

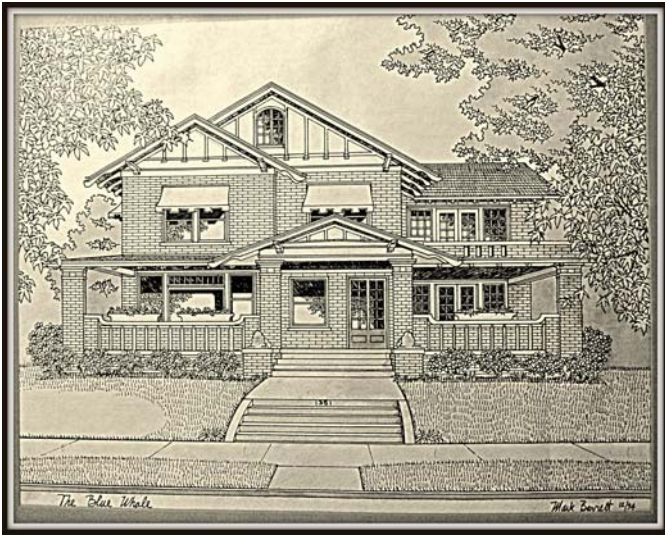


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If walls could talk...

Weddings and Christmas gatherings all part of the story of 1351 Mistletoe Drive



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A drawing by artist Mark Barrett depicts 1351 Mistletoe Drive when the house was painted all blue – inside and out – and was called The Blue Whale.

Back-to-school tips

Kids will be heading back to school later on this month, carrying heavy backpacks and some navigating morning traffic for the first time. On Page 15, we offer some tips on how to keep them safe.



We have some amazing people in Mistletoe Heights, and this is a spotlight profile on one of them.

Jetting off to luxury vacation spots is part of Randy Csanadi's job as a personal pilot



By Jim Peipert

Neighbor Randy Csanadi has what he says, without a moment's hesitation, is "a dream job."

Upon receipt of a phone call, he might jet off to such vacation spots as Cabo San Lucas at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula; to Eagle-Vail, Colo.; to Port Aransas on the Texas Gulf Coast; and frequently to Southern California. "I'm the luckiest guy in the world," he says.

Since 2006, Randy has been the personal pilot for wealthy Fort Worth businessman and philanthropist Bobby Patton, a co-owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers. His "office," with a view that can't be matched by ground-bound CEOs with swanky corner suites, is the cockpit of a Cessna Citation CJ4, a sleek twin-engine jet that can carry a maximum of 10 passengers.

"We don't use the airplane for business," says Randy, who lives at 2132 Edwin St. and can frequently be seen greeting passers-by from his side porch on Jerome Street.

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Mistletoe Heights celebrates a gala Fourth at the Triangle



with snow cones, a bicycle parade and patriotic music



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Josh Lindsay



In this issue of the *Mistletoe Express*, you will find details of an exciting event coming to our neighborhood. It's a great honor and opportunity for our neighborhood that Historic Fort Worth has chosen Mistletoe Heights as the site of its 2016 Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour. The tour gives local garden aficionados access to garden treasures that are otherwise out of sight.

Sometimes I think Mistletoe Heights is something of a hidden treasure itself. Residents are well aware of the benefits and beauties of the neighborhood, but many in the city see it only as a pretty strip along Forest Park Boulevard, if they think of it at all.

Because Mistletoe Heights is lumped in with surrounding neighborhoods, some may not even be aware of it as a distinct district. Maybe it is a blessing being a relatively small area bisected by only a few arterial streets. The Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour next May brings a special type of awareness to our neighborhood from the rest of the city. It will be a guided tour of the best of our many gardens, attended by people from all over the city who take an active interest in gardening and attractive urban neighborhoods.

I also see it as a great motivator and opportunity for pride in our neighborhood. I'm sure my yard will not make the cut, but I'll be making some extra efforts this year to improve it, just knowing that this event is coming.

We hope to make this event part of the focus of upcoming neighborhood meetings, beginning with our next meeting at the home of Melanie and Flavious Smith at 2400 Harrison Ave. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Please join us or get in contact if you are interested in gardening or this exciting event! If you wish to contact me, here is my information.

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In the city

The Botanical Research Institute of Texas and the city of Fort Worth have teamed up to sponsor the third annual EcoScape Residential Summer Landscape Contest, from June 14 to Aug. 16.

Landscapes will be judged on design, water conservation and appropriate maintenance. Applications available at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/EcoScape/>

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"So, literally, we only use the plane for going on vacation. That is my life."

It's a life that Randy came to later than most pilots. His degree is in computer science from the University of Connecticut, and for much of his first career he managed computer systems for large corporations.

