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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I have always thought about and looked for ways to help others, and now that I have a son, I want to find ways to involve him as well. I want to teach him the importance of giving over receiving. Simply giving my old things to Goodwill does not feel like I am doing enough to impart this lesson. I have adopted children through the Compassion organization, but I would like to become even more involved, and in so doing, demonstrate to my son first hand that he can make a difference.

When I was a boy, I lived in a neighborhood that felt connected. I could leave my house and play anywhere without an adult present. We had a neighborhood association, but I didn't know what that was. Our association was typical and fought to keep PepBoys from building on the lot behind our neighborhood. We had block parties, cook outs and a Fourth of July parade. But there is one event in our 150-home neighborhood that I vividly remember. That was the neighborhood fundraiser.

This fundraiser was for a lady named Donna who had battled brain cancer since she was 29. She and her husband did not have insurance or the means to obtain coverage. Donna was 36 years old with five children : Todd, 16; Chad, 13; Kyle, 8; Scott, 3; Dawn, 1. She had three separate brain surgeries over seven years without success. Her last resort, on the advice of her doctors, was to try radiation which could potentially give her a few more years with her family. The only problem in obtaining this treatment was funding. They would not be able to cover the hundreds of thousands of dollars that the treatment cost. That is when our small community stepped up to the plate.



*KJ*

As a child, it deeply affected me. I will never forget how that community gave life back to my mother and inspired hope to an eight year old boy. The doctors told me that she would hopefully see her 40th birthday. That was hard for a kid but long enough, and I was grateful. That Christmas, she had the radiation done. She did recover. She didn't lose her hair. She didn't have memory loss. She didn't forget my name. She fought the battle and lived to see 40. Then 41 and 42. Then 57 and the birth of my sister's first child. Then her second child and third. She is still alive and out there making a difference. She is now 65 and extremely active. She has been given awards for her fight and is the longest living survivor with her disease. The doctors don't have an answer. She gives many of us great inspiration and hope.

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—Kyle Jensen, MHA President

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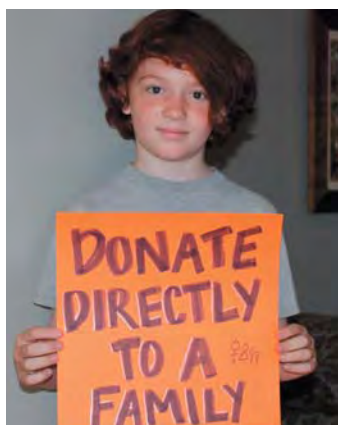
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## What's Up in the Neighborhood

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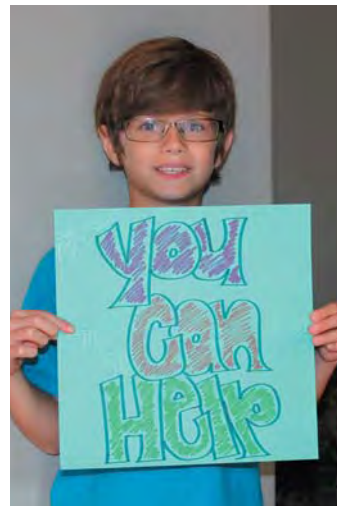






## What's Up in the Neighborhood

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## Yard of the Month 2209 Irwin Street



Lora Conville came to Fort Worth from north Louisiana in February of this year, and what she has done with her yard at 2209 Irwin is nothing short of transformative. She describes it as a work in progress, because she has more plans for the front as time goes by. She added that she's still learning about gardening in North Central Texas, where conditions are far different than where she came from.

She has put in a St. Augustine lawn and kept it in lush condition. She has also put in beds and filled them primarily with traditional plant materials that are in keeping with the architecture of her house and the age of our neighborhood. One oversized and poorly placed tree had to be removed, but she has kept a huge, elegant American Elm which not only is stately, but also anchors the features of her landscape in a way that lends permanence to the design.

The landscape is unassuming but full of surprises that one must walk right up to in order to discover. There is some quaint décor on the porch and the rocking chairs make it a nice porch for sitting. There are some accent plants in pots on the porch and a unique 3-tier planter made with traditional clay pots. I've never seen anything like it but all of a sudden I want one for myself. (Isn't imitation the highest form of flattery?) There is dark colored brick trim to the driveway, too.

