



Mistletoe Express

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June-July 2011

Future of Forest Park Pool

Submitted by Councilman Joel Burns

Please join Councilmember Joel Burns to discuss the current condition and your vision for the future of Fort Worth's Forest Park Pool, 2860 Park Place Avenue, on Saturday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. The morning will start 9:30 am sharp with a detailed tour of the pool conducted by Councilman Burns, City staff and local parks historian, Susan Kline. At 10 a.m., the conversation moves to St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2700 McPherson Avenue, for a short presentation, followed by a citizen-lead workshop on ways the community and City can work together to reopen - and keep open - Forest Park Pool. The workshop is open to all, including kids, and should conclude before noon. Bring your Forest Park Pool memories, ideas for the future, and creativity. For more information, please contact Joel Burns at (817) 392-8809 or joel.burns@fortworthgov.org.



PARADE!

Triangle Park, that's the intersection of Buck and Mistletoe Blvd. and Harrison. 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 4. Decorate your bike, your wagon, your pet! Remember: No motorized vehicles. Popsicles courtesy of Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association.



JOIN US JULY 4!

Concerts in the Garden begins June 2

This is the 22nd year of the Concerts in the Garden series in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. The Fort Worth Symphony, along with musical guests, performs under the stars.

The concert series begins June 2 and ends July 4.

You can rent a table or bring your own chairs or blanket. Bring your own food and beverages or buy from the food, beer and wine vendors at the garden. You can even rent chairs from the Fort Worth Botanical Society for \$2. Top it all off with fireworks and you and your family and friends will have a special summer night.

The July 4 celebration is really spectacular. If you're new to Fort Worth or just have never gone to this event, you owe it yourself to experience this wonderfully American celebration.

Editor's note: Dress in cool, comfortable clothes. Valet the car, get the table and bring wine, cheese and salami, a personal battery fan and ice water. Or bring your own chairs and blankets, but still valet the car.

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Yard of the month: 2204 Mistletoe Blvd.

The citation for Yard of the Month in June is awarded to Brent and Heidi Beasley of 2204 Mistletoe Blvd.

Heidi gets credit for the simple, but beautiful garden. The garden is a study in symmetry, texture and color.

The front porch is neatly trimmed on both sides in a tidy row of boxwoods (buxus). Orange and hot-pink vinca outline the boxwoods, providing eye-popping summer color. Heidi has accentuated her large porch with a charming container garden of Boston ferns, punctuated with more orange and hot-pink vinca.

The charming two-story bungalow is nicely framed by a beautiful wrought-iron fence that provides just enough privacy from the street without obscuring the simple, clean lines of the landscape.

Mature juniper trees add a wonderful texture to the landscape and frame the house on either side of the front lawn, accented with Asian jasmine below.

Heidi and Brent Beasley will receive a generous gift certificate from Calloway's Nursery.

Garden tips from the Beasleys

- Nurseries have many beautiful annuals to choose from, including geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, vinca, salvia and many other plants. Perennials that provide interest in June include daylilies, astilbe, rudbeckia, yarrow, foxglove and many more.
- Fertilize annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs and trees with a slow-release plant food that contains nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development.
- We recommend feeding all of your evergreens (hollies, boxwoods and yews) and deciduous trees (maples, oaks and ash) with tree and shrub food.
- Check all plants, especially newly planted ones, for water on a regular basis. Water deeply and thoroughly as needed.



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Fill out the Sidewalk Survey

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By Mark Rogers

Yes, we all must take time to fill this out. It takes about 5 min., and we know that the more vocal neighborhoods have a better chance of getting their needs met. This survey is a good first step to make our voices heard at city hall.

Those of us with children at Lily B. or with children period are especially concerned about the nightmarish speed of traffic on Forest Park and Jerome, the lack of continuous, smooth sidewalks, and the very dangerous intersections at Forest Park and Mistletoe Blvd. and Forest Park and Park Place. At the least, raised crosswalks (like in front of Paschal) and improved pedestrian signals need to be installed at both intersections. The overall speed of Forest Park needs to be reduced to 25-30 through MH and Berkley with lower speed limits, better enforcement, and effective speed bumps. It is supposed to be a boulevard, not an expressway.