The youngest of five brothers, he grew up in Easton, Conn., a town of about 7,500 near Bridgeport. His grandparents, on both sides of the family, came to the United States from Hungary, making him "100 percent Hungarian."



Randy at his workplace, a Cessna Citation CJ4, which he pilots for Los Angeles Dodgers co-owner Bobby Patton of Fort Worth

Commuting from Connecticut, Randy ran computer centers for Coca-Cola in New York and later for Oxford Health Plans, the largest HMO in the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

He was introduced to flying while visiting his oldest brother, Robert, in Vermont in 1993. Robert had a little Cessna 150, a single-engine two-seater, and he took Randy up for a spin over the ski slopes of southern Vermont.

"I looked at him and said, 'I can do this,'" Randy says.

"I took my first lesson on New Year's Day, 1994, and got my license six months later."

He says he was never quite happy in the corporate world, but didn't imagine that he might make flying a paying job.

He figured that maybe he wasn't smart enough to learn all the intricate skills involved in flying, didn't have enough money for continued instruction and that maybe it was a little late in life to start a second career.

"Whatever it was, I never thought I had it," he says.

But in 1999, while working for Oxford Health Plans, "I walked into work, bid adios and said, 'I'm going flying.'"

The next step was to get a commercial rating from the Federal Aviation Administration, which allows pilots to carry passengers for hire.

"I've always wanted to live in Texas," he says. "I like the attitude. Also, Texas is, financially, a very advantageous state to live in."

So he sold most of his possessions, put what was left on a moving van and moved to Texas in mid-1999. Through a friend of a friend of a friend, he says, he got a job in Abilene as a charter pilot.

"I told people it was not a monetary decision," Randy says, "but a quality-of-life decision."

He worked in Abilene until 2005, when he got an opportunity to come to Fort Worth and fly for oilman Bob Schumacher. He worked for Schumacher for about a year, flying a Beechcraft King Air, a twin-turboprop aircraft.

He says he flew fairly regularly, but "hardly considered it a full-time job."

"I got introduced to Bobby Patton when he decided to buy a King Air," Randy says.

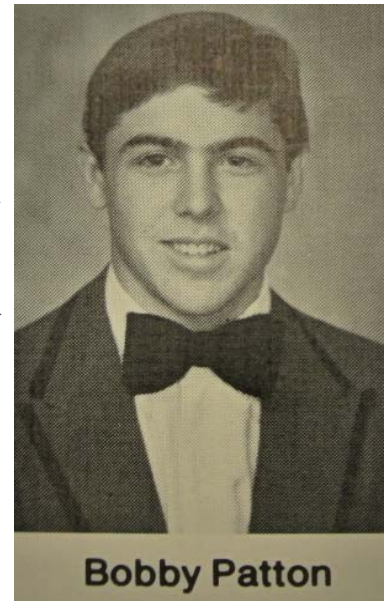
He became Patton's personal pilot in 2006.

"Technically, I'm on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Randy says, "I'm the only pilot he's had."

Randy was still flying a King Air for Patton when Patton became a co-owner of the Dodgers on May 12, 2012, as a partner in Guggenheim Baseball Management.

"But that's a long trip to California in a turboprop," Randy says of Patton's frequent visits to Los Angeles to attend Dodgers games.

So, on Randy's recommendation, Patton bought the Cessna Citation CJ4, an \$9.1 million plane that can make the trip from Fort Worth's Meacham Airport to LA in about three hours, compared to about five for a King Air.



Bobby Patton

Senior Bobby Patton in the 1981 Paschal yearbook, The Panther

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The Citation CJ4 is the largest jet that can be flown by a single pilot. That was one of the criteria for purchase of the Citation, as Randy flies without a co-pilot.

Randy had to get another certification from the FAA to fly the jet as a single pilot.

Other reasons for buying the Citation were the swift, nonstop flying time to Los Angeles and the plane's capability of landing on short runways.

Patton has a vacation getaway place at Port Aransas, where the airstrip is only 3,480 feet.

Randy proudly reeled off the other capabilities of the CJ4 as he gave a visitor a tour of the plane, housed in Patton's hangar at Meacham Airport.

It has a range of 2,000 miles, a cruising speed of around 500 mph, can fly at a maximum altitude of 45,000 feet, well above most weather systems, and makes efficient use of its 900 gallons of fuel.

"Bobby is very big on safety and reliability," Randy says.

The boss, Randy says, is an avid hunter, golfer and skier when he's not involved with his many enterprises.

