



Mistletoe Express

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February 2013

Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association meeting

2335 Harrison Ave.
7 p.m. February 19, 2013

We Need Your Help!

• The neighborhood association is in need of volunteers! We need a **graphic designer** for the newsletter; someone with InDesign experience and who has access to the program at home or work. Cynthia Wahl has graciously volunteered to continue designing the newsletter in the meantime, but we need someone to take over.

• We also need someone to **chair the Historical Committee**. Kathy McReynolds has done an excellent job chairing this position for us for over seven years and we are grateful for her time and efforts. She has volunteered to walk the new person through the position to aid in the transition.

• Finally, we need someone to take over as the **advertising representative** for the newsletter. This is a big job and Kelley Reece has kindly volunteered his time and efforts for the past six or so years. Someone with advertising experience would be ideal.

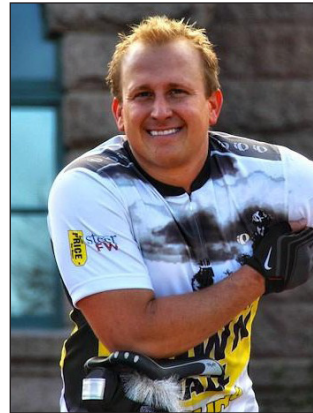
If you'd like more information, contact Kyle Jensen at 940-367-1428 or jensondenton@me.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Working together, playing together

As we roll through the remainder of winter and push to improve in 2013, I am reminded of the importance of each one of us, individually and collectively. I want to stress the importance of a healthy community of volunteers and neighbors that work together to communicate, serve, and steer our neighborhood into the future. We live in the best neighborhood in Fort Worth. We have great opportunities as individuals but even greater opportunities as a collective group.

Homeowners in the northeast corner of the neighborhood have been working to protect the area from a group of people who appeared to be homeless, but who are actually a group of gypsies or urban campers. This group was posing a number of safety issues, including littering, theft, fires, graffiti, and a number of other possible violations. It is important to help these individuals continue their journeys. These are some of the ways we can do that: Homes in the area need to increase their communication—report, report, report—report laws that are being broken and work with city officials. Law enforcement will in turn address the violations with frequent stops, citations, apprehend if necessary, and increase their patrols. It takes time and persistence but this is a great example of the value of working together as a group to address a problem. What can you do to help? Keep your valued items locked up, leave extra lights on, do not be afraid to contact the police, and keep an eye out. Do your



part by calling 817.335.4222 to report violations. Look for public intoxication, indecent exposure, littering, loitering, open fires, and/or aggressive behavior. You may call the Homelessness Program Director, Otis Thornton, at 817.392.7552; he can begin the Code compliance process. He can also give these individuals information about shelters in the area.

On a lighter note: Are you aware of the importance of your neighborhood association? The

purpose of this association is to enhance the livability of your neighborhood and to establish and maintain an open line of communication with the neighborhood, government agencies, police, and other neighborhoods. We are here for you. Attend meetings and get involved!

We have plenty of items on our books for discussion this month and given year. I would like to meet you and introduce you to the talented team of officers. Look us up:

- On the back of your newsletter (drop us an email)
- Our webpage www.mistletoeheights.org/ contact
- Our Facebook chat room www.facebook.com/group/mhneighbors
- Our next members meeting (February 19 @ 7 p.m.)

Join us as we make an effort to clean up our neighborhood and improve the quality of life for all those that live here.

—Kyle Jensen, MHA President

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"The greatest happiness in life is the conviction that we are loved — loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves."

— Victor Hugo

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 14

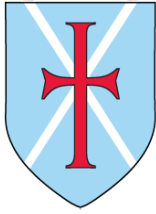
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Meet your Mistletoe Heights Association officers

President, Kyle Jensen

I grew up 30 minutes north of Fort Worth in Denton. I am from a family of seven. I majored in architecture and later accepted a career in the aviation industry and have been working as a senior designer since 1999, where I design the interiors for the private jet market. My goal as president is to foster a positive environment in Mistletoe Heights through a fun, social, active group of neighbors. I am the communication director of SteerFW, an initiative of Mayor Betsy Price. I am an avid cyclist and would like to do more riding with my neighbors. Talk to me! We have 60 facebook friends but we want you: [facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors).

Vice President, Ben Belsher

I moved to Fort Worth from Arizona in 2005 to take a position at RadioShack's downtown corporate office where I am currently an assistant controller. I bought my first and current house on Weatherbee in 2007. I like to road bike, run, and work on my house. I grew up in Prescott, Arizona, and graduated from Arizona State University (go Sun Devils!) in 1998 with a degree in finance.