Let's not wait for a child or parent to be badly hurt or killed due to the city's inadequate planning and infrastructure for pedestrian safety.

Pedestrian and bicycle friendly cities and neighborhoods, such as those found often in Austin, Portland, Denver, San Francisco, etc. are the most green and livable (and have the highest real estate values by far) of any in the U.S. Our neighborhood and city's goal should be to be more like them.

Editor's note: Of course not all of our neighbors use computers. I spoke with one disabled neighbor who wanted to take the survey but didn't know how she could because she did not have a computer. Try contacting Julia McCleary Senior Planner @ 817-392-2593 so your voice can be heard.



Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Please consider devoting time to volunteering--the demands are minimal and the rewards are huge!

The routes in Southside are getting full and they need to start a new route. Mostly it means they need 5 new volunteers.

If you'd like to become a volunteer, call Debbie Biela, Senior Coordinator of Volunteers, at 817-258-6425.

Beastro at the Zoo June 10

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 or call 817-759-7373.

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Central Market bags still available

Central Market bags are available on Thomas and Marjorie Day's porch, 2239 W. Magnolia Ave. On the honor system, 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

To subscribe to the Mistletoe Heights Residents mailing list, go to www.mistletoeheights.com, click on "Email List" and look for the section "Subscribing to Residents". Enter your email address and name and click "Subscribe". Be aware that you may need to add residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.com to your address book so the incoming emails are not treated as spam. We're still missing lots of neighbors on the email list. If you have any questions or concerns about the email list, contact moderator@mistletoeheights.com.



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Amazing groundcovers

By Marjorie Day

In Mistletoe Heights, many of our homes have large slopes that are difficult to mow, have homeowners who hate to mow or have lawns that are thinning from large tree canopies. Groundcovers can be fantastic additions to the garden by reducing our thirsty high-maintenance lawn, softening hard edges of pathways and transitions while creating unique patterns in the garden. Groundcovers are an amazing gardening solution for a host of challenges and tastes.

Groundcovers can be as low as half an inch to a few feet tall, clumping or running, evergreen or deciduous. Most will retard weeds and prevent soil erosion. And many groundcovers provide options for the deep shade.

Keep your groundcover project within your budget and abilities. Start small and you can make larger plots of ground cover as time and money allow.

Cut out the grass according to your design and remove it. Rake out rocks and debris. Put three inches of expanded shale if you have clay soil, till your native soil with compost and a good landscaper's soil mix and rake smooth to plant. Groundcovers are best planted in a staggered design. Don't set them in the ground like soldiers in a line. Keep this area weeded until the groundcover is well established.



Santolina: 1.5 to 2 feet wide. An adapted evergreen comes in gray or green. Very low water. Has little yellow flowers. Blooms in June-July. Needs well-drained soil. Be sure to amend soil if you have clay.

Ground ivy, Glechoma hederacea (not English ivy): Spreading partial-full shade. Low-medium water. Six-inch evergreen. A variegated green/white leaf variety is also available. Excellent for shady spots.

Liriope (pictured above): Spreading full sun-full shade. Medium water. Small blue, white flowers. May-August. Adapted evergreen white. Variegated selections are available. Aggressive grower. Shear in early spring.

You can also try a variety of grasses, sedges and sedums as ground covers. From snake herb to thrift to low-growing junipers and artemesia, there are so many wonderful choices to create your unique easy-to-care-for landscape. Many groundcovers can be started and expanded over time with little effort.

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Dear Neighbors,

To have parties in our park you need reservations. We have recently had large unauthorized parties in Newby Park, please let our NPO know of large disturbing parties.