Lora has put in Begonias, a few old-fashioned Abelias, some Mexican Heather, and a few Loropetalum. There is a specimen Yaupon tree right by the driveway that is sculpted into a pleasant shape. A couple of Yuccas survived from the previous landscape and Lora says she's still deciding whether or not they stay. She also has put in an interesting ground cover vine – Purple Winter Creeper. The overall effect is both simple and fits her home quite nicely.

Though yards are judged by what is visible from the street, her back yard is worthy of mention. She calls it her Western Secret Garden and you really need to see it to appreciate it. It has crushed granite walkways, a water feature, some lovely native grasses and a nice Wax Myrtle at the rear of the yard. Future plans for the back include her outdoor kitchen. I hope she invites us to dine on the lovely deck she has put in adjacent to that targeted area.

Lora's yard qualifies for both Yard of the Month and one of the Most Improved yards in the neighborhood. We look forward to seeing the existing plants grow and to seeing the new additions she has planned.

Welcome to Mistletoe Heights, Lora, and thanks for all the creativity and hard work you've put in to make your yard so attractive.

—Bruce Horn

## First Saturdays at BRIT

6 September: **Vineyard/Orchard Day**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. with Farmers Market  
8 a.m. to Noon

4 October: **Fall Harvest**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m. with Farmers Market  
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# Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Meeting

August 19, 2014 7:00 – 8:45pm

Officer Attendees: Kyle Jensen, Jeri Jo Blackmon, Ben Belsher and Valerie Ewing.

Other Attendees: 18 neighbors

Special Guests: Mr. Kim Mote, Rebecca Brandt, Enid Havis, Marcus Knight.

Host: Gerry and Meralen Tyson 1351 Mistletoe Drive

Secretary: Valerie Ewing

**7:05pm** Kyle Jensen, President of Mistletoe Heights Association, started the meeting by introducing the special guests. The first speaker was Mr. Kim Mote who is the Assistant Director, Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Services Division in Fort Worth. He presented a slide show of information that can be found at the following website in pdf format: <http://www.cleannairinfo.com/sustainableskylines/documents/Presentations/Track3/Session5>

**7:07pm** Mr. Kim Mote: The functional structure of our waste management is a “Pay-as-you-throw” system meaning the more garbage you put on the curb, the more you will pay. The weekly collection program includes garbage, recycling and yard waste. Garbage carts come in three different sizes and the monthly charge depends on size: 32 gallon = \$12.50, 64 = \$17.50 and 96 = \$22.75. Recycling is encouraged but not mandatory. The monthly collection of Bulk Waste is included in the charges and includes up to 10 cubic yards. Garbage collection is handled by several contractors and the Fort Worth Landfill is operated by Republic Services. If a cart is damaged, call it in and it will be fixed at no extra charge as they are city-owned carts. Finally, there are Drop Off stations at no extra cost to the resident. Unfortunately, there are some who illegally dump garbage and cleanup costs tax payers 1.25 Million dollars annually. Number to remember: 817-392-1234; they take calls for a number of issues or concerns, i.e., street light out or not working, dead animal in the road, etc. The budget is 56 Million and 74% is outsourced via contractors. So when items are placed into a recycle bin that does not belong there, it costs the city five times more to have it removed. About 20% of stuff in recycle bins should not be there. However, recycling is encouraged because the space taken up in the landfill that could have been recycled is using up space that we will need twenty years from now. Rates for garbage collection have not increased since 2006 and will likely stay the same for a couple more years.

## Collection Challenges:

Why are piles missed? Car blocking, under a power line, bulk items not permitted, truck already went by, driver missed it (it happens) or if there is a large brush pile a driver may report it and a truck will come by in the next 1-2 days to pick it up.

Why is a cart missed? Blocked by another car is not an acceptable excuse because the driver is expected to get out and relocate the cart, the cart may be under a power line, the cart contains items not allowed (example yard waste in a blue recycle container), cart was set out too late (driver already went by), cart too far onto property (drivers are not permitted to go onto the property).