Patton, a Fort Worth native and a 1981 graduate of Paschal High School, serves as the chairman of the Crowne Plaza Invitational PGA Tour event at Colonial Country Club.

He principally operates oil and gas properties in Texas and Kansas and has other investments in such sectors as ranching and insurance.

When he and his wife, Sherri, need a getaway, they call on Randy to fire up the family chariot.

Maybe it's to Eagle-Vail for skiing. Or perhaps to Eagle Pass, on the border with Mexico, where Patton has a ranch of about 80,000 acres for the breeding of white-tailed trophy deer to be hunted by him and his guests.

Patton also has a place near Huntsville so that he can golf regularly at the Whispering Pines Golf Club on Lake Livingston. He also golfs on Fishers Island off Connecticut at the eastern end of Long Island Sound.



Cessna Citation CJ4, owned by Bobby Patton, in its hangar at Meacham Field

He points out, however: "I'm the paid help. It's not like I'm an invited guest."

But he does get to participate in some of Patton's activities, like sitting in Patton's suite or in the owners' box at Dodger Stadium.

"And I get to stay at some really nice places," he says.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Jim Peipert is retired from the Star-Telegram, where he worked for 22 years, first as national and foreign editor and then as a member of the editorial board. Before that, he worked for more than two decades for The Associated Press as a reporter, editor and foreign correspondent in Chicago, New York, Moscow, London, Johannesburg and Nairobi.*



Welcome aboard: Randy at the cabin door of the twin-jet Cessna he flies for Bobby Patton

That excursion allows Randy to visit his 100-year-old mother and other family members in Connecticut.

"And, of course, we go to LA to watch baseball," Randy says.

But he says the favorite place his job takes him is Cabo San Lucas, at the tip of Baja, with the Pacific Ocean on one side and the Sea of Cortez on the other.

Patton keeps a deep-sea sport fishing boat, an 82-foot Viking 82, at Cabo San Lucas, where "the weather is always nice," says Randy.

"I'm away from home about 200 days per year," Randy says, noting that it's easier for him because he's not married and has no pets.

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Where does the money go?

Did you ever wonder what your Mistletoe Heights Association dues are used for?

Some of the things paid for by the voluntary donations from neighbors are expenses for repairs on benches in neighborhood parks and refreshments for MHA members' meetings.

Yard of the Month:

2328 Edwin St.



By Bruce Horn

Tad Carter and Janice Arvin Carter have lived at 2328 Edwin St. since 2001, but they've lived on Edwin since 1998. This is their third home on the same block of Edwin in 18 years. I can only conclude that they've found their place! Their well-manicured lawn has a huge Chinese tallow tree as a prominent dazzler. There's also a natural stone path leading from the porch to the eastern edge of their property.

One of the main features of their landscape is the large number of containers, each of which holds its own miniature garden. Clay pots of all shapes and sizes are worked in at many spots – in the beds and alongside the eastern edge of the yard.

Janice told me that they really like the color combinations of purple, green and silver, and there are many such examples in the containers.

From smaller pots to huge urns, the containers explode with color. Both the contents of the containers and their placement enhance the overall appeal of the yard.

There are many varieties of coleus, petunia, impatiens, lavender, light green and purple sweet potato vines, shrimp plant and some plants with which I was not familiar. But Janice educated me right then and there!

There are several plantings of scaevola (also known as fan plant), Persian shield and silver mound.

Right in front are two huge loropetalum bushes and on the right of the porch is a super-massive Indian hawthorn.

The bed along the eastern edge has lots of containers with rosemary, lavender and Texas sage. There's an althea (rose of Sharon) at the front edge of that bed as well.

They have some nice chairs on the porch that make it an inviting place to hang out. And there are a few solar-powered lights in the beds to light up the night.

Janice told me that they plan to put in another bed in front, with the goal of reducing the amount of turf out there. They have pretty much done that in back already.

Tad and Janice explained that they have made many changes with both the house (it was painted brick red when they bought it) and in the yard during their time there.

In my never-very-humble-opinion, the changes have all been for the better. Thanks, Tad and Janice, for all your hard work!



Next MHA meeting and other meetings



- The next Mistletoe Heights Association members' meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Melanie and Flavious Smith, 2400 Harrison Ave. We hope to see you there!
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In the neighborhood

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We need more volunteers! Help us make this neighborhood better. We need someone to host the members' meeting on Nov. 17. This is an important one because we elect new officers for the forthcoming year and it has higher attendance than usual. Come and make your voice/vote count! 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. Contact Chad Jung if you are interested, vicepresident@mistletoheights.com.