If you would like a Park Reservation please note the following information:

- Level A (<100) – Birthday parties, family reunions, class reunions, weddings
- Level B (101-500) – Family reunions, class reunions, walks/runs, company picnics, concerts
- Level C (501-2,000) – Walks/Runs, concerts
- Level D (2,001-5,000) – Concerts, festivals
- Level E (>5,000) – Concerts, festivals

Individual or Tax Exempt Organizations

Four Hour Reservation	Fees	Each Additional Hour(s)	All Day
Deposits			
Level A	\$35.00 \$10.00	\$80.00	N/A
Level B	\$100.00 \$25.00	\$225.00	\$100.00
Level C	\$375.00 \$95.00	\$845.00	\$375.00
Level D	N/A N/A	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Level E	N/A N/A	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00

Commercial (For Profit) Organizations

Four Hour Reservation	Fees	Each Additional Hour(s)	All Day
Deposits			
Level A	\$70.00 \$20.00	\$160.00	N/A
Level B	\$200.00 \$50.00	\$450.00	\$100.00
Level C	\$750.00 \$190.00	\$1,690.00	\$375.00
Level D	N/A N/A	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Level E	N/A N/A	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

Other Fees

1. Reservations require a two-week advance notice; to reserve after the two-week period, a waiver/approval of the park supervisor will be required and there will be an additional fee.

Individual/Tax Exempt Organizations Commercial (For Profit) Organizations

Level A	\$15.00 \$15.00
Level B	\$15.00 \$15.00
Level C	\$75.00 \$75.00
Level D	\$150.00 \$150.00
Level E	\$300.00 \$300.00

2. Additional day(s) fees for set up and break down are based on Level A classification for Levels A, B, and C reservations; for Levels D and E, the fee is 25% of the base reservation fee.

3. When an event is more than one-day long, the cost for each additional day is 10 percent of the base reservation fee.

4. If the park site selected to hold your event has electricity or restrooms available, there is a \$25.00 fee for each amenity if you elect one of these options.

More park information

To learn more or reserve a park, call 817-392-5757. Submit a completed Park Reservation Application to:

City of Fort Worth

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Park Reservations

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Hello Mistletoe Heights Neighbors!

It is time again to collect dues donations for our neighborhood association. All residents of Mistletoe Heights are members of the association and dues donations are completely voluntary. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

In addition to the seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletter and directory publications, dues donations fund a number of special projects.

We will conclude our dues drive in the Fall. Various levels of giving will be recognized in upcoming newsletters with the final recognition for the year being published in our November newsletter if received before October 15th.

Levels of giving for this year are:

Mistletoe - up to \$24

Holly - \$25 to \$49

Gardenia - \$50 to \$74

Magnolia - \$75 and up



Thank you for supporting your neighborhood association. Together we can make Mistletoe Heights an even better place to live.



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Spruce up of Forest Park Blvd.

Forest Park Blvd might look a little tidier to you today, as The Mistletoe Height's Garden Club went out early Saturday May 21 morning to spruce up the street, edging sidewalks, picking up leaf debris, mowing untidy hell strips, sweeping sidewalks and pruning trees. At times it was a bit scary, as the traffic rarely slowed down even when someone was working at the edge of the street.

Be sure to give a thank you to Mike Danella, Scott Nishimura, Julie Wilson, Claudia Camp, Marjorie Day, Melissa Kahout, and Dianne Stubbe for all their time, tools, and can-do attitudes. F.Y. I. MHGC hauled off an entire truck filled with bagged debris.

Forest Park Blvd. is our neighborhood's first impression for most people. Let's be Forest Park proud and keep this street at its best. The MHA has approved the expenditure to plant additional street appropriate trees such as crepe myrtles to fill in the gaps.

On the Mistletoe Heights Berm on West Rosedale, we will be planting several large trees to help mitigate noise, pollution and improve the landscaping there. Mike Danella secured the trees from the City of Fort Worth and Mike and Walter Brady labored on the berm reworking the irrigation to keep the new trees watered. Jonnie Steed of West Rosedale offered to help in turning the water on and off. We have received many thank you notes from neighbors and we are grateful for those emails and notes.

Now that we have water by the neighborhood entrance sign, we might be able to plant additional plant material.

If you would like to be part of The Mistletoe Heights Garden Club, let Marjorie Day know by sending an email to perrellim@aol.com or by calling her number listed on the back page of the newsletter.

It's that time of year: mosquito season

Objective: Not being annoyed by benign skeeter bites and to not literally be bitten to death.

Last year's death toll: Three people in Tarrant County who died of West Nile-associated infections.

