# MISTLETOEEXPRES A FRONT PORCH COMMUNITY IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT www.mistletoeheights.org January/February 2019

### President's Corner:

By Corey Bearden



Cory Bearden, President

#### Remember to Vote!

Circle May 4th on your calendar! Yes, I know it seems like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. On May 4, 2019, elections will be held for mayor, city council, FWISD trustees, and the Board of Directors for the Tarrant River Water District. Historically, voter turnout is low for general elections in May. However, there will be important elections this spring. With Judy

Needham stepping down as Trustee for FWISD District 5, there will be a new trustee in our district for the first time in over 20 years. Also, the mayoral race will include at least two candidates, one incumbent, and one challenger. Likewise, there are two open spots for the TRWD's Board of Directors.

For those of you new to the neighborhood, another important date is April 4. This is the final date for voter registration to vote in the May election. More information about voter registration can be found at the county website: www.tarrantcounty.com. Hope to see you at the polls!

### Thanks for YOUR GENEROSITY

I would like to take the opportunity to thank every neighbor who donated to the Mistletoe Heights Association last year. We had over \$10,700 in donations. Our Treasurer, Jeri Jo Blackmon, reports this is the greatest amount of donations received in a year. That's amazing! By my count, we received donations from 133 individuals or families in 2018. To those of you who donated, we will use your donations for fun neighborhood events, updates to our greenspaces, and welcome gifts for our new neighbors. 2019 is shaping up to be a fantastic year in our front porch community!

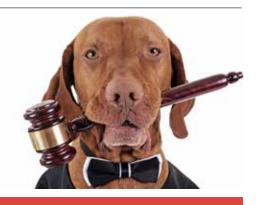
# 2019 Fort Worth Pet Law Update

As many neighbors already know, last summer, Fort Worth passed new pet laws including a "pooper scooper" ordinance requiring pet owners to pick up their animal's waste on all public and private property. Previously, pet owners were technically only obligated to clean up after their pet on their own property. So, don't forget to bring doggie bags

with you when you take your pets on a walk around the neighborhood!

Fort Worth passed a variety of other city laws regarding pets, such as a necessity that pets in public areas always be under their owner's control either by way of a leash or obedience training so that they

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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.

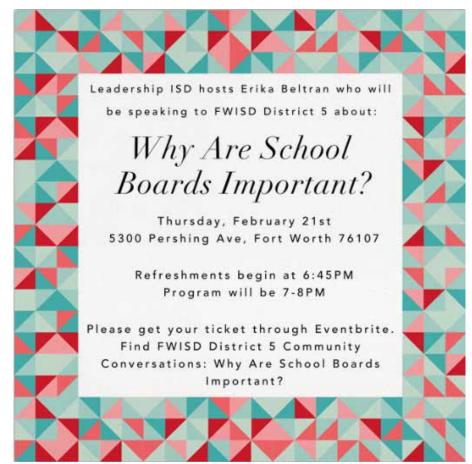
Any alterations or additions to the structures should be submitted to the neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee and must be approved by the city of Fort Worth's Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC).

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, and click on Historic Guidelines.

# Leadership ISD Community Conversation

Leadership ISD, a policy-focused initiative that advocates for equity in education, invites the residents of Mistletoe Heights to attend their upcoming Community Conversation meeting on Thursday, February 21. The discussion topic will be the approaching School Board Elections, which are an excellent way to make a difference in the lives of children and the community as a whole. This election is particularly important as no incumbent is running for the District 5 School Board seat, which is the district encompassing Lily B. Clayton. Erika Beltran, a native of Fort Worth, an education advocate, and a previous State Board of Education Member, will be the guest speaker. Leadership ISD requests that attendees get tickets through Eventbrite before the meeting so that the organization can plan enough refreshments.





### 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.

### **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 end of the month prior to the month in which the ad will appear. Artwork for all ads should also be submitted by the end of the month prior. Artwork should be emailed to: advertise@mistletoeheights. org. Should you have any questions, please email advertise@mistletoeheights.org.

# How to reach the Mistletoe Heights Officers:

**President:** Cory Bearden: michael.corey.bearden@gmail.com

Vice President: Mark Philpot: mark@leaguere.com

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon: JeriJo@charter.net

Newsletter: Hannah and Jeff Parks:

hannah.penley@gmail.com, jeffdparks@gmail.com

Secretary: Val Ewing: agdoc05@hotmail.com

# Stay Connected with your neighbors



Get connected. Be more engaged. Please share with us your experiences of good will in the neighborhood to newsletter@mistletoeheights.or

or to president@mistletoeheights.org. Here are some ways to find out what's going on in the neighborhood.

