

# MISTLETOE EXPRESS

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February - March 2018

## President's Corner



Cory Bearden, President

Maybe it's because the temperature is currently below freezing as I write this, but my mind has drifted to thoughts of sunshine and warm beaches. During the summer of 2016, my family went on vacation with two other families from Mistletoe Heights. We split a beach house for a week on the Florida gulf coast town of Seaside.

To avoid becoming another sprawling oceanside tourist

city, Seaside was developed in the 1980's with a mission to foster community through design, scale, and architecture. The streets were interconnected with sidewalks to encourage walking and biking, lined with trees, and buildings were placed a uniform distance from the curb. Intentionally designed to be densely populated, Seaside encouraged residents to build up three-story homes on small lots no more than a five-minute walk to the shops and restaurants of the town center. Mandatory porches are set close enough to the street for easy conversations between walkers and porch-sitters. All these features demonstrate an architecture that helps create and maintain friendships.

I left Seaside with t-shirt that read "New Town...Old Ways"

and a greater appreciation for my neighborhood. While I don't think the Trinity River compares to white sand or clear ocean water, our front porch community of Mistletoe Heights certainly affords us many of the benefits of this quaint, ocean community of Seaside.

Spring is around the corner and summer will be close behind. Over the next few months our Mistletoe Heights Association will be hosting several events. I hope you will join us for the Neighborhood Meeting on February 20th, take part in the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st, participate in the Neighborhood Garage Sale on April 7th, and enjoy the Spring Movie Night on May 4th. As with any event, nothing happens without help from faithful volunteers. Thank you in advance for your wonderful help, planning, and participation in our upcoming Mistletoe Heights events!

## Happy Valentine's Day!

*"The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness."*

*- Victor Hugo, Les Miserables*

Throughout the year, the residents of Mistletoe Heights perform innumerable small acts of kindness for one another. This Valentine's Day, we thank our neighbors for each act of kindness and hope everyone takes the time to celebrate the loving community that is Mistletoe Heights!



**Historic overlay helps preserve character of the neighborhood**

Mistletoe Heights is a historic neighborhood, dating from the 1910s.

Wishing to preserve its architectural heritage and identity, most of the neighborhood is included in a historic overlay.

Any alterations or additions to the structures should be submitted to the neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee and must be approved by the city of Fort Worth's Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC).

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee: Roger Ross, 817-372-6865, or Susan Willis, 817-924-4000.

Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission: Murray Miller, 817-392-8574, or Justin Newhart, 817-392-8037. The commission meets the second Monday of the month.

For further information, please refer to the Mistletoe Heights website, [www.mistletoeheights.org](http://www.mistletoeheights.org), and click on Historic Guidelines.

# The Man Behind the Badge: Marshall Meyer, NPO

By Hannah Parks

Marshall Meyer has been the Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Police Officer ("NPO") since August 19, 2017. Most residents only know Officer Meyer for his e-mails reporting the latest victim of a car break-in, but not everyone has had a chance to get to know the man behind the badge.

What most Mistletoe residents don't know about Marshall is that he has a dark past — he's from Dallas. (However, being a former Dallasite myself, I vote that we all forgive his origins.) After graduating from Lake Highlands High School, Marshall attended Sam Houston State University where he was a member of the golf team. Marshall finished his undergraduate degree at Tarleton State University. While in school at Tarleton, he was recruited by the Fort Worth Police Department.



Officer Meyer

However, he still isn't quite done with school yet — he is currently working on getting his master's degree in criminal justice from Tarleton.

Although this is not his first NPO assignment (he was previously assigned to the Tanglewood/Overtown Park area), Marshall says that it's his favorite because of Mistletoe's close-knit community. Mistletoe's collaboration with Marshall has already made our neighborhood a safer place. In October of last year, based on tips he received from our neighborhood email chain, Marshall was able to apprehend the perpetrator behind a rash of car break-ins. The best thing we can do to continue assisting Marshall in keeping Mistletoe crime-free, is to keep communicating concerns on the neighborhood email chain.

Marshall now lives here in Fort Worth with his German Shepherd, Jax. When he isn't working, he enjoys keeping up with his golf game and watching his favorite TV show, The Big Bang Theory. A major part of his job is building relationships with people in our community, so he is always happy to meet with residents in person over a cup of coffee, or maybe even some oatmeal raisin cookies (his favorite kind). I hope everyone will join me in welcoming Marshall to the Mistletoe community!