Secretary, Rosaline Eastep Takes

I hired into Lockheed Martin in 2001 as a systems engineer and bought my house in Mistletoe Heights in 2003. I married my husband, Steve, a mechanical engineer with Lockheed, in 2009. I retired in December of 2011 and have enjoyed having time to sew and read.

Treasurer, Jeri Jo Blackmon

I have been a Mistletoe Heights resident since 1982, and have been the MHA treasurer since 2008. Formerly an IRS agent, I am now a self-employed tax professional working from my home. I prepare tax returns for individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations. As the MHA treasurer, I keep the financial records of the association, pay the bills, invoice and collect money from newsletter advertisers, collect dues from residents, and provide financial reports for the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor, Stefanie Ball Piwetz

I am the publications manager at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. My husband, Robert, and I moved to Mistletoe Heights in 2007, and had our son, Jack, in 2009. I look forward to working with the other officers to improve the neighborhood, and hope to make the newsletter an effective means of communication between the association and the neighborhood.



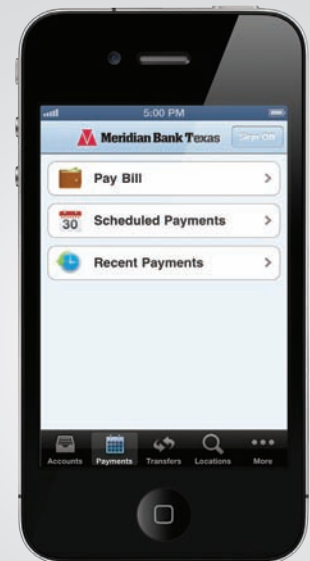
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Safety Lights for Young Bikers

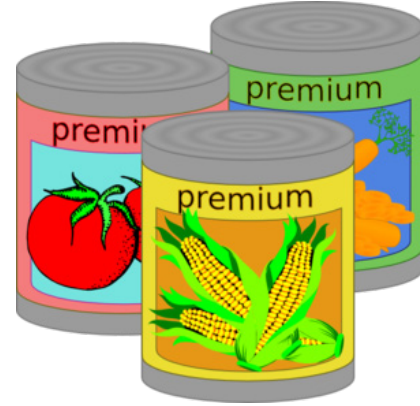
Do you know any kids, kindergarten through eighth grade, that need front and/or rear lights for their bikes? Through a donation to the City of Fort Worth from Bike Texas (biketexas.org) and a grant from TxDOT, we have 1,000 light sets to give away! These lights are also good to put on backpacks and string through shoelaces to provide extra safety for kids who walk to school.

These lights are visible from over 500 feet away and include bike and walk safety information in English and Spanish.

Contact Kyle Jensen for more information.

Cans of Love Food Drive at Lily B. Clayton

The students of Lily B. Clayton will be hosting their Annual CANS OF LOVE Food Drive from February 4-15, benefiting the Tarrant Area Food Bank which helps fight hunger in 13 Counties. Even if your kids have graduated and moved on from Sweet Lily B, don't hesitate to clean out those pantries and donate. Will you really use all those cans of olives and artichokes? Donate them to the Food Bank! Please bring non-perishable food items and place in the Tarrant Area Food Boxes found throughout the school, or you can drop them by 2115 Warner Road and they will find a way to Lily B. Some examples of great items to donate include canned vegetables, meats and fruits. Also consider cereal, rice and peanut butter. And don't forget boxes of pasta, dried beans and soups too. Please help spread the love and help sting out hunger one donation at a time! Over one-third of the those served by the Tarrant Area Food Bank are children, let's help fill those bellies.



— Erin East, Helping Hands, Lily B. Clayton PTA

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Newbies on the block

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Chuck and Alicia Easton moved from Houston and have been enjoying their home on the 1200 block of Clara Street since June 2012.

Chris and Sawyer Taylor (pictured) moved from the Arlington Heights neighborhood and settled in their newly built home on the 2100 block of Harrison Ave. with their son Jackson and daughter Ryann. As Sawyer puts it, "We wanted to live in Mistletoe Heights because it seemed like a neighborhood that was a family of families. We love the location, the beautiful parks, and the historical craftsman homes."

As a community, we continue to attract the neatest new neighbors and we would love to welcome each and every one! While the realtors in our midst are great resources for new homeowners in our neighborhood, everyone is encouraged to be our eyes and ears, letting us know when there are new folks down the street.



Please email either Alex Rodman (alrodman@yahoo.com) or Beth Krugler (beth@bethkrugler.com) and they'll make sure a welcome basket is delivered!

While we recognize we haven't always known 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 January 2012. And sorry to those of you who we may have inadvertently missed — but please know we're absolutely happy you're here — welcome!

