

Elections coming up for Mistletoe Heights **Association**

Your neighborhood is calling! Our next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 15th, will be our elections meeting at Jeff Davis' home, 2325 Mistletoe Drive.

Prior to elections, there should be a nominating meeting, however, none has been set at press time. If you would like to take a leadership role as one of the officers for the neighborhood, please feel free to contact any of the present officers to find out what commitments their volunteer positions require. You may nominate yourself.

Nominations and election will most likely be held the same evening - Nov. 15. So please attend! Stay tuned to your e-mail blast for further developments.

We can only remain a vibrant neighborhood when we are infused with new ideas and volunteers.

The positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

It is a good feeling to know you have helped make your neighborhood a better place to live.

Please look on the back of your newsletter for contact information for our MHA officers.



Halloween in the 'hood

Grand Prize winner: 2232 Irwin! We had such a good turnout for pumpkin carving. The pumpkin committee viewed over 50 houses with carved gourds. See some of the neighborhood pumpkins and fabulous Halloween hallows, as well as autumnal porches of Mistletoe Heights. SEE PAGES 6, 8-10.

Deck the Heights with bows of ribbon!

It is difficult to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. But this is the case; therefore, it is time for an old Mistletoe Heights holiday tradition. Each year around Thanksgiving, neighbors gather to visit, have refreshments, and cut ribbon and greenery to decorate our streetlights. Please come help us get the neighborhood ready for Christmas. Many hands make this a fun party!!! We start at 3 in the afternoon on Sunday, Nov. 20 (it is a come-and-go affair). We'll gather at Gary and Susan Willis' home, 2237 Irwin. If there are a bunch of us, it will take about an hour and be fun!



JOIN US PLEASE & BRING A NEW **NEIGHBOR!**

When: Sunday, Nov. 20 (the Sunday BEFORE Thanksgiving)

Where: Gary and Susan Willis' Home 2237 Irwin - Blue house,

3rd from Forest Park Time: 3 p.m. Kids are

welcome!

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2212 Mistletoe Blvd.

Congratulations to Claudia Camp and David Gunn, recipients of the MHA November award for Yard of the Month.

After the drought and heat of the summer, this yard is bounding back with a variety of blooming flowers and plants. Outlined in river stones, the parking area between the street and sidewalk is covered with flashy orange cosmos, green potato vine, purple heart and Indian blanket flower with a Chinese pistache tree adding texture, fall color, and shade.

According to Claudia, their yard has been a project that has evolved through trial and error. They've been keeping it all organic and have been trying to choose mainly perennial plants that can manage the heat and have something blooming during each season. David has terraced the sloping portion of the front yard with natural gray stone edging and river stone (Mexican beach pebbles). This area has been a work in progress with plantings of flowers such as variegated irises, alyssum montana, pink zinnias, purple lantana, purple pincushion (scabiosa), Chinese fringe flower (loropetulum), black foot daisies, and more of the bright orange cosmos, with more to come.

Aggregate stone steps leading up to the center sidewalk are flanked by large pots at the top of the steps containing tropical hibiscus, purple nurembergia, and red verbena. Containers in various shades of blue holding white dianthus and Swiss chard line the top of the porch wall. Pink knock-out roses, purple potato vine,



pink periwinkles, Texas Gold lantana, horehound and lavender add a variety of textures and colors to cover the flower bed in front of the porch. By the time this newsletter is distributed. large pink chrysanthenums should be blooming by the west side of the driveway.

Thanks go to Claudia and David for their continuing efforts to beautify their yard. For these efforts, they will be rewarded with a generous gift certificate provided by Calloway's Nursery.

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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
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Welcome new neighbors Cally and Robert Brewer!

Callie and Robert just recently moved into 2316 W. Magnolia with their little 1-year-old daughter Riley.

Robert's Dad and stepmother, Tom and Teri Brewer live next door at 2314 W. Magnolia. Tom bought 2316 from long time resident Beth Becker (originally her grandparents home) in July and has had a great time remodeling it. Robert and Cally sold their home in Mesquite just in time to buy 2316 this month.

Rob is the IT and Security Director for Rosewood Hotels in Dallas. He is a fourth generation "Mistletoe Heights Brewer." Cally has been working as a dental assistant and is originally from Fort Worth. Happy to move back to her hometown, Cally has decided to stay home with Riley.