## Mark Your Calendars

Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting Tuesday, February 20  
Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31

## The Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt Is Just Around the Corner

Mark your calendars and dust off your Easter basket. The annual Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Newby Park on Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m. To participate, deliver two dozen plastic eggs filled with age appropriate candy or toys to 2341 W. Magnolia Avenue by Thursday, March 29th. Be sure to put your child's age, name, and telephone number on the bag. Remember to bring your Easter basket and camera to the Egg Hunt. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance!

All neighbors are welcome to come to Newby Park Saturday morning and watch the Egg Hunt. Coffee, juice, and bagels will be provided compliments of the Neighborhood Association. For more information, call or email Susan Pressley at [brentandsusan@charter.net](mailto:brentandsusan@charter.net) or 817-308-1484.



If it rains, the Easter Egg Hunt will be rescheduled for 2:00 p.m., and if it is still raining, the hunt will be cancelled and your eggs can be picked up at 2341 W. Magnolia.



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Facebook Chat Room

[www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors)

NextDoor page

[www.mistletoeheights.nextdoor.com](http://www.mistletoeheights.nextdoor.com)

Webpage

[www.mistletoeheights.org/contacts](http://www.mistletoeheights.org/contacts)

## Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Calendar 2018

Event	Date	Time & Location
Neighborhood Meeting	Tuesday, February 20th	7:00 p.m. • Hilton Garden Inn
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 31st	10:00 a.m. • Newby Park
Neighborhood Garage Sale	Saturday, April 7th	All Day • Neighborhood Wide
Spring Movie Night	Friday, May 4th	7:00 p.m. • Newby Park
Neighborhood Meeting	Tuesday, May 15th	7:00 p.m. • Location TBD
4th of July Parade	Wednesday, July 4th	6:30 p.m. • Triangle Park
Neighborhood Meeting	Tuesday, August 14th	7:00 p.m. • Location TBD
Fall Movie Night	Friday, October 5th	7:00 p.m. • Newby Park
Pumpkin Carving Contest	Tuesday, October 30th	Sunset • Neighborhood Wide
Neighborhood Meeting	Tuesday, November 13th	7:00 p.m. • Location TBD
Bow-Tying Party	Sunday, November 11th	2:00 p.m. • Location TBD
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 2nd	5:00 p.m. • Location TBD



## Cheer On Runners of the 40th Cowtown Marathon

On Sunday February 25, the Cowtown Marathon makes a right on Park Place Avenue at Mile 13 and then a left up Forest Park Blvd. Come out and support the runners of the 40th Cowtown Marathon! The runners should be at this point between 8 and 10:30am.



## Volunteers Needed

*We need more volunteers, especially some talented and energetic people to take over several key offices in the Mistletoe Heights Association. Help us make this neighborhood better.*



Are you new to the neighborhood and would like to get involved? Here are a few great ways, and you will get to meet a lot of interesting neighbors!

**Historical Preservation Committee:** We are looking for any interested people to join the Historical Preservation Committee. Help us ensure the integrity of the architecture in our community.

**Advertising Manager:** We need someone to solicit and manage ads from local businesses. You would work closely with the treasurer. It would require only a few hours a month.

**Newby Park Gardening Committee:** We need a group of people to work on a rotating basis to care for the plants and flowers in Newby Park. Rosaline Eastepp Takes will provide information about the specific duties involved and will manage the schedule.

*Contact MHA Vice President Mark Philpot if you are interested in any of these positions.*  
[vicepresident@mistletoheights.com](mailto:vicepresident@mistletoheights.com).

## In the city

Police non-emergency number: 817-392-4222

Crime updates are available to citizens at any time: [fortworthpd.com](http://fortworthpd.com). Go to crime information, then crime mapping.

Community engagement liaison: For our neighborhood, contact Tabitha Butler, 817-392-2045.  
[tabitha.butler@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:tabitha.butler@fortworthtexas.gov)

Link to city online pothole reporting form:  
<https://cityoffortworth.wufoo.com/forms/pothole.report>

Link to code compliance issues and to report graffiti:  
[fortworthtexas.gov/codecompliance/myFtWorth](http://fortworthtexas.gov/codecompliance/myFtWorth)

Link to garbage related issues:  
[www.fortworthtexas.gov](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov).  
 Click on "Garbage and Recycling."  
 Bulk trash pickup for our neighborhood is the week of the fourth Monday of the month.