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- How to increase your neighborhood association membership
- Everything you've ever wanted to know about trash, brush, and why the Blue Crew may be looking in your recycling cart
- Plus, two more informative sessions

Plan now to attend a morning full of great information, inspiration, and solutions for your neighborhood. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, February 23, and ask your neighbors to join us, too.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminder: Ad rates have changed

In an effort to keep the Mistletoe Express Newsletter free for neighborhood residents, our advertising rates have increased. The newsletter circulation is about 500, but our readership extends far beyond that. Ads are included in the newsletter in print form, in the email version sent to individuals on the neighborhood email list, and appears on our website,

mistletoeheights.org.

The new rates are as follows:

- Business card (1/8 page) \$25
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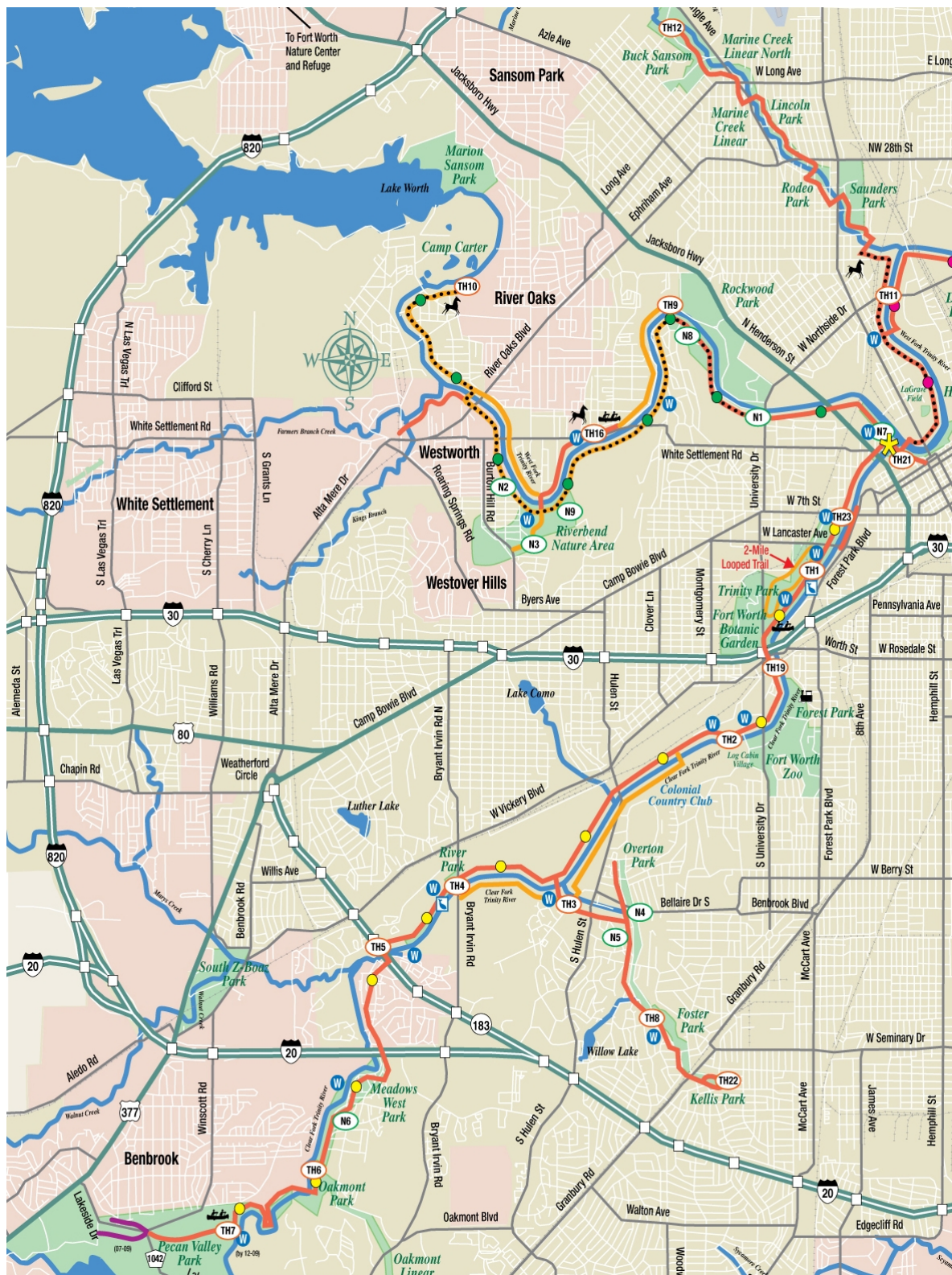
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ETIQUETTE

Be considerate, play nice on the Trinity Trails

The recent spring-like weather has encouraged many to enjoy the Trinity Trails. As a neighborhood, we are fortunate to be so close to the trails. With increased traffic, it is important to remember to practice good trail etiquette. Here are a few tips:

- Trail hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Remember that the trails are a public space, free for all to use. Walkers, runners, bikers, children, and pets all use the trails! Be courteous and patient with them.
- Stay to your right, pass left.
- Announce yourself when passing, “on your left” or “passing on your left.” We can’t see what’s behind us; never assume someone is going to stay on the same path and not veer to the right or left.
- Don’t take up the entire path; remember that others are on the trails, too. The trails are like a two-way street—people coming in both directions. Stay to the right.
- If wearing headphones, keep the volume at a level where you are still able to hear what is going on around you.
- Yield when entering and crossing trails.
- Bikers, remember that pedestrians have the right to use the trails, too. Be mindful of your speed and always announce yourself when passing. Bikers should always yield to pedestrians.
- Don’t stop on the trail; pull over to the side if you need to stop.
- Keep your dog (or other pet) under control at all times, and always on a leash. It is best for pets to walk in the grass to your right.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Teach your children proper trail etiquette!
- Don’t litter! Keep the trails (and river) trash free for all who use it.
- Use lights when on the trails at dark.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.



Chisholm Trail Update

This information was taken from the North Texas Tollway Authority, ntta.org.

Bridges are one of the main focal points for construction teams working on the 28-mile Chisholm Trail Parkway in Tarrant and Johnson counties. Work continues on the 10 bridges that will cross the Fort Worth and Western Railroad just west of the Interstate 30 and Summit Avenue interchange in Fort Worth.

The first of these bridges, the new eastbound I-30 frontage road that connects Forest Park Boulevard to Summit Avenue, opened to traffic in January. With this new frontage road bridge open, the eastbound I-30 entrance ramp from Forest Park Boulevard closed permanently.

Access to the new bridge will be just north of the Union Pacific Railroad bridge over Forest Park Boulevard.

Crews have completed the

demolition of the westbound Rosedale-Lovell bridge and expect to begin setting steel girders on the bridge in February. Column work continues on the main lane bridges crossing the Trinity River near Edwards Ranch Road. As a result, periodic closures of the Trinity Trails are necessary, and a flagger will direct trail users around construction activity.

Work continues over the UPRR's Davidson Yard as crews continue work on three components of the Chisholm Trail Parkway project. Demolition crews continue dismantling and removing the older Hulen Street bridge, while other crews are removing the bridge deck over the Trinity Trails near Hulen Street. Meanwhile, construction crews are building bridge spans over the Davidson Yard and under the new Hulen Street bridge.



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Mistletoe Heights Association Income & Expenses - 2012 Comparison to 2011 January through December

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Advertising Income - Newsletter	7,764.00	6,627.00
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Christmas Cards - 2011	45.00	37.00
Dues Donations	4,741.00	7,380.00
Interest Income	1.01	4.55
Total Income	12,551.01	14,150.55
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Bank Charges	0.51	7.97
Christmas - Street Lite Decor	515.21	490.53
Christmas - Triangle	0.00	1,309.30
Easter Egg Hunt	222.77	271.29
Flag Program - Triangle	120.00	120.00
Garage Sale Expenses	0.00	41.68
Lily B. Clayton	0.00	250.00
Maintenance - Newby, Berm, etc.	1,607.14	1,340.54
MHA Entrance	193.45	1,151.83
MHA Meeting Facility Rental	280.00	0.00
MHA Xmas Party - 2011	167.78	0.00
MHA Xmas Party - 2012	52.50	0.00
Neighborhood Activities	158.39	0.00
Newsletter Expenses	5,600.91	4,522.24
Traffic Committee Expenses	961.79	0.00
Water Expense - Newby	1,893.02	985.77
Website Expense	0.00	95.25
Welcome Baskets	279.50	0.00
Total Expense	12,052.97	10,586.40
Net Income	498.04	3,564.15

12/31/12 Bank Balance \$21,435.02



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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.fwisd.org/clayton/
Paschal High School	814-5000
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Historical Preservation	
Liz Casso	392-8037
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	www.southsidepreservation.com
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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	
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2100 Harrison Ave.	
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2100 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2200 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2100/2200 Edwin	
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2100 Weatherbee	
Judy Gude	926-8843
2200 Weatherbee	
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2100 Morphy	
Vacancy	
Forest Park Blvd.	
Steve McReynolds	926-7955

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2300 Irwin	
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2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
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2300 West Magnolia	
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2300/2400 Harrison	
Robert DeVargas	923-9393
2300 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2300 Edwin	
Grant Pannell	924-0051
1100 Clara	
Marc & KathyJo Rogers	923-3304
1200 Clara	
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1100 Buck	
Kate Herring	923-3843
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