Gun-point robbery at Jakes

There was a robbery at Mr. Jakes food store on Forest Park Blvd. A man walked in demanding money with a gun. The store clerk complied and then was told to lay down. The clerk tripped the silent alarm as he went to lay down. The man then left Jakes by car. Officer Keith has had some problems with Jakes because criminals are known to use stolen credit cards there.

Good News Update: The suspected robber in this and several other convenience store gun point robberies is now in custody.

Basketball for kids

Anyone having a child interested in playing in the YMCA basketball league in both the 3-4 year old and 5-6 year old division (coed) please contact me. This is a non-competitive league focused on learning basic skills and rules. I am going to try to put together teams of neighborhood children if there is enough interest. The season will start January 15th and registration must be submitted by December 6th. For more information, email Wade Barrow at barrow@texlawvers.com.

- submitted by Wade Barrow

Canned food drive

In the next two weeks Barry or I and our grandson, Alex will be collecting non-perishable food items in connection with his school, Calvary Christian Academy. The food items will be distributed to 11 neighborhoods in Fort Worth via our church's STITCHES program. The overflow will be donated to the Food Bank.

Last year the students collected over 40,000 items for distribution. Thank you to those of you have responded to knocks on the door already.

We will also place a box on our porch for collections if you prefer to drop them off. (2201 W Rosedale St. South - across from Newby Park). Thank you for your generosity.

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- submitted by Lysta Haynes

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Meetings and Events

Fall Back 1 Hour, 2 a.m. Nov. 6th. Are you the person who always forgets about this date?

Veterans Day, Nov. 11th.

Mistletoe Heights Association Meeting,

7 p.m. Nov 15, Jeff Davis' home, 2325 Mistletoe Drive. **Great American Smokeout,** Nov. 17th.

A great day to never pick up another cigarette. You don't have to quit, you just never pick another one up.

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Mistletoe Heights Bow Tying Party, 3 p.m. Nov. 20,

Gary Willis' house, 2237 Irwin. 817-924-4000. **Thanksgiving Day,** Nov. 24.

Parade of Lights, 6 p.m. Nov. 25, downtown Fort Worth. Reserved seats available, 817-336-2787.

Birds' Christmas Tree, 11 a.m. Dec. 3, Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Holiday Party, 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4, 2340 Mistletoe Ave.

American Diabetes Month

With nearly 26 million children and adults in American living with diabetes, and another 79 million at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes, the disease is taking a devastating physical, emotional and financial toll on our country. Yet, most Americans don't consider diabetes a serious matter.

Diabetes kills more people each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined.

American Diabetes Month, is a great time to rally individuals, communities and families to Join the movement to Stop Diabetes. Take action by taking the American Diabetes Month pledge on Facebook and visit www. stopdiabetes.com.



Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 4th, 2011 5 p.m. 'til 9 p.m. 2340 Mistletoe Avenue

Come gather and celebrate the season with your neighborhood, at the home of Rose Lynn Scott. Please bring something tasty for your neighbors to share. Everyone is welcome!

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Holiday Porch Trees

Participate in the 3rd year of The Mistletoe Heights Annual Porch Tree decorating contest by putting out a holiday tree on your porch this season. We heard cookies are baked for those who participate by tiny elves who ring doorbells, leave cookies and runaway.

Winter Winter

By Marjorie Day

If you love pansies: Try the Plentifall & Rain trailing series of pansies.

These pansies are fantastic for cascading out of containers and trailing across the ground. They have solid cold performance just like any other pansy or viola. Full sun. 6-8" tall x 18-24" spread. Be sure to plant

your pansies with 3 in. of organic mulch. This keeps soil temperatures even and prevents the freezing and thawing that heaves them out of the ground.

If you dig bulbs: Get the Chinese Sacred Lily, white with an Orange Cup, Large cupped multi-flora blooms 10" to 12" works in all southern soils, half shade to full sun, blooms early Jan to early Feb, grows on natural rainfall, spreads by offsets, strong citrus scent.

If you like ornamental cabbage: Osaka red cabbages look like beautiful burgundy-silver roses all winter long. These beautiful cabbages give the garden a floral aspect in the dead of winter.



Calling all Christmas tree stands!