Link to report animal issues, control, adoption:  
[fortworthtexas.gov](http://fortworthtexas.gov); or  
 call 817-392-1234.

Link to request permit for garage sale:  
[Fortworthtexas.gov](http://Fortworthtexas.gov); or  
 call 817-392-2222.

For travel health information and inoculations, call Tarrant County Public Health Department, Travel Health Services, 1101 S. Main St., Fort Worth, TX 76104.  
 817-321-4707

Fort Worth leash law:  
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/animals/laws>

Fort Woof Dog Park:  
<http://fortwoof.org>

Smart phone app: myFtWorth



## Obituaries



### Roy Dowdle

Roy Edwin Dowdle, 93, loving husband, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. He was a veteran of World War II.



### Marjorie Hubbard

Marjorie Marie Hubbard, a life-long resident of Mistletoe Heights, passed away on December 31. She was 94.

*Do you know of a  
Mistletoe Heights neighbor who has  
accomplished something great?  
Tell us about it at  
[newsletter@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:newsletter@mistletoeheights.org).*



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# Charlie's Field

By Jim Peipert

Dozens of Mistletoe Heights residents gathered in Newby Park on January 7, a bleak Sunday with a threat of rain, to dedicate Charlie's Field in memory of Drew Medford.

Charlie Bourland, severely disabled, died January 18, 2015. Drew Medford, a promising athlete and 2016 graduate of Paschal High School, died August 18, 2016, in an auto accident on the Chisholm Trail Parkway. The young men grew up on the same street and became fast friends.

"Two young neighbor boys, born and raised on Mistletoe Drive, left this world at young ages. Their lives impacted many," says a metal plaque affixed to a stone base behind the baseball field's backstop.

"Drew, a pitcher and catcher for Paschal, was headed to play baseball at TCU. Charlie, a student at McLean, was Drew's lifetime friend, whom he loved with a sweet and

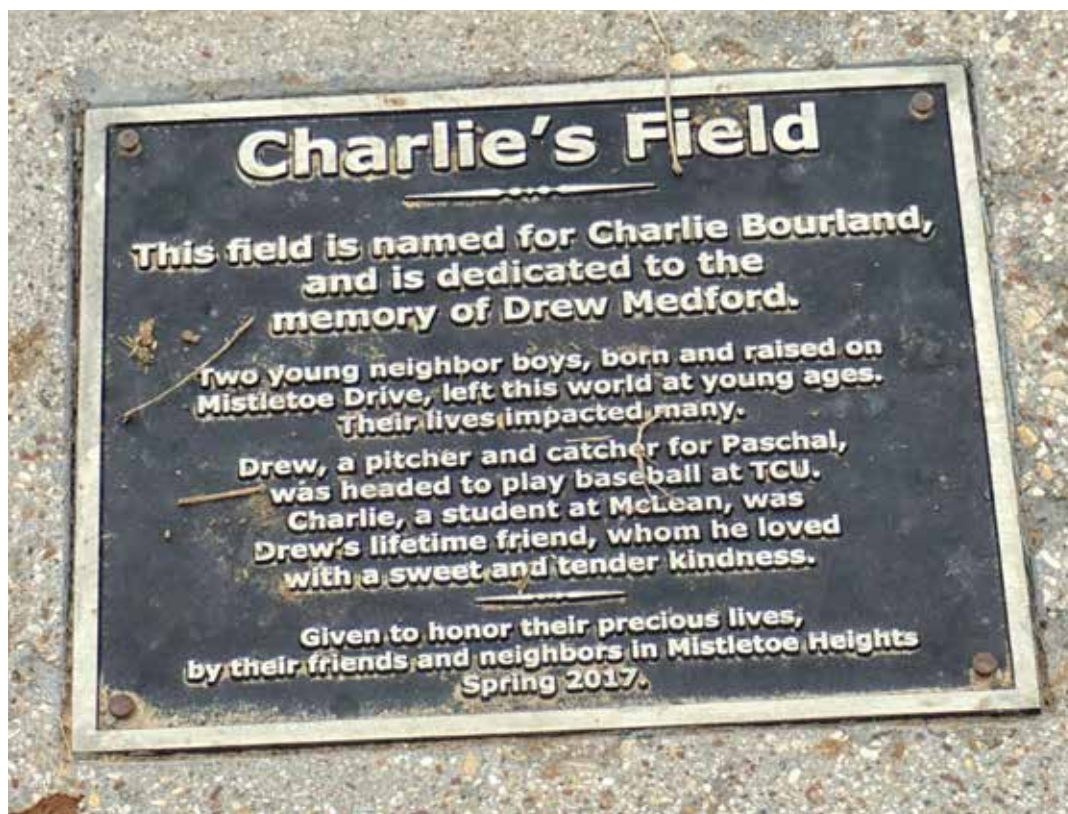
tender kindness.