Mr. Kim Mote concluded his discussion by leaving his contact information: office number: 817-392-5153. Email: Kim.mote@fortworthtexas.gov

**7:30pm:** At this point, Mr. Mote introduced Marcus Knight of Knight Waste Services who then gave a brief discussion on their company and the new trucks expected to be out later this year that will include cameras to monitor the drivers in “real time”.

## Questions posed to Mr. Mote:

1. If a person owns a duplex and the other side is vacant, why are they still paying for garbage collection if it is not being used? Answer: There will be a charge for any residential place where there is water service regardless of occupancy. So in effect, to avoid a garbage collection charge, water service needs to be disconnected.
2. Mr. Mote brought up the recent emails reporting carts not picked up. His response was you can either report it online or call.
3. The cart was partially emptied. Question from Mr. Mote: were the contents packed in too tightly and thus jammed? Reply: No the contents were very light weight but the error may have been due to the driver not waiting long enough for the cart to completely empty. Mr. Mote responded by indicating the drivers will be educated on this matter.

**7:45pm:** Academy4 Shaping Leaders 4 Life: Guest speakers Enid Havis and Rebecca Brandt presented a brief video on the program. The main goal is to provide one-on-one mentoring to disadvantaged fourth graders. They are in need of people who can volunteer time once a month to spend with a fourth grader. Leaders are Listeners Club: people are brought in from the community to teach students skills like cooking, taekwondo, guitar, golf etc. The only requirement is that you be present or “show up” and be with the child and learn a skill with them; give them your time. The actual time spent will be less than two hours: 1:15 to 2:55pm on a Friday once a month and it can change a child’s life. The students are very excited to have this opportunity to spend with an adult. Academy4 has a benefactor so although donations are welcomed, what they really need are people to mentor kids. They ask for a commitment of 9 months.

How to get involved? Fill out a volunteer information card, email Doug Widger at: [info@academy4.net](mailto:info@academy4.net)

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Phone: 817-909-2241 Fax: 817-332-2640

Schools: Daggett Elementary and DeZavala Elementary

Website: [www.academy4.net](http://www.academy4.net) **Continued on Page 6**

# Meeting Minutes

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August 19, 2014 7:00 – 8:45pm

**8:00pm:** Guest Speakers were done and left the meeting.

**8:01pm:** President Kyle Jensen called the meeting to order. Previous minutes to meeting from July 2014 were accepted.

**8:02pm:** Committee Reports

Ben Belsher – Development report: The lot for sale located north of Newby Park may be the sight of a new 3-5 story apartment complex. Mistletoe Heights has formed a development committee similar to the one formed when the Price Hulsey townhomes were being proposed. This committee will meet with the developers. Mr. Belsher will lead the committee and if you want any input into this new development, please contact Ben Belsher to get involved. The first meeting is Wednesday August 27.

Question: how many units? 50-80 with iron fencing around the complex.

**8:14pm:** Rosaline Takes – Sound Wall: Work resumed two months ago with expected completion sometime in November at the earliest. Following that will be sprinkler repair and landscaping. The goal of the sound wall is to avoid an increase in the noise level from the new freeway.

**8:23pm:** Aaron Shutt – Gas Well Report: They will be drilling a second well soon which may increase the royalty check. On average it is about \$100 per year. Therefore, over the long term it is not valuable in terms of whether to keep the mineral rights or not in the event of a house sale or purchase.

**8:26pm:** Kathy Jo Rogers – Welcome Report: Since February 2014 they have delivered 13 baskets. If you know of someone who is new to our neighborhood, please pass on their information

**8:28pm:** Stefanie Piwetz - Newsletter: not discussed.

**8:29pm:** Andrew Clogg - Sidewalks on Jerome: Per David, from the city of Fort Worth, if we get enough support we could have sidewalks in the next year. A letter was sent out to residents in the immediate area to determine feedback and opinion. So far more disapprove than approve; however, 75% have not responded. New sidewalks will not cost the homeowner. If you want to help out please contact Andrew Clogg.

**8:34pm:** Jeri Jo Blackmon – Treasury Report: Summary of the Income/Expenses was distributed to all in attendance and a detailed review ensued. Some salient points: overall we are behind in dues donations. So far only 42 families have donated compared to 80 families last year at this time. Garage sale expenses were ~\$200 due to the new signs but these can be reused. Fourth of July parade cost \$619 because of the jump house and snow cones. We will plan to do this again unless there is a lot of feedback against it. MHA main source of the income is advertising.

