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November 2012



GRAND PRIZE WINNER!
DESIGNER PUMPKIN PATCH | 2218 HARRISON

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST WINNERS

Great Gourds!

By Steve McReynolds

On the evening before Halloween the dedicated Mistletoe Pumpkin Perusers hit the streets. We were soon delighted with some fabulous examples of the fine American art of carving a Halloween pumpkin. The tradition is alive and thriving in Mistletoe Heights, although the rash of pumpkin vandalism may have decreased the numbers.

It was a tough call, but the "Gourd Graders" unanimously chose as the "Grand Prize" a gaggle of children and pumpkins (& parents) we found at 2218 Harrison. The winner was named "Designer Pumpkin Patch".

Honorable Mentions and more photos on Pages 8-10

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MHA

Neighborhood meeting Nov. 13 at Lily B. Clayton

There will be a neighborhood meeting on November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Lily B. Clayton school cafeteria, 2000 Park Place. If there are any topics that you would like to have discussed, or if you would like to speak at the meeting, please let me know.

I will mail out an agenda before the scheduled meeting.

Mike Danella/President, MHA
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Bow-tying Party for Street Light decorations
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18
2237 Irwin @Susan and Gary willis' home

You are invited to . . .

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MISTLETOE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY PARTY

Today, mistletoe is used as an excuse to kiss but did you know that in ancient times it was a sign of peace? Enemies meeting under a mistletoe branch were required to immediately lay down their weapons and declare peace. We are blessed to live in a wonderful neighborhood full of caring, passionate, and very fun people. Please join us under the mistletoe to celebrate this season of peace and love.



5-8 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 2012
Jim & Carol Shaw's House
1414 Mistletoe Drive

*Bring an appetizer or dessert &
your most joyous holiday spirit!*

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Santa & Mrs. Claus in Mistletoe Heights Area
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FOOD DRIVE

Let's help student collect food

Alex Haynes, a student at Calvary Christian Academy, will be collecting non perishable food items from now through November 15.

He will provide a FYOB (fill your own bag) with an informational flyer about the distribution of the food. Last year, he collected over 200 food items in our neighborhood. The student body (<400 students) collected almost 60,000 food items. A list of suggested foods is included on the flyer, but is not exclusive.

Alex will pick up donated food on Saturdays or you may drop donations off on their porch at 2201 W. Rosedale Street South, across the street from Newby Park. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lysta, Barry, and Alex Haynes

Do you love landscapes?

Are you an admirer of abundant gardens?

We need volunteers to pick the Yard of the Month. The newsletter publishes 10 times a year (double issue of Dec./Jan and June/July).

You would choose a yard and talk with the owner about what they plant and if they have any great tips for the rest of us!

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New to the MH neighborhood

Mistletoe Heights is a gem in Fort Worth (of course we are biased). And what makes us great is the people who chose to live among our beautiful tree-lined streets!

As a neighborhood, we want to welcome all of our new friends on our blocks, and we need each of you to let us know when the new folks settle in down the street. Please email either Beth Krugler (beth@bethkrugler.com) or Alex Rodman (alrodman@yahoo.com) and they'll make sure a welcome basket is delivered!

While we recognize we haven't always know who was new and who was not, at this point, we're suggesting you let us know of folks who moved into the neighborhood no longer ago than November 2011. And sorry to those of you who may have inadvertently missed-- please know we're absolutely happy you're here as well-- welcome!

This summer, we delivered a welcome basket to the Neuweiler family. The Neuweilers (Mark, Kellye, 10-year-old Zack and 7-year-old Keris) are happy to be settling into a permanent home on the 1100 block of Mistletoe Drive after renting first in Tanglewood, then in Berkeley. They moved here three years ago from Galveston, Texas, where they spent years renovating a historical home and dodging hurricanes. After taking their time deciding where in Fort Worth they wanted to live, they determined that MH truly is, without a doubt, the best neighborhood in the city! "It's close to everything, the neighbors are friendly, and the homes are beautiful," said Kellye. "Plus, where else in the city can you watch fireworks from your front yard and walk across the street to watch your kids go fishing - as a freight train drives by?"



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TEX Rail project and updates to be discussed Nov. 8

The T will host one public meeting on Nov. 7 in Grapevine and two on Nov. 8 in Fort Worth to seek public comments on updated project and environmental information for TEX Rail, the new 40-mile commuter rail line in Tarrant County.

Since the completion of the draft environmental document (or Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), there has been much progress on TEX Rail resulting in some changes. The meetings are being conducted to present and explain the changes, discuss the additional environmental analysis which has occurred, and provide information about the next steps for moving TEX Rail forward.