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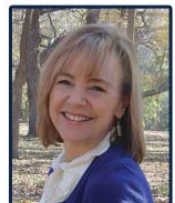
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Neighbor Martin Herring, right, impersonates Elvis on the Old Home Supply float in the Ryan Place Fourth of July parade



Observing the Fourth on Jerome Street



Sunflower on Jerome Street



River and Ruby Reece of 2301 Mistletoe Blvd. made \$118 at their lemonade stand on July 16. They donated \$59 to the Humane Society of North Texas and \$59 to East Lancaster Animal Hospital.

If walls could talk....

Weddings and Christmas gatherings all part of the story of 1351 Mistletoe Drive

By Meralen Tyson

When this house at 1351 Mistletoe Drive was built in 1920, a lot was going on in the world.

Woodrow Wilson was in the final full year of his two-term presidency. Prohibition of the production, sale and transport of "intoxicating liquors" took effect on Jan. 17, 1920, under the Volstead Act.



1351 Mistletoe Drive, with new color scheme and awnings

The popular dances were the Charleston, foxtrot, waltz and the tango! The affordable Model T Ford was the preferred means of transport for America's middle class.

KDKA of Pittsburgh made the first commercial radio broadcast on Nov. 2, 1920, which was the day of the election that brought Warren G. Harding to the presidency on March 4, 1921.

The stock market was booming after the end of World War I, that is, until 1929, when the nation experienced the crash on Black Tuesday on Oct. 24, 1929, which triggered the Great Depression.

So there were a lot of ups and downs for the early residents of 1351 Mistletoe Drive.

I often wonder about the people who have lived in this house over the past 95 years. My sister and I did some research and found all of the owners' names and their occupations.

William Polk, for example, was president of the Adkins-Polk Co., Joseph Hitri was president of the Quality Shirt Manufacturing Co. and

Charles Matthews was owner of an antique shop, to name a few.

The Hitris, father Joseph and son J.R. Hitri, who lived at 1351 Mistletoe Drive from 1935 to 1943, were embroiled in a labor dispute involving their company in the late 1930s. (See accompanying story.)

It's fun to find information about your home and I urge you all to do that. We are the 10th owners of this wonderful house and so now we are part of its history, too!

While researching, we found an article in the *Star-Telegram* from 1958 that pictured our house, or rather a duplicate. The exact house was built on East Lancaster Avenue and the Matthews family moved into that house as well. I'm still looking for the original plans for this house. More information is needed!

Sometimes you can ask your neighbors if they know anything about your house and you should also ask for pictures!

After talking to two of our neighbors, I located a woman who once lived across the street and emailed her. She sent me a photograph of our house before it was painted around 1956. Half of the front porch was screened in. A treasure!

One Halloween, a friend of one of my neighbors dropped by and told me that she had lived here. Her mother had the house painted blue – inside and out!

I took her on a tour and enjoyed listening to her stories about the various rooms and what family members did in them.

A year or so later, she came to one of our parties and brought us a drawing of the house when it was painted blue. It was called "The Blue Whale." Not a very good name for this beautiful house, but I was delighted with the drawing!

Soon after we moved into this house in 2002, my mother was at her hair salon where one of the women at the salon told her that her grandfather, Charles Matthews, lived here!

She was so sweet to send me photos of the inside of the house in the 1940s during Christmas. In the photos, we can see that the display cabinets in the living room are the same and that some doors here and there have been removed.

Last year, we were working in the yard when a woman drove up and told us that her family had lived here. I took her on a tour!



The wedding party for the marriage of Rose Hitri Laneri and John Philip Laneri Sr. (center left), June 28, 1936. The photo was sent to Gerry and Meralen Tyson, current owners of the house, by Monica Laneri. The photo is of her grandparents' wedding party. It was taken in front of the fireplace in the living room. A minister came to the house and performed the marriage. The Hitri family lived in the house from 1935 to 1943. Photo courtesy of Gerry and Meralen Tyson.

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She later sent me photos of a wedding that took place in front of our fireplace in the living room. The couple were her grandparents, who had married there in 1936. We are having the outside of our home painted right now. We felt the need for a change and hope that everyone will love it. I have a scrapbook for the house and have included all of the changes that we've made over the years and have included paint swatches, etc. Also included are the pictures that I mentioned. I will give that book to the next owner. I often imagine women wearing flapper dresses and dancing the Charleston with their beaux in our living room back then. Did they have a Model T? Did they have great neighbors like we do? What changes did each resident make to the house? Did they love this house as much as we do? I sure hope so! And then, there is the ghost. But that's a story for another time.



In the late 1950s, when this photo was taken, 1351 Mistletoe Drive was owned by the Lipscomb family. Meralen Tyson, who provided this photo, said it was sent to her by a former resident who used to live across the street.