"Given to honor their precious lives, by their friends and neighbors in Mistletoe Heights," the plaque says.

The dedication ceremony was planned and organized by Kathy Jo and Marc Rogers, Deborah Jung, Josh Lindsay and Denise Semple.

Among those who spoke were Henry Bourland, Charlie's older brother; Sergio Conchas, a friend of Drew Medford; Josh Lindsay, former Mistletoe Heights Association president; Corey Bearden, current MHA president; and Coach Lee, whose Little League players often use Charlie's Field at Newby Park. Cal Rustad provided and set up the sound system, and Austin's Underdawgs food truck was available for the purchase of hot dogs and drinks.

*See more photos on Page 11*





## Support Our Advertisers

The officers of the Mistletoe Heights Association encourage you to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter. These organizations pay to be in our newsletter and support our neighborhood. Their businesses also make this publication possible. Without them we would not be able to provide printed newsletters to every household in the neighborhood free of charge.

## Advertising Submission Process

All ads must be paid for by the 10th of the month prior to the month in which the ad will appear. Artwork for all ads should also be submitted by the 10th of the month prior.

Artwork should be emailed to: [advertise@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:advertise@mistletoeheights.org). Should you have any questions, please email [advertise@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:advertise@mistletoeheights.org).



# WELCOME to the neighborhood

Corey Bearden  
president@mistletoeheights.org

Hannah and Jeff Parks  
newsletter@mistletoeheights.org

Mistletoe Heights, as a “front porch community,” would like to welcome all new residents.

If you know of any new neighbors, or if you're a new neighbor, please contact our association president, Corey Bearden, or our newsletter editor, Hannah Parks.

They will need your name, address, names of family members, age and gender of children and your contact information.

They will then pass your information on to our incredible duo of ladies, Kathy Jo Rogers and Denise Semple, of the Welcome Basket Committee, who would like to present you with a basket of goodies to welcome you to the neighborhood.

## Calling All Future Kindergarteners

Lily B. Clayton is having a Meet & Greet for incoming Kindergarteners on February 8th at 1:30. The Meet & Greet is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to tour the school, meet the principal and Kindergarten teachers, and talk to other families that will be attending Lily B. The Meet & Greet is held at Lily B. Clayton. It starts at 1:30 and lasts until school ends at 3:00. All incoming

Kindergarten families are invited to stay after school for Stay & Play on the playground. For more information or to sign up for notifications from the Incoming Kindergarten email list, please email Susan Pressley at [brentandsusan@charter.net](mailto:brentandsusan@charter.net).



## Cook Children's 100th Birthday!

In celebration of its upcoming centennial, Cook Children's Hospital is asking neighboring residents and business to help it visually display the impact the hospital has had on our community. During the week of March 18 - 24, Cook is asking everyone who has been touched by the hospital in the past 100 years to light the outside of their home or business up in its colors — blue and green. Whether it's a porch light or a full on Christmas style display, Cook is requesting that participants post photos and videos of the lights on social media using the hashtag #cook100years.



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## What would you like to see in the newsletter?

We want your feedback! What topics would you like to see in the newsletter? Send us your suggestions: [newsletter@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:newsletter@mistletoeheights.org).



## Newsletter named one of 10 best in Fort Worth

The Mistletoe Express, your neighborhood newsletter, has been named one of the 10 best in Fort Worth at a citywide awards luncheon hosted by Mayor Betsy Price.