**8:41pm:** Kyle Jensen – Additional Reports: national night out is coming up, Car stickers will be discussed next meeting.

**8:42pm:** New Business - RosalineTakes asked if we were interested in doing another Fall cleanup. Those in attendance agreed. Mrs. Takes will organize another cleanup for October so be on the lookout for information and how to get involved.

**8:43pm:** Kyle Jensen announced that he will be resigning as President of Mistletoe Heights this November. He will be relocating closer to work. He stated that it has been fun being President and a part of this wonderful community.

**8:45pm:** Request Motion to close meeting: motion granted; meeting adjourned.

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## Good Will

**Share your stories, interests, and pictures with us! Email [newsletter@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:newsletter@mistletoeheights.org) with your recipe ideas, gardening tips, fun stories, and artwork and we will share them with the neighborhood.**

I want to say a special thanks to the officers and to Joe Halbach for their assistance with these newsletters, but especially this issue. I have been extremely busy the past month or so and Kyle, Ben, Jeri Jo, Valerie, and Joe have all been so helpful in stepping up and putting this issue together. Thank you! --Stefanie Ball Piwetz

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## Beverages, Books, and BRIT®

Join BRIT for an evening of tasty apple inspired cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres as we delve into the life and times of John Chapman (aka Johnny Appleseed) with Dr. William Kerrigan, author of *Johnny Appleseed and the American Orchard: A Cultural History*. Come join us on the beguiling journey through the life and myth of John Chapman and the American orchard!

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## President's Corner

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I owe the Township II/Hopkins Hills communities so much for my life. Without the hope and help from a few residents, my mother would have died that year. It is important to be a hands-on community. We need to be a team of people who are willing to step up and get dirty, to engage with action.

My lifelong dream of repaying community has come true with my service to the Mistletoe Heights family. It has encouraged me to reach out to other families. Especially in our current economic condition where we continue to hear stories of foreclosures, poverty, high unemployment rates, and even tragic stories of depression leading to suicide.

What if you could be responsible for providing clothing to a child who is cold, and then watch the child wear the jacket? What if you give food to a family, and then watch them eat and smile. What if you could make a difference in someone else's life who otherwise does not have a lot of hope. We all sit around listening to stories and think it is so sad but how could we possibly make a dent in the current situation? This neighborhood allows PEOPLE TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE in a loving, unselfish way. All I can say is that nothing will make you feel better than putting a smile on a face that otherwise would not be there. That eight year-old boy is here to thank you long after you made the impact.

Get connected. Be engaging. Keep sharing your experiences of Good Will in action. I want to thank you for your emails and encouragement as I continue on my journey of helping other communities. It has been an honor serving you. I hope and pray that my service helped you in some small way. My last day will be September 25. I will be back to chair my last meeting in November. Stay passionate and enjoy the journey as the only true Front Porch Community.

1. Facebook Chat Room [www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors)
2. NextDoor page [www.mistletoeheights.nextdoor.com](http://www.mistletoeheights.nextdoor.com)
3. Webpage [www.mistletoeheights.org/contact](http://www.mistletoeheights.org/contact)
4. Next neighborhood meeting
5. The back of the newsletter

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

# Fun Runs in the Area

## World Relief 5k

Saturday, September 13, 7:45 am  
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## Mimosa Run 5K

Saturday, September 13, 9 am  
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## Run in the Dark 5K/10K

Saturday, September 20, 7 pm  
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## Rahr & Sons Oktoberfest 5k

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## Updates on the Website

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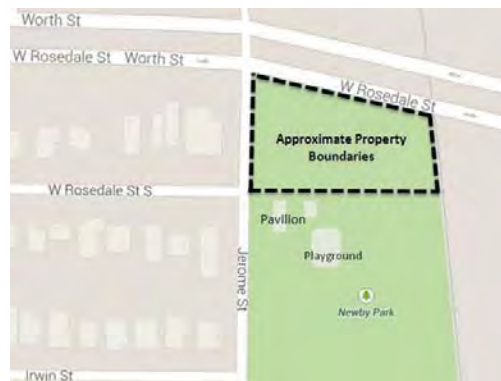