Charcoal drawing of 1351 Mistletoe Drive by local artist Sarah Green. The drawing was a gift to Gerry and Meralen Tyson when they moved into the home in 2002, from J.D. Angle and Joel Burns. Drawing courtesy of Meralen Tyson.



This photo was taken in December 1945 in the living room of 1351 Mistletoe Drive. The home was owned at that time by Charles Matthews, an antique dealer. The children are his grandchildren. Photo courtesy of Gerry and Meralen Tyson.



The family of Charles Matthews gathers for Christmas in 1945.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The signature headline on the article above is taken from a show that used to appear on HGTV. It told the stories of old houses and the people who lived in them. Judging from many conversations at neighborhood gatherings, we're betting that many interesting stories could be told by the walls of homes in Mistletoe Heights, with the help of their owners, of course. "If walls could talk ..." is becoming a regular fixture in the Mistletoe Express. If your home has an interesting history, or was occupied by interesting people, other than the current occupants, please send your submissions to: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.*

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Shirt company opposes unionization, loses case

By Jim Peipert



Opening page of the 1939 ruling of the National Labor Relations Board

Here's a bit of historical trivia about members of the Hitri family, who lived at 1351 Mistletoe Drive from 1935 to 1943:

J.P. Hitri and his son, J.R. Hitri, as owners and operators of the Quality Shirt Manufacturing Co. of Fort Worth, were embroiled in a case before the National Labor Relations Board from 1937 to 1939.

The company, which employed about 125 people and was estimated to be worth \$100,000 by the NLRB, manufactured, sold and distributed men's work shirts, jackets and pants from its offices and plant in Fort Worth.

In March 1937, according to the text of an NLRB ruling gleaned from the Internet, the United Garment Workers of America made a push to organize the company's "operators, finishers, cutters, pressers and shipping clerks" into Local 181 of the UGWA.

The company resisted, and in May 1937, J.P. Hitri, the company president, wrote a notice to the employees on a blackboard that was put in a prominent position in the workroom. It said: "This shop is now and always will be an open shop."

In the subsequent dispute between management and labor, some employees were fired, laid off or moved to positions that paid less. The union accused the bosses of the Quality Shirt Manufacturing Co. of acting against workers who favored unionization.

Finally, according to the NLRB document, J.R. Hitri, the son, signed an agreement on June 17, 1937, allowing for a union election to be held the following day, June 18.

Of the 94 valid ballots cast, 69 were in favor of the United Garment Workers of America and 25 were opposed. And, the newly formed Local 181 won its case before the National Labor Relations Board, established in 1934 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal administration.

In Case No. C-704, decided on Dec. 15, 1939, the Quality Shirt Manufacturing Co. was ordered to:

"Cease and desist from in any manner interfering with, restraining or coercing its employees in the exercise of their rights to self-organization, to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in concerted activities for the purposes of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection."

The company was also ordered to "cease and desist from discouraging by any means membership in the United Garment Workers of America, Local No. 181, or any local union thereof or any other labor organization of its employees' choosing."

Of the 14 employees named in the complaint to the NLRB, the board singled out two of them, Goldie Washington and Lola McGaughey.

It ordered their "immediate and full reinstatement, without prejudice to their seniority and other rights and privileges, to their former or substantially equivalent positions."

It also ordered that the company "make whole Goldie Washington and Lola McGaughey for any loss of pay they may have suffered by reason of the respondent's discrimination against them, by payment to each of them, respectively, of a sum of money equal to that which she normally would have earned as wages" from the date of the company's action against them.

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Back-to-school tips

It's August. So it must be time to go back to school

By Elisa Rode

With kids heading back to school later this month, it's time for neighborhood families to start thinking about school supplies and (hopefully) cooler temperatures.

It's also a time when many schoolchildren are carrying backpacks and navigating morning traffic for the first time.

Here are some back-to-school tips that may be helpful:

Backpack safety

In the United States, 79 million students carry backpacks. Of those, more than 92 percent haul more weight than recommended.

According to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, a child's backpack should weigh no more than 15 to 20 percent of the child's body weight. This figure may vary, however, depending on the child's body strength and fitness.



Warning signs that a backpack is too heavy:

- The child has a change in posture when wearing the backpack.
- The child struggles when putting on or taking off the backpack.
- The child complains of pain when wearing the backpack.
- The child has tingling or numbness.
- The child may have red marks on the shoulders.

Tips for safe backpack use:

- Encourage your child to wear both straps.
- Is it possible for your child to lighten the load?
- Use proper lifting techniques – bend at the knees and use legs to lift the backpack.