Meeting dates, times and locations are:

Wednesday, November 7	Thursday, November 8	6:30-8 p.m.
6:30-8 p.m.	Noon -1:30 p.m.	Texas Department
Grapevine	Intermodal	of Transportation
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Activities Center	Center	Center
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Federal regulation requires that all DEIS studies be re-evaluated by the sponsoring federal agency before filing the Final EIS (FEIS) if there have been changes to the project or potential changes in the environment. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which is the sponsoring agency for TEX Rail, has directed the re-evaluation analysis to be incorporated into a stand-alone Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA which will be discussed at the meetings addresses the changes that have occurred within the project and the environment since the 2008 DEIS.

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To subscribe to the Mistletoe Heights Residents mailing list, go to www.mistletoeheights.org, 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.org 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.org.



Check out our website: www.mistletoeheights.org



PASCHAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Gift Market Nov. 17

On Saturday, Nov. 17 (the Saturday before Thanksgiving) the Paschal Band is hosting its annual Gift Market with more than 60 vendors offering unique art and gifts. It's not only a great way to get all your holiday shopping done but it's a lovely experience with live music, coffee and delicious desserts.

The Gift Market is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at Paschal High School at Berry and Forest Park. Admission and parking are FREE.

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Forest Park/I-30 entrance ramp to close

By Mary Dulle

Neighbors, I attended the Chisholm Trail Parkway I-30 Business Information Group meeting on behalf of the Berkeley Place Association. You may view the slide show here: https://www.ntta.org/roadsprojects/projprog/chisholmTrail/Documents/CTP_I30-BIG_22Oct12FINAL.pdf.

There are a few things I wanted to share with you. They are moving very quickly on the ramp from Forest Park Blvd to I-30; it will be the first to open. The engineers anticipate it will open by the end of this year, or early in 2013. When that ramp opens, we permanently lose our Forest Park-I-30 entrance ramp. This means we will have to go to Summit/8th Ave. to head east on I-30. This has been the plan for quite a long time, and is the compromise that keeps away yet one more very high fly-over right at this meeting point of Forest Park-I-30-Chisholm Trail Parkway. I asked what they plan to do about traffic, which is already heavy in that area, and they said they will monitor the situation and try to work out the signal lights to maximize traffic.

When the FP ramp is closed, they will begin

the process of shifting I-30 a few feet to the south to accommodate the CPT.

The drainage project on Forest Park north of I-20 should be finished by December of this year.

The westbound Rosedale-Lovell bridge will be closed well into next year. They will build a new eastbound bridge to University, and will close Vickery at nighttime for the construction.

The full Hulen Street bridge should be open by April 2013. Vickery Blvd. will revert to two lanes in each direction when that is done -- right now, the east-bound is one lane to handle construction equipment entering and exiting the site.

A new bridge, built by the City, is nearing completion over the Trinity River near Stonegate. It will connect Hulen St. to Bryant Irving. Everything on that set of roads is finished but the bridge.

Local access improvements providing for access to CTP from Bryant Irvin/183 should be complete by summers

The Arborlawn extension is due to open in 2013.

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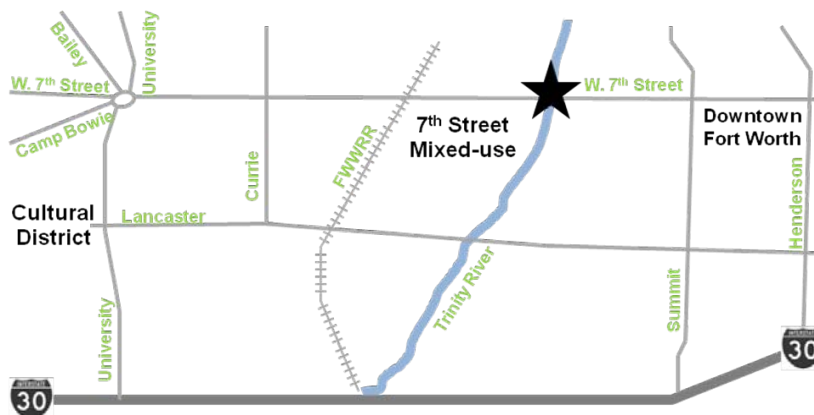
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Project Location



West 7th Street bridge

From previous page

The River Ranch access to I-20 -- the exit ramp should open by Thanksgiving, but the entrance ramp must wait for completion of the CTP.

In another project, City engineers reported on the 7th St. bridge. You may have seen the arches they are pre-casting off to the north as you drive along 7th. This bridge will be the first of its kind in the world, using pre-cast concrete arches fabricated off-site. The arches will have built-in lighting to provide good vision at night. There will be four lanes for auto traffic, and there will be separate bike and pedestrian lanes protected from the auto traffic. The deck will be notched in case the City eventually moves to street cars -- the bridge wouldn't have to be rebuilt. There are four arches complete; the bridge will have 12 in all.