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## New Apartments Being Proposed

Magnolia Property Company, a developer based in Bedford, is currently in the process of purchasing the property between Newby Park and W. Rosedale Street and is proposing to build 3 story apartment on the lot if the property sale goes through. Our neighborhood executive committee recently met with the property owner and the developer, who agreed to have further meetings with our development committee to get further input from our neighborhood, hear our concerns, and to answer questions on the project. We need YOUR help on the committee, so if you would like to become involved with our development committee, or have questions on the project, please email me at [benbelsher@yahoo.com](mailto:benbelsher@yahoo.com). Our first meeting with the developer was Wednesday August 27th. It isn't too late to become involved as there will be subsequent meetings on this project. The displayed map shows the approximate boundaries of the property being purchased.

Vice President Ben Belsher: [benbelsher@yahoo.com](mailto:benbelsher@yahoo.com)

## In the Cultural District

### Amon Carter Museum of American Art

*Benito Huerta: Axis Mundi v. 2* through January 11, 2015

*Alfred Stieglitz: The Art of Photogravure* through  
October 19

*No Place Like Home: American Scene Painting in the  
Sinquefeld Collection* through October 19

*Fresh Perspectives: Benito Huerta and the Collection*  
through January 11

*Meet Me at the Trinity: Photographs by Terry Evans*  
through January 25

*Lone Star Portraits* through May 17, 2015

### Kimbell Art Museum Permanent Collection

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We need more volunteers! Help us make this neighborhood better.

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MHA is looking for four to five people to join the Historical Preservation Committee. Help us ensure the integrity of the architecture in our community.

We also need two to three people to help with email moderation. Ideally, this person is in front of their computer for most of the day and is available to approve emails to send out to the neighborhood via our email serve list.

Contact Kyle Jensen if you are interested, [president@mistletoheights.com](mailto:president@mistletoheights.com).



# Mistletoe Heights Association

## Annual Dues Drive

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.

Our annual dues drive begins in May and continues through October. You will see this flyer in our newsletter each of those months as we collect dues donations for our neighborhood association. We will recognize donors in EVERY newsletter through October with the final recognition published in our December issue.



Levels of giving for this year are:

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### Gardenia

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Eastepp, Rosaline  
Gensheimer, Chris & Martha  
Gibbons, Jeff

**Grant, David & Julie**  
Gunn, David  
Hale, Tommy & Pat  
Hotard, John & Susan  
Key, John & Michelle

Peipert, Jim & Mary Ellen  
Simons, Greg & Sharon  
Sisk, Betty  
Tyson, Gerry & Meralen

### Holly

Graves, Dorothy

Kelly, Callan

Kerstetter & McFarland, Todd & Holly  
McQuerns, Sam & Martha

### Mistletoe

Anonymous  
Brous, Nancy  
Carmody, Jeff & Erin  
Hobson, Jack & Nancy

Keesee, Craig & Kathy  
Martin, William  
Pereth, Hank & Linda

Maugans & Cross, Clay & Deanna  
**Ramsay, Nancy**  
Teague, Joy  
The Body Garage

Thank you, neighbors for your donations to our neighborhood association!

See the flyer in this month's newsletter for information on how to donate.



#### 2014 Levels of Giving

Magnolia - \$100 and up  
Gardenia - \$50 to \$99  
Holly - \$26 to \$49  
Mistletoe - Up to \$25



## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

**HANDYMAN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD** No job is too small. I live on Edwin and have local references. Have over 30 Years experience in remodel. Call Terry 817.454.1795 free estimates!!

**HOME FOR SALE – 1126 MISTLETOE DRIVE**  
5 Bedroom-all-brick-and-decorative-masonry custom home is situated above the Trinity River and priced at \$887,000.  
For more information: CALL OWNER at 817-798-5909  
AGENTS PLEASE CALL CREEKVIEW REALTY  
214-696-4663

**COMPLETE PROPERTY RENOVATION:** Demolition, cleanup, specializing in historic home renovations, painting, wallpaper. Contact Jeff Cunningham at 817-988-7113.