Tips for choosing a backpack:

- Choose backpacks with features designed for safety and comfort, such as padding, hip and chest belts and multiple storage compartments.
- Make sure the backpack has reflective material so that children can be seen in the dark.
- If your school allows, consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, they may be difficult to roll in snow, and they may not fit in some lockers.



Traffic safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycles, or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they – and the motorists around them – take safety precautions.

Pedestrian safety

- Always cross streets at corners where there are traffic signals and/or designated crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.
- Always look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Be aware of cars that are turning or backing up.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Bicycle safety

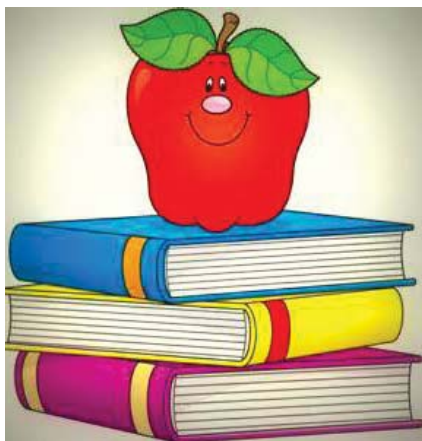
If your children ride a bike to school, tell them about the importance of wearing a helmet, teach them the rules of the road, and make sure they come to a complete stop before crossing streets.

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Back-to-school tips

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By Elisa Rode



Distracted walking

As more and more children and teenagers own digital devices, it is crucial that they understand the importance of pedestrian safety.

Findings from a study conducted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission show that in 2011, a total of 1,152 people of all ages were treated in hospital emergency rooms in the U.S. for injuries sustained while walking and using a cellphone or other electronic device.

Here are some tips to help avoid injury:

- Remind your child not to walk and talk on his or her device or walk and text on the device. Drivers are not permitted to text in a school zone.
- If they have to text while walking, encourage them to move out of the way of others and stop.
- It is important not to cross the street while using an electronic device.
- Remind children not to walk with headphones in their ears.

Tips for kids riding the bus

- Encourage children to wait for the bus to stop completely before they move toward the bus to get on, or before they stand up to get off.
- Remind children to be courteous and respectful to their driver. Listen to directions.
- Stress the importance of not putting head, arms, papers, or anything out the window.
- Remind children not to pick up anything they drop near the bus. The driver may not see them. Instead, they should wave to the driver and ask for help.
- Tell your child to wait to cross the street until the driver lets them know that it's OK.

A general reminder: If you are driving your children to school, remember that it is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped and loading or unloading children.

Fun back-to-school facts:

- In 1903, Crayola started making crayons. They originally came in only eight colors: blue, black, brown, green, orange, red, violet and yellow.
- By the time a child turns 10, he or she will have worn down about 730 crayons and will have spent on average about 28 minutes per day coloring.
- About 480,000 yellow school buses carry 25 million U.S. children to and from school every weekday.
- The average classroom pencil can write approximately 45,000 words (or draw a line that is 56 kilometers long).

Fun Facts SOURCE:

ThePioneerWoman.com

KidsPlayandCreate.com

Safety Tips SOURCE: *The safety tips are courtesy of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Safety Council. For additional information, please visit their websites.*

Mistletoe Heights picked for Hidden Gardens Tour



Melanie Smith wrote in the June-July newsletter that Historic Fort Worth was considering Mistletoe Heights as the venue in 2016 for the organization's annual Hidden Gardens Tour.

Well, it's official.

The board of Historic Fort Worth has voted to make Mistletoe Heights the 13th neighborhood to be featured in the tour, which began in 2004 with the Monticello and River Crest neighborhoods.

This is the first time that the gardens of Mistletoe Heights will be featured.

If you are thinking about entering your garden for consideration, you might want to take photographs of it at its best to submit during the application process.

Here is official information from Historic Fort Worth for garden owners who would like to be considered for the tour:

In its 13th year, the 2016 Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour is an opportunity for garden, architecture and design aficionados to view beautiful, private gardens in Fort Worth's historic Mistletoe Heights neighborhood.

The tour benefits the preservation programs of Historic Fort Worth Inc., a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, including the maintenance and operations of Fort Worth's first and second historic landmarks, Thistle Hill and McFarland House.

An invitation-only Sunset Tour and Dinner will be held on Friday, May 13, allowing an exclusive group of patrons to tour the gardens before opening for general admittance on Sunday, May 15.