Toxic sprays and toxic dry applications: They do not work well, they kill natural predators to mosquitoes and have adverse side-effects on human health. So what's the point? Believe it or not, having a balanced natural environment works best in controlling mosquito populations. By the way, the baby pool you left unattended and is filled with dank storm water is not a natural environment, nor is the gutter you keep saying you're going to clean, or the shizel pile behind your garage.

Skeeter defense strategies: Clean up, clean out and remove items that hold water, even a soda cap left out in the rain can harbor the larvae of 20 skeeters.

You can still have birdbaths, flowerpots, water gardens, rain gutters, rain barrels and fountains, but be sure to treat them this season.

Best defense: Infanticide. The weapon of choice? A mosquito dunk.

A little Bt-i doughnut kills mosquito larvae for 30 days. Mosquito dunks are the Navy Seals of birdbaths. They take out skeeters before they become jihadists.

Bt-israelensis, a specific biological pesticide, is the active ingredient in a dunk. Non-toxic dunks will not harm people, pets, wildlife or fish. But don't start chucking them into the Trinity River. They are for unnatural stagnant water, such as that in a birdbath.

Every 30 days, place a dunk in any spot where water accumulates. Each dunk will effectively treat up to 100 square feet of surface water, regardless of depth. Dunks can be cut in half to treat smaller areas. Use them in your water gardens, fountains, flowerpots, birdbaths, rain gutters and rain barrels, anywhere water accumulates.

Dunks can even be used in areas that run wet and dry, areas of your yard that might be prone to periodic water build-up or flooding. And they will still work. You can anchor a dunk with a rock.



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 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.



Check out our updated website: www.mistletoe-heights.com

Please be aware that several of your neighbors in past years have contracted encephalitis. So be the best neighbor you can be and don't be a skeeter breeder.

Free neighborhood classified ads

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Southwest Parkway update

In early May, crews installed a row of fascia panels on a retaining wall near Rosedale Street as part of the construction work in and around the Union Pacific Railroad's Davidson Yard in Fort Worth.

Southwest Parkway (SWP) is a limited-access toll road in southwest Tarrant County that will extend from the Fort Worth central business district to southwest Fort Worth. Its extension to the south, Chisholm Trail (CT), will provide a continuous route from Fort Worth to Cleburne. The combined SWP/CT corridor will result in a new, approximately 27-mile corridor in southwest Tarrant and northwest Johnson counties. SWP/CT is expected to open to traffic in early 2014.

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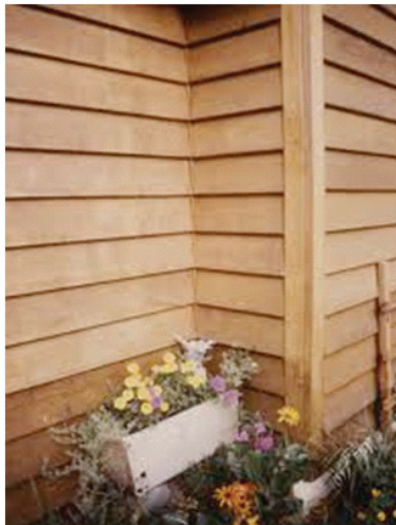
Craftsman-style siding



What's all the fuss about siding in our neighborhood? Wood siding is an essential characteristic of most of our homes. Historically accurate siding gives our homes unique character.

In our world, siding refers to exterior wall coverings made of real wood. But in the barbarous land outside of a historic district, it could mean anything covering a frame building, excluding masonry. Most of our homes have 117 siding, and, yes, it is available.

As a rule, Craftsman-style homes have horizontal wood siding.



Bevel siding, clapboard, lap siding

Has boards that are thicker on one edge than the other. The edge of one board overlaps the thin edge of the board below it.

Weather-boarding (right)

A type of clapping characterized by beveled overlapped boards with rabbeted upper edges.

Simple (drop) siding

A type of cladding characterized by overlapping boards with tongued and grooved, or rabbeted, edges. If the boards have a concave curve, it is called German siding.

Channel rustic siding (right)

Channel siding has a profile of each board partially overlapping that of the next board, creating a channel that gives a shadow effect.



Wood shingle siding (above)

Wood shingles come dimensioned or in random widths and are either staggered or coursed in length. They come at 16, 18 and 24 inches in length. Wood shingles are historically sealed in clear stain or colored stain.