**TUTOR, K-3rd grade.** Caring, encouraging, experienced (12 years) certified elementary school teacher is offering tutoring this summer. Contact Kathy Jo Rogers at 817.688.0905 or kathyjorogers@sbcglobal.net.

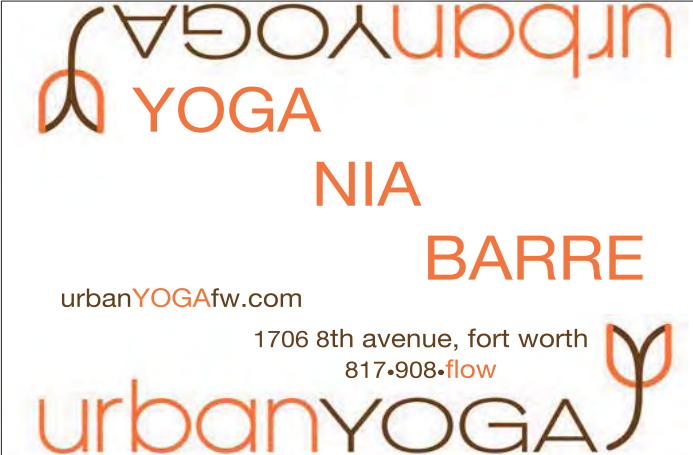
**COWTOWN COMPUTER SERVICES**  
Home Computer clean up and repairs. We pick it up, you don't lift a finger. 48-hour delivery time guaranteed Contact us today for pricing! 817-523-1058 cbrewer@cowtowncs.com cowtowncomputerservices.com

**HOME WANTED**  
We'd like to buy a home (3+bed/2+ bath) around Lily B. Clayton or Tanglewood area for Spring/Summer 2014. Please call Lidia or Todd Bowers at 469.879.5172.

**26 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING.** Tutoring Pre-K-2nd Grade. Is your child falling behind? Need some one-on-one attention? Don't want your child to lose what they've learned over the summer? I can help! Call Joy Ridler at 817.637.5541.

**HARPIST:** Sally Sledge ministers on the harp as a worshiper, psalmist and vocalist. She has recorded two CDs: "Return to Your Rest" and "Cherished Times". She is available to play for home groups, church events, Bible studies, weddings, funerals, dinner parties or any special occasion. For more information and song samples, you may access her web site at [www.sallysledge.com](http://www.sallysledge.com).

**MISTLETOE HEIGHTS PET SITTERS** is now booking for your vacation, or any other time. References available on request. [Mistletoeheightspetsitters.com](http://Mistletoeheightspetsitters.com) or 817-247-2870



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817.908.flow

**TAX PREPARATION**  
Jeri Jo Blackmon, former IRS Agent and current Enrolled Agent licensed by the IRS will prepare and e-file your individual or business tax returns. Also, as a QuickBooks Pro Advisor, training is available for individuals or businesses who want to improve their skills or learn new skills using QuickBooks accounting software. Contact Jeri Jo Blackmon at 817-923-4393 or email [JeriJo@Charter.net](mailto:JeriJo@Charter.net). 1408 Mistletoe Drive.

**LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS**  
-With emphasis on Olympic strokes. Contact Richard Sybesma, Head Swim Coach, TCU Box 297600, Fort Worth, TX 76129; 817-257-5646 or 817-257-7963

**HOME WANTED** We'd like to buy a home - from an owner - no agents, please! 817-732-3836.

**PIANO LESSONS**  
For beginners and intermediates. Mary Smith, 2300 W. Magnolia Ave. 817-927-8876.

**ESTATE SALE SERVICES**  
Estate Sales & Appraisals Experienced, reliable estate sales in and out of Mistletoe Heights since 1992. Certified Appraiser, International Society of Appraisers. Appraisals for insurance, estate evaluations, donations; whatever your needs. Contact: Terri Ellis, Mistletoe Estate Sales, 817-926-9424 or email [tquilts@mac.com](mailto:tquilts@mac.com)

**ADULTS ENJOYING THE PIANO TOGETHER**  
- We focus on music & joy! Newbies ~ piano wannabes ~ relearners. Keyboard skills, music reading made easy, drumming, and moving to the music. 8-week workshops on weekday mornings at Arts Fifth Avenue in Fairmount. FREE preview classes. For more info visit our website at [www.AdultMusik.com](http://www.AdultMusik.com) or contact Carol Spencer at 817.927.3240 or [carolingfw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolingfw@sbcglobal.net).