The Sunset Tour includes transportation to the gardens followed by cocktails and a seated dinner at the magnificent Thistle Hill mansion. Participating garden owners will be provided with two complimentary reservations to the magical evening on Friday, May 13, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The title "Hidden Gardens" is well chosen, as the garden owners' names are never disclosed, and only ticket purchasers receive the addresses. The ticket price is \$20 in advance and \$25 on tour day. Our guests are garden aficionados and very appreciative that the garden owners have shared their backyard paradises.

If selected, below are the only requirements associated with having your garden on the tour:

Garden availability in April before the event for a few hours for the media to preview and photograph the gardens in preparation for their articles about the event. They generally photograph "snippets" of a garden and not sweeping views.

Garden availability for the Sunset Tour and Dinner on May 13, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Garden availability for the Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Day Tour on May 15, 2016, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Committee members will arrive at 11 a.m. to set up the check-in table and volunteers will arrive at 11:30 a.m.

Junior League volunteers and committee members' friends are placed around the garden to direct our guests safely through the area.

Here is a list of neighborhoods on the tour since 2004:

Monticello and River Crest, "Old" and "New" Westover Hills, River Crest and "New" Westover Hills, Park Hill and Avondale, Crestwood, Ridglea Hills, Crestline, Hulen Street Corridor, Park Hill and Ryan Place Drive, Ridglea, Southwest neighborhoods and Ridglea North.

Please feel free to contact Suzy Coleman, at suzy_coleman@historicfortworth.org or 817-336-2344, ext.100, with any questions or suggestions you might have.

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Like Father, Like Son: Edward and Brett Weston, Feb. 21-Aug. 23

Pasture Cows Crossing Indian Creek, Comanche, Texas: mural by Esther Watson, May 19, 2015-Aug. 23, 2016

Samuel F.B. Morse's Gallery of the Louvre and the Art of Invention, May 23-Aug. 23, 2015.

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Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

Framing Desire: Photography and Video, Feb. 21-Aug. 3

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Consider becoming a mentor at Paschal



By Jim Peipert

If you're college educated, retired or have a flexible work schedule and would like to make a difference in the lives of young people, you might consider mentoring at Paschal High School.

Paschal has a program called Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), designed for students on the free or reduced lunch plan who would be the first in their family to attend college.

Sometimes they need a little help and advice to supplement the efforts of their teachers. And that's where the mentors come in.

Today, Paschal has 10 mentors and could use many more. The commitment is a minimum of one hour per week with plenty of flexibility for travel and other commitments. New mentors are provided training in mentoring activities and methods.

For more information contact Joe Greenslade at 817-995-4685 or phsedf@gmail.com for more information.

Joe, a Mistletoe Heights neighbor on Morphy Street, is a mentor and a trustee of the Paschal High School Educational Foundation, started in 2010 by three 1966 Paschal graduates.

The foundation's purpose was to mentor 25 seniors in the first graduating class of the AVID program in writing essays and applying to colleges.

In 2010, there were 120 students in the AVID program, spanning ninth through 12th grades. In the coming fall semester, there will be 300 students in the program.

