an Air Pollution Watch. Try not to use oil-based paints, varnishes, degreasers, or lighter fluids.

## Nancy V. Brown (1930 - 2011)

Nancy V. Brown, 81, died Monday, April 25, 2011, at her home after a long illness. Memorial service: 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel. Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park.

Nancy was born Feb. 7, 1930, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to A.L. and Mildred Voggenthaler. She enjoyed a long and successful career in marketing and public relations. Known for her lively sense of humor, wit and intelligence, Nancy was a beloved resident of her Mistletoe Heights neighborhood. She cherished time spent with family and friends and working in her beautiful yard.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the angels and saints of Mistletoe Heights (you know who you are!), the dedicated and loving caregivers at Agape Home Care and Deb Richards, R.N., of Covenant Hospice. We could not have made this journey without you.

Survivors: Daughter, Judy Lehmberg and husband, Verne; daughter, Susan Smith; son, Chris Brown; grandson, Adam Kisler and wife, Meghan; sister, Ann Joseph; and a host of family and very dear friends.

*- Published in Star-Telegram on April 27, 2011*

## Cowtown No. 1 in nation for mail theft

*From Star-Telegram*

Call your local police to report mail theft.

Next, call the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 and ask to speak to a Fort Worth division mail theft inspector or visit [postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov).

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If you see an overstuffed collection box or suspicious activity, notify the Postal Inspection Service.

### May meetings, events

**Cinco de Mayo**, Thursday, May 5 (for those who never took Spanish)

**May Fest**, Thursday-Sunday May 5-8, Trinity Park

**Mama's Day**, Sunday, May 8, Be real good today to your Mama. Remember if Mama ain't happy...

**Nurse's Day**, Thursday, May 12, Be extra kind to the Nurses in the hood

**MHA Neighborhood Meeting**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, @Jeff Davis' home, 2325 Mistletoe Drive

**Memorial Day**, Monday, May 30th, Fly the Red White and Blue



### Attn. Zoo Neighbors:

The Fort Worth Zoo's 5th annual tasting event **Beastro** is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Every year, proceeds from **Beastro** support the Zoo's local and international wildlife conservation and education efforts. In addition to the exceptional cuisine from Fort Worth area restaurants, the event will feature open bars and live entertainment from headliners Everclear and Micky & the Motorcars.

They expect approximately 2,000 guests to attend this event.

The Zoo wants to notify Mistletoe Heights well in advance. Please share this information with other residents in our neighborhood.

If you'd like to attend **Beastro**! Visit the Zoo's website at [www.fortworthzoo.org](http://www.fortworthzoo.org) or call 817-759-7373.





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## General election May 14

Here are the candidates running for Fort Worth Mayor:

Dan Barrett  
Cathy Hirt  
Jim Lane  
Betsy Price  
Nicholas Zebrun



To read their stand on the issues, go to [www.star-telegram.com/2011/04/30/3039743/fort-worth-mayoral-candidates.html](http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/04/30/3039743/fort-worth-mayoral-candidates.html)

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## New rules for citizen presentation at City Council meetings

Rules for citizen presentations at Council meetings change May 1.

City Council approved new rules to better accommodate citizen presentations and comments during council meetings. The new rules went into effect May 1.

Under the new rules, residents can submit a request to speak on an agenda item as soon as the council agenda is posted (usually by 8:30 a.m. the preceding Friday) using an online form on the City Secretary's website, by calling 817-392-6164 or by faxing 817-392-6196. Written requests also will be accepted at the City Secretary's Office until one hour before the City Council meeting.


Speaker cards will be available at the reception desk outside the Council Chamber at City Hall, but all speaker cards must be turned in at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the

meeting to be included.

Requests to speak at council will require this information:

- Meeting Date
- Name of Speaker
- Address
- Council District
- Telephone Number
- E-mail Address
- Agenda item number or M&C number
- Whether you are "for," "against," or "undecided" on the issue
- If you are speaking on behalf of 10 or more people who will be present in the Council Chamber (required for additional time).

The new rules also eliminates speaker names, addresses and subject matters from the posted agenda, and requires that any videos or PowerPoint presentations to be used during remarks be submitted to the City Secretary's Office at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting.



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The basic idea behind the creation of a historic district is to preserve the character and identity of an area for the future.

The Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC) reviews projects that affect properties with historic designation, or fall within the boundaries of a historic district.

Mistletoe Heights is a Historic District. You can read our guidelines on our website [www.mistletoeheights.com](http://www.mistletoeheights.com). Be informed of the rules before you decide to change aspects of your home, and secondary structures, or if you are planning to build a new home in a vacant lot. The rules are fair and work for the greater good of our historic neighborhood. Please abide by them because they will improve the value of your home and our neighborhood's value in the long run.



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Contacts at the city:  
James Zwolak: 817-392-8037  
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Disposing of prescription drugs and medical products — such as diabetic syringes, IV bags and oxygen tubing — require special care to ensure safety of residents, trash collectors and recycling facility works.

## Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets)

Before throwing away sharps, place them in a sharps disposal container or hard plastic/metal with a tightly-secured lid (detergent bottles with screw-on lids or a coffee can). If possible, break off syringe needles to prevent reuse.

## General Medical Waste

Place IV bags, plastic tubing and similar medical items in a plastic garbage bag and throw them away using your brown garbage cart. These items are not recyclable, whether they are used or not.

## Prescription Drugs

Non-controlled drugs are accepted at the Environmental Collection Center or at some local pharmacies for proper disposal. Do not flush your prescriptions down the toilet or drain unless the label specifically tells you to do so, or if it is listed as a “flushable” drug on the FDA website.

## To dispose of controlled substances:

Mix the drugs with an undesirable substance (such as cat litter or used coffee grounds)

Put the mixture into a container with a lid or a sealable bag.

Put the container into your brown garbage cart.

With all prescription containers, be sure to conceal your personal information (such as a prescription number or address) by removing the label, scratching it off or marking out the writing with a black marker. Empty medicine bottles with 1 through 7 recycling symbols can be recycled in the blue recycling cart if the cap is removed. Any packaging without a recycling logo should be thrown away.

## Hours and Location

Address: 6400 Bridge St.

Hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

It is open to residents of Fort Worth and participating cities. For more information, call the ECC Information Line at 817-392-EASY (3279).

## Mistletoe Heights Association Income & Expenses January 1 through April 15, 2011

	Jan 1 - Apr 15, 11
<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income - Newsle...	1,641.00
Central Market Bags	82.00
Dues Donations	135.00
Interest Income	2.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,860.07</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Charges	0.18
Lily B. Clayton	250.00
Newby Park Improvements	23.87
Newsletter Expenses	1,531.58
Water Expense - Newby	138.21
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,943.84</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-83.77</b>



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