Outgoing newsletter editor Mary Ellen Peipert was on hand to accept a certificate of the award from Mayor Price at the luncheon, held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary on January 20.

The other nine newsletters honored for their work during 2017 were from the neighborhoods Crawford Farms, Heritage, Marine Creek, Tehama Ridge, Berkeley Place, Eastern Hills, Fairmount, Ridglea North and West Meadowbrook.

Fort Worth has 295 neighborhoods registered with the city,

according to Tabitha Butler, community engagement liaison for Mistletoe Heights and about 50 other neighborhoods.

The awards luncheon recognized a variety of organizations and people who, according to the city website, “engage residents and build stronger communities.”

The 2017 award, for example, for the best neighborhood association went to Sunset Hills. The best neighborhood police officer during the past year was Donald Shipp.

Mary Ellen stressed that the Mistletoe Express is a team effort. Besides neighbors who contribute articles to the newsletter, she cited the design team of neighbor Elisa Rode, whose advertising agency Kearley & Company, on South Main Street, does the newsletter layout.

Mary Ellen’s husband, Jim Peipert, shoots the photos for the newsletter and helps out with the editing.

The new newsletter editors, Hannah and Jeff Parks, assumed their duties at the November 21 meeting of members of the Mistletoe Heights Association.



Elisa Rode, Jim Peipert and Mary Ellen Peipert show off the “2017 Newsletter Award,” recognizing the Mistletoe Express as one of the top 10 newsletters in Fort Worth.



## Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Garage Sale

This year’s Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018. As a reminder, the City of Fort Worth does not currently require a permit for garage sales. This trial phase will end in October 2018, at which time the City will reconsider its success.





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## Charlie's Field



## Who do you know?

Do you know anyone connected with a business on Park Place, Forest Park Boulevard, Eighth Avenue, Mistletoe Boulevard, Rosedale Street, Magnolia Avenue or Park Hill?

The Mistletoe Express is looking for someone to contact local businesses to advertise in our newsletter.

Over the past few years, the number of advertisers has dwindled, and we need new advertisers to break even on the cost of the newsletter.

Ideally, having an advertising manager for the newsletter would remedy this situation. The position would require a time commitment of only a few hours a month.

But if any individual neighbor has a contact with a business proprietor and would be willing to speak directly to that person about advertising in the Mistletoe Express, that would also be helpful.

If you are interested and able to help, contact treasurer Jeri Jo Blackmon for details about ad specifications, deadlines and pricing, or just look on the back page of the newsletter.

You know you know somebody!

Thanks!

## Join the Mistletoe Heights Email List

To subscribe to the Mistletoe Heights Residents mailing list, go to [mistletoeheights.org](http://mistletoeheights.org), click on "Email list" and look for "Subscribing to Residents." Enter your name and email address, and then click "Subscribe." Note: You may need to add [residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org) to your address book to receive emails. If you have questions or concerns, contact [moderator@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:moderator@mistletoeheights.org).

Check out our website: [mistletoeheights.org](http://mistletoeheights.org)

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## Special Thanks

A special thanks to Elisa Rode, president of Kearley & Company, a full-service ad agency on the Near Southside, for generously volunteering her and her staff's time for the past two years to do the layout for the Mistletoe Heights newsletter. She and graphic artists team make a very significant contribution by designing the Mistletoe Express. We appreciate it very much!

## Helpful phone numbers, emails, addresses and websites

### City information

City Code violations	817.392.1234
City of Fort Worth	817.392.2255
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Police—nonemergency	817.392.4222
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	817.814.5000
paschalhs.org	
Historical Preservation	
Justin Newhart	817.392.8037
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southsidepreservation.com	
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### Street reps (listed by blocks)

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2200 Irwin	
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Melissa Kohout	817.313.1419
2100/2200 West Magnolia	
Colleen Shutt	214.455.9097
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2100 Harrison Ave.	
Chris & Sawyer Taylor	817.201.5320
2100 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2300 Irwin	
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2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
Lisa Stewart	817.924.9666
2300 West Magnolia	
Susan Pressley	817.923.6061
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Carol Benson	817.921.4000

### Neighborhood police officer

Marshall Meyer	817-999-8057
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### 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

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