# Helpful Phone Numbers, Emails, Addresses and Websites

## City information

City Code violations	817.392.1234
City of Fort Worth	817.392.2255
fortworthtexas.gov	
Police—nonemergency	817.335.4222
Garage sale permits	817.392.7851
Graffiti abatement	817.212.2700
Lily B. Clayton Elementary	817.922.6660
schools.fwisd.org/clayton	
Paschal High School	817.814.-000
paschalhs.org	
Historical Preservation	
Liz Casso	817.392.8037
liz.casso@fortworthtexas.gov	
Southside Preservation Hall	817.926.2800
Hallyes@earthlink.net	
southsidepreservation.com	
The T/Longhorn Trolley	817.215.8600
the-t.com	
Trinity Railway Express	817.215.8600
trinityrailwayexpress.org	
City Council District 9	
Joel Burns	817.392.8809
district9@fortworthtexas.gov	

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Rosaline Eastepp Takes (West side)	817.207.9750
Welcome Baskets	
Kathy Jo Rogers	817.688.0905
Diana Brandenburg	214.734.9140
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advertise@mistletoeheights.org	
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Richard Yantis	817.924.2857
Webmaster	
Scott Ewing	214.403.7762
Historian	
Luke Ellis	817.339.2459
Yard of the Month	
Bruce Horn	817.921.4676

## Street reps (listed by blocks)

East of Forest Park	
2200 W. Rosedale South	
Dottie Guffey	817.921.6288
2200 Irwin	
Gary Willis	817.924.4000
2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd.	
Melissa Kahout	817.313.1419
2100/2200 West Magnolia	
Colleen Shutt	214.455.9097
2200 Harrison	
Aaron Torkelson	817.907.5533
2100 Harrison Ave.	
Vacancy	
2100 Mistletoe Ave.	
Pat Hale	817.924.5263
2200 Mistletoe Ave.	
Richard & Christi Yantis	817.924.2857
2100/2200 Edwin	
Katrina Pittman	817.921.2221
2100 Weatherbee	
Judy Gude	817.926.8843
2200 Weatherbee	
Susan Harwell	817.923.8806
2100 Morphy	
Vacancy	
Forest Park Blvd.	
Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
West of Forest Park	
2300 W. Rosedale South	
Kimberly Helixon	817.927.4641
2300 Irwin	
Sue Duvall	817.926.8714
2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
Lisa Stewart	817.924.9666
2300 West Magnolia	
Susan Pressley	817.923.6061
2300/2400 Harrison	
Robert DeVargas	817.923.9393
2300 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2300 Edwin	
Grant Pannell	817.924.0051
1100 Clara	
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Mistletoe Drive	
Meralen & Gerry Tyson	817.926.5909
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Carol Benson	817.921.4000

## Neighborhood police officers

Sidney Keith (West)	817.944.1038
David Cloninger (East)	817.992.0181

## MHA yearly memberships

Voluntary dues are \$15, \$25, \$50 or whatever you can afford. Your dues help pay for this newsletter, the Mistletoe Heights phone directory and many neighborhood functions. Please make your check payable to Mistletoe Heights Association. Mail to: Jeri Jo Blackmon, 1408 Mistletoe Drive.

## Free classified ads

As a MH resident, you get one free classified ad. Please submit copy by the 15th of the month. Notify the editor at 817.201.1909 or email: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.

## Editorial policy

Articles and letters to the editor are welcomed. To be published as written, letters must be addressed to the editor, signed, and include a phone number.

Anonymous letters will not be published. Articles may be submitted for publication, signed or unsigned, subject to approval and editing.

Contact information helps, especially if we have questions for you.

Letters to the editor are limited to a half-page (approximately 350 words). Please send email to: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.

## Advertising information

To place an advertisement or for actual mechanical sizes, please email:

advertise@mistletoeheights.org

### Rates:

Business-card size \$25

1/4 page \$50

Half page \$100

Full Page \$200

Pre-printed inserts \$100

8 1/2 x 11

Deadline for ads, payment and artwork is the tenth of the month.