Are you stuck in the attic, garage or storage room? Come out and be counted! I know it's warm but Christmas is coming and you have a job to do! We need all the extra tree stands to STAND UP and be counted for our neighborhood porch trees this Christmas!

Tell your owners to place you on the porch and call me. I will pick you up and then arrange a date with a Christmas tree! After the Holidays, I will pick you up and keep you for next year! Call Melissa Kahout, 817-924-7063.









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Autumnal porches It wasn't easy to choose this year, but Rita and Tim Evans won Autumnal Porch and chose an apple pie for their award!







Honorable mention: on MISTLETOE DRIVE

2309 EDWIN

Honorable mention: on IRWIN

Go online to keep track of accelerated road and bridge projects

Interested in knowing the status of road and bridge projects in your neighborhood? An updated list of arterial and neighborhood street projects is now online: www.fortworthtexas.gov/tpw/projects/

The Transportation and Public Works Department has projected spending levels in six-month intervals for the next 18 months. This action is in response to the City Council's call for a revved-up program to complete more street projects in Fort Worth.

After Council members voiced frustration at the length of time it sometimes takes to start and finish a road project, the department implemented a plan to speed up the delivery of road improvement projects. The goal is to have the backlog of neighborhood street projects under way within 18 months, using unspent bond funds.

Although there is a limit to how fast roads can be built without sacrificing quality standards, the city is committed to completing projects and starting new ones as quickly as possible.

Transportation and Road Issues

Request repairs or report problems online at the city of Fort Worth's website, www. fortworthtx.gov or by phone, 817-392-8100.

Traveling during the holidays

When you're planning holiday travel, plan for the unexpected. With millions of people traveling at the same time, accidents, mistakes and traffic are all bound to happen. So if you get stuck in a traffic jam, are involved in a fender-bender or have to wait in the airport security line, take a deep breath, relax and be patient. The happiest holiday gift you can give your loved ones is your safe arrival!

By Car:

Have your vehicle serviced before long trips.

Make sure you have any maps you may need.

Have a cellular telephone with you, if possible.

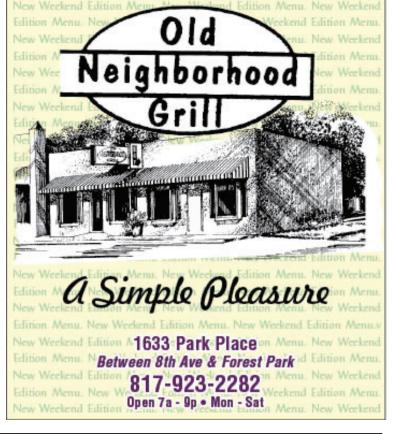
Check on road conditions before you leave at www.dot. state.tx.us.

Don't stop in remote areas to ask directions.

Don't advertise that you're from out-of-town by pulling over to the curb to read a road map.

When you get out of your car, keep holiday packages and other valuables out of sight.

Make sure you have a Vehicle Safety Kit in your car. Don't drink and drive and beware of intoxicated motorists.



FINAL DUES NOTICE 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.

This concludes our dues drive this fall. Various levels of giving will be recognized in upcoming newsletters with the final recognition for the year being published in our December newsletter.

Levels of giving for this year are:

Mistletoe - up to \$24

Holly - \$25 to \$49

Gardenia - \$50 to \$74

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Great gourds!

Mistletoe Heights, Oct. 30, 2011

By Steve McReynolds

On the evening before Halloween the dedicated Mistletoe Pumpkin Perusers hit the streets. We were soon delighted with what may have been the best participation/ collection ever. The fine American art of carving a Halloween pumpkin is alive and thriving in Mistletoe Heights. Judging took so long that we did not makeit to Weatherbee until 9 p.m. and must apologize to those who may have given up

It a tough call, but the "Gourd Graders" unanimously chose the "Grand Prize" entrant we found at 2232 Irwin, a house of new neighbors. The winner was named "Attack of the Mini-Pumpkins" a gruesome display of about 6 small guys devouring one big guy.

Honorable Mentions are due to 2 groups of young carvers which proudly greeted the judges @ 2222 Magnolia & @ 2340 Magnolia - we got pictures of most and send congrats to all carvers!