Shortly after the Stock Show is finished in February, they will move the arches closer to the bridge, reduce traffic to one lane in each direction and begin final construction. The contractor has 150 days to complete the project, so it should be finished by Thanksgiving 2013. There will be a short period when the bridge will be closed entirely.

Ad rates to change February 2013

In an effort to keep the Mistletoe Express newsletter coming to Mistletoe Heights residents free of charge, our advertising rates will increase beginning February 2013. The circulation of the Mistletoe Express is about 500, but the readership goes much further. And your ad is part of the newsletter that is emailed to resident each month and put on our website, www.mistletoeheights.org.

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Mistletoe - Up to \$25

Thank you!

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST WINNERS

Great Gourds!



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PUMPKIN COGNITO | 2232 IRWIN

Honorable Mentions are due to many carvers. Last years winner proudly greeted the judges @ 2232 Irwin with a fine tower we named "Pumpkin Cognito", and then those "Hungarian brothers" went to a huge effort @ 2126 Mistletoe Ave. with "Double Double Toil and Trouble." We had some camera trouble so we didn't get photos of every one of the great pumpkins carved.

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Mistletoe Heights Association

Income & Expense

January through September 2012

Jan - Sep 12

Income

Advertising Income - Newsletter	5,193.00
Christmas Cards - 2011	45.00
Dues Donations	3,716.00
Interest Income	0.88

Total Income

8,954.88

Expense

Bank Charges	0.51
Easter Egg Hunt	222.77
Flag Program - Triangle	120.00
Maintenance - Newby, Berm, etc.	1,607.14
MHA Entrance	193.45
MHA Meeting Facility Rental	200.00
MHA Xmas Party - 2011	167.78
Neighborhood Activities	158.39
Newsletter Expenses	4,111.68
Traffic Committee Expenses	961.79
Water Expense - Newby	1,434.52
Welcome Baskets	279.50

Total Expense

9,457.53

Net Income

-502.65

Bank Balance - \$ 19,427.33

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www.fortworthtexas.gov	
Police - non-emergency	335-4222
Garage sale permits	392-7851
www.fortworthtexas.gov	
Graffiti abatement	212-2700
Lily B. Clayton Elementary	922-6660
http://schools.fwsd.org/clayton/	
Paschal High School	814-5000
www.paschalhs.org	
Historical Preservation	
Liz Casso	392-8037
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Southside Preservation Hall	926-2800
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www.southsidepreservation.com	
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Contact Cynthia Wahl at 817-228-5220

Volunteers

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Kathy McReynolds	817-926-7955
Street Rep Captains	
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Gaye Reed (West side)	817-921-0009
Welcome Baskets	
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Meralen Tyson	817-926-5909
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Newby Park	
Marjorie Day	817-914-8057
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Webmaster	
Scott Ewing	214-403-7762 cell

Street reps (listed by blocks)

East of Forest Park	Phone (817)
2200 W. Rosedale South	
Dottie Guffey	921-6288
2200 Irwin	
Gary Willis	924-4000
2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd.	
Melissa Kahout	313-1419
2100/2200 West Magnolia	
Mecca Givens	927-2244
2200 Harrison	
Aaron Torkelson	907-5533
2100 Harrison Ave.	
Vacancy	
2100 Mistletoe Ave.	
Pat Hale	924-5263
2200 Mistletoe Ave.	
Richard & Christi Yantis	924-2857
2100/2200 Edwin	
Katrina Pittman	921-2221
2100 Weatherbee	
Judy Gude	926-8843
2200 Weatherbee	
Susan Harwell	923-8806
2100 Morphy	
Vacancy	
Forest Park Blvd.	
Steve McReynolds	926-7955

West of Forest Park

2300 W. Rosedale South	
Kimberly Helixon	927-4641
2300 Irwin	
Sue Duvall	926-8714
2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
Lisa Stewart	924-9666
2300 West Magnolia	
Susan Pressley	923-6061
2300/2400 Harrison	
Robert DeVargas	923-9393
2300 Mistletoe Ave.	
Jason Fuller family	xxx-xxxx
2300 Edwin	
Grant Pannell	924-0051
1100 Clara	
Marc & KathyJo Rogers	923-3304
1200 Clara	
Betty Arvin	924-7088
1100 Buck	
Kate Herring	923-3843
1200/1300 Buck	
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Mistletoe Drive	
Meralen & Gerry Tyson	926-5909
2300 Mistletoe Drive	
Chris Fershtand	923-8422
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Neighborhood police officers

Sidney Keith (West)	944-1038 cell
David Cloninger (East)	992-0181 cell

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