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Reclaimed water project earns EPA award

It is easy to forget, but every gallon of water your sprinkler system uses is drinking water. Now, imagine how much drinking water is used on a golf course.

The Fort Worth Water Department received an award last week for tackling the problem of thirsty irrigation systems with a new water source — your drain.

Water coming through the pipes to your house is considered potable, meaning it is safe for humans to drink. In a city like Fort Worth with a booming population, we need every drop of drinking water we can get. Plants, however, don't need their water purified at the same level.

Luckily, the Village Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant produces more than 12 million gallons of clean-but-non-potable water every day. Instead of returning it to the Trinity River as was done in the past, the Water Department used funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to build a pump station and an 11.5-mile



pipeline to supply this reclaimed water to some of its biggest customers, including the City of Euless, the City of Arlington and DFW International Airport.

The pipeline is the first major expansion of reclaimed water in Fort Worth since 1998 when Waterchase Golf Course began purchasing non-potable water for their irrigation system. By 2060, though, 23 percent of all water used in North Texas will come from conservation and reuse projects like this one.

The department's reclaimed water project is getting attention at all levels of government.

Mayor Mike Moncrief and the Fort Worth City Council visited the Village Creek plant May 10 where they congratulated workers and were presented with Environmental Protection Agency's Award for Sustainable Public Health Protection by representatives of the Texas Water Development Board.

Learn more about the project on the Water Department website.

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Butterfly weed
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Garden phlox
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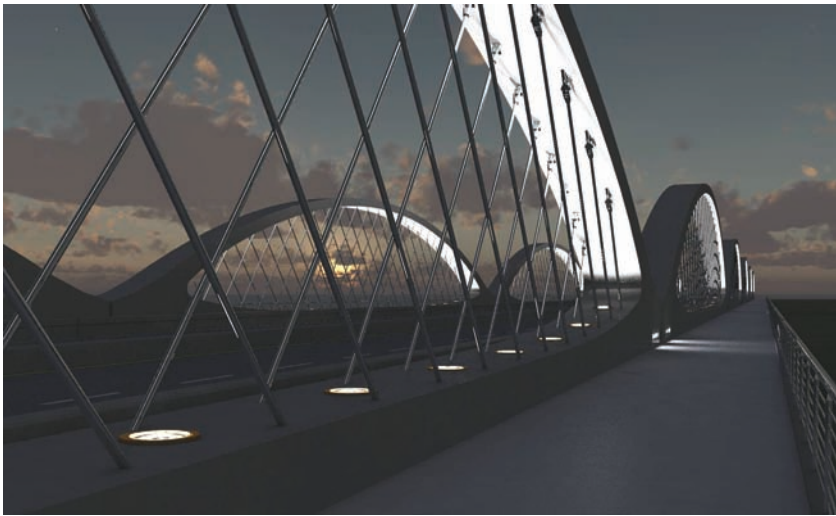
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Seventh Street Bridge

The Seventh Street signature bridge is slated to open in late 2012. The artist rendering (above) is provided courtesy of TxDOT. View a larger version.

The aging Seventh Street Bridge, a popular east-west thoroughfare that connects downtown to the Cultural District, is due to be reconstructed.

The original span was built in 1913 and was expanded in 1953 when the Trinity River was rerouted and the surrounding levees were built. Although the bridge has been determined safe to use, beams, girders and the deck of the 1913 section are deteriorating.

A new bridge, estimated to cost \$22.7 million, was designed by the Texas Department of Transportation. Pre-cast bridge elements will be constructed offsite through 2012, and the bridge is slated for completion in 2013.

Seventh Street Bridge Facts

	Current	New
Length	982 feet	981 feet
Width	57 feet	88 feet
Traffic Lanes	4	4
Sidewalk Width	4.8 feet	10 feet

Mistletoe Heights Association Income & Expenses January through April 2011

	Jan - Apr 11
Income	
Advertising Income - Newsletter	1,857.00
Central Market Bags	82.00
Dues Donations	135.00
Interest Income	2.69
Total Income	2,076.69
Expense	
Bank Charges	0.18
Lily B. Clayton	250.00
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