Some Great Gourds

- "Swirling Mummy & Scooby Doo" @2336 Rosedale
- "Horrified Cannibals" @2321 Rosedale
- "Frankenpumpkin" @2213 Rosedale
- "Trad-pump" @2211 Rosedale
- "Littlest Trio"@ 2211 Irwin
- "Toothy Twosome"@ 2216 Irwin
- "Pacman and the Lion"@ 2237 Irwin
- "Potted Pumpkin"@ 2312 Irwin
- "Pumpkin-ville" @ 2341 Mistletoe Blvd.
- "Nevernever Land @ 2340 Mistletoe Blvd.
- "Unfortunate Pumpkin" @ 2304 Mistletoe Blvd.
- "Pumpkin Head" @ 2301 Mistletoe Blvd.
- "Lobotomized" @ 2220 Mistletoe Blvd.
- "Nicky & Frankenboard" @ 2222 Magnolia
- "Bella Lagosi" @ 2229 Magnolia
- "HungOver" @ 2239 Magnolia
- "Bat over the Moon" @ 2230 Magnolia
- "Pygmy Pumpkins" @ 2301 Magnolia
- "Ghostly Reapers" @ 2336 Magnolia
- "Birthday Pumpkins" @ 2340 Magnolia
- "Shrek & Kins" @ 1220 Buck
- "Bottom Bucktooth" @ 1208 Buck
- "Smokin' Pumpkins" @ 2312 Harrison

- "Flasher Pumpkin" @ 2223 Harrison
- "Cacophony" of Pumpkins"@ 2218 Harrison
- "Big-eyed Twins" @ 2100 Morphy
- "Yoda doesn't like Pate" @ 2200 Mistletoe Ave.
- "Earie Pumpkin" @ 2228 Mistletoe Ave.
- "Indiana & Barbie" @ 2214 Mistletoe Ave.
- "Gourd Brothers" @ 2132 Edwin
- "Felix & Clan" @ 2201 Edwin
- "Gnarlykins" @ 2210 Weatherbee
- "Carsick Birds" @ 2216 Weatherbee
- "Dubious Duo" @ 1107 Clara
- "I Love Pumpkins" @ 2313 Mistletoe Dr.

Special recognition goes out to Tom Cockrell who carved a living pumpkin still on the vine in his yard "Carved Alive"!

As usual, non-carved but delightfully decorated and lit porches abounded, and although not part of the contest, certainly greatly contribute to the Harvest Season in Mistletoe Heights. What a GREAT neighborhood ...

Yay! NEIGHBORS!!!!



BIRTHDAY PUMPKINS - 2340 MAGNOLIA



EARIE PUMPKIN - 2228 MISTLETOE AVE.





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Attack of the Mini-Pumpkins







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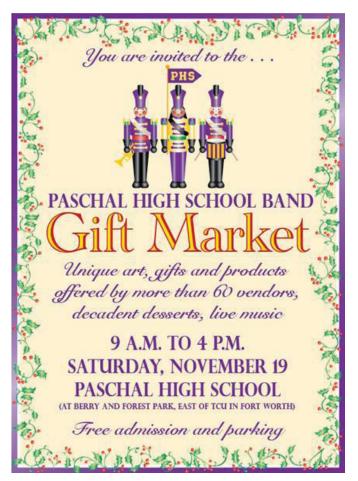
Haunted hallows











Paschal Band Gift Market

It's that time of year again, when we want to let the people in our lives know we appreciate them by giving them gifts that make them feel special. While mass-market gifts can be nice, it's often the one-of-a-kind gift that will truly reflect the recipient's personality. For those of you that agree, the Paschal Band Gift Market is Saturday, November 19th - the Saturday before Thanksgiving - from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Market offers lots of unusual (and affordable) gifts and many of your smart neighbors get all their Christmas shopping done in that one day. This year we are featuring an expanded bake sale area with beautiful desserts and breads along with coffee and hot cocoa for your Thanksgiving entertaining. It's a lovely, fun event where neighbors not only find wonderful gifts, but they also support our band children....and parking and admission are free!

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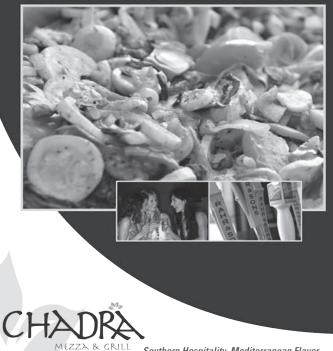
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