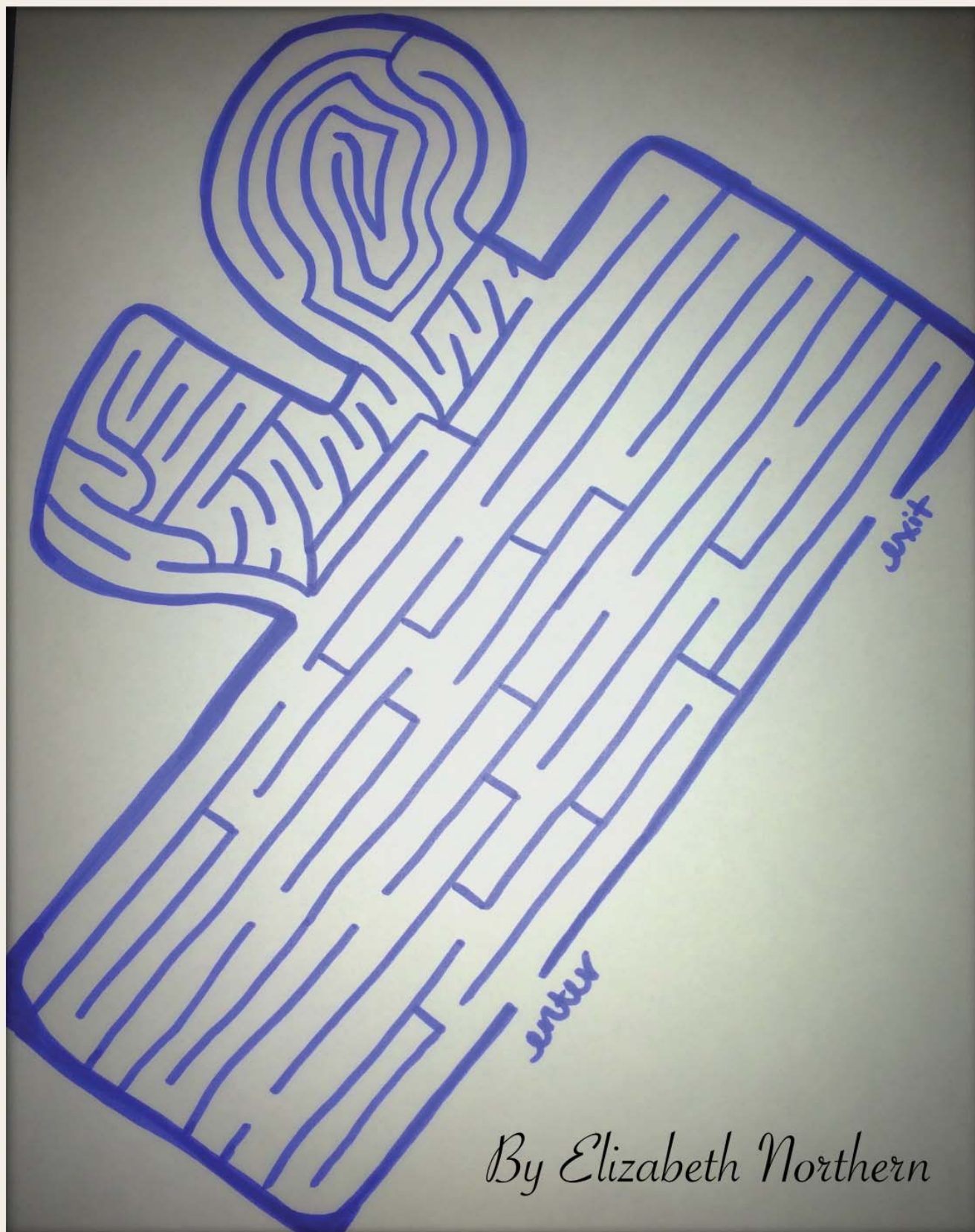
AVID, according to its website, is "a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities."

It was established more than 30 years ago with one teacher in one classroom. Today, AVID impacts more than 800,000 students in 44 states and 16 other countries/territories.

Prior to the mentor involvement at Paschal, only about 50 percent of the students that started AVID in the ninth grade stayed in the program through graduation.

In the last three school years, almost 100 percent of the students who began in the ninth grade stayed in AVID through graduation and more than over 90 percent of those graduates either already have or are entering college.

A-Maze-ing Places



By Elizabeth Northern

This month's A-Maze-ing Place is ...

The Forest Park Pool



The original Forest Park Pool, late 1930s

The Forest Park Pool, the oldest of Fort Worth's aquatic facilities, was built in 1922 in the heart of the city for \$35,000. It originally was a circular pool, as shown in above photograph, taken in the late 1930s.

In 1966, work began to create a 50-meter, Olympic-sized pool nestled within the parameters of the original pool.

The new public pool opened in 1967, and for more than four decades served as a refuge from the summer heat for south side Fort Worthians, particularly residents of Mistletoe Heights and Berkeley Place.

But at the end of the summer season in 2010, Forest Park Pool became the last of the city's seven public pools to close because of dwindling resources and high maintenance costs.

Thanks to a \$500,000 grant from the Radler Foundation and \$330,000 from the city's reserve funds, it reopened the weekend of May 24-25, 2013, after a complete renovation.

The renovation included installation of a new pool membrane and liner, repairs to the mechanical and filtration system, replacement of the diving boards and the concrete decking around the pool, modifications to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and installation of a family gathering area that includes shade structures and seating.

"What makes Fort Worth so special are the people – the people and businesses who take ownership and give back to their community," Mayor Betsy Price said of the grant from the Radler Foundation other others involved in refurbishing the pool.

"Thousands of Fort Worth children and their families will benefit from this special gift."

The pool is open from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The price is \$5 for users age 17 and under and \$6 for those age 18 and older. The pool will close after Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7.

Sidewalks update

Elizabeth Northern has taken over the Jerome Street sidewalks project from Andrew Clogg, who has moved out of the neighborhood.

She reports that a city contractor is scheduled to start sidewalk installation around mid-November and finish by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Sidewalks will be installed on portions of the east side of Jerome Street from West Rosedale Street to Weatherbee Street.

You can view a map with the details of the project on Facebook at the Mistletoe Heights Neighbors Chat Room page.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for taking over this project.



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 April 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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