### **Facebook Chat Room**

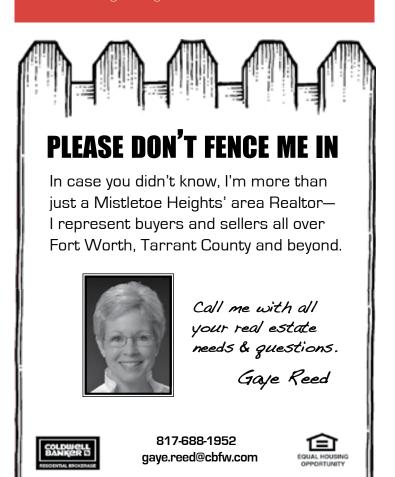
facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors

### NextDoor page

mistletoeheights.nextdoor.con

### Webpage

mistletoeheights.org/contacts



### It's Almost Cowtown Time!

On Sunday, February 24, the course for the 41st Annual Cowtown Marathon will bring runners down Park Place Drive,

and then turn left on Forest Park Boulevard. Bring a chair, make a sign, and help cheer on the marathoners!



# In the city

Police non-emergency number: 817-392-4222

Crime updates are available to citizens at any time: 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

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

Link to garbage related issues: 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; or call 817-392-1234.

Link to request permit for garage sale: 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

Do you know of a
Mistletoe Heights neighbor who has
accomplished something great?
Tell us about it at
newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.



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# Mistletoe Heights 2019 **Neighborhood Calendar**

**Neighborhood Meeting** Monday, February 18th Lily B. Clayton Elementary School Cafeteria 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt** 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 6th Neighborhood Garage Sale All Dav

**Spring Movie Night** 7:00 p.m.

**Neighborhood Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

4th of July Parade 6:30 p.m.

**Neighborhood Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

Fall Movie Night 7:00 p.m.

**Pumpkin Carving Contest** Sunset

**Neighborhood Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

**Bow-Tying Party** 2:00 p.m.

**Christmas Party** 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 20th Newby Park

Neighborhood Wide

Friday, May 8th Newby Park

Tuesday, May 14th Location TBD

Thursday, July 4th Triangle Park

Tuesday, August 13th Location TBD

Friday, October 4th Newby Park

Wednesday, October 30th Neighborhood Wide

Tuesday, November 12th Location TBD

Sunday, November 10th Location TBD

Sunday, December 7th

Location TBD



# **Piano Lessons**

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Lessons start at \$110/month. Edward Brown is an active member of the Fort Worth Music Teachers' Association with 12 years experience in and around Berkeley Place. Call 469-487-6973 or email at ejb0017@yahoo.com.





# 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.



### 2019 Fort Worth Pet Law Update

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are not a nuisance to others.

Pet owners should also be sure that their pets are properly registered with the City. Fort Worth requires pet owners to have their pets microchipped and registered with the City, or have their pet wear a collar tag showing that they are properly registered. Owners wishing to leave their pets intact must pay a \$50 intact permit fee. If an intact pet is impounded at a Fort Worth shelter, the owner must pay a \$500 fine if they wish to avoid having their pet spayed/neutered. Landlords in Fort Worth are required to verify that their tenants' pets' microchip, rabies vaccination, and intact status are all properly permitted. Prior to the ordinance updates last summer, landlords only had to verify that their tenants' pets were registered with the City.

Finally, in an effort to encourage the adoption of pets rather than the purchase through puppy mills or pet stores, Fort Worth's new ordinances banned the purchase of pets within city limits from a place other than where the pet was born (e.g. a home breeder). Non-profits and rescue groups are exempt from this requirement.



## 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.

ldeally, 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!

# Join the Mistletoe Heights Email List



Note: You may need to add residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org to your address book to receive emails. If you have questions or concerns contact moderator@mistletoeheights.org.

Check out our website: mistletoeheights.org

817-744-8548

Friend us on Facebook: facebook.com/mistletoeheights

### December 2018 Yard of the Month

By Claudia Camp **Photos by Jim Peipert** 

Hi, Neighbors!

Things are quieting down this month, garden-wise, but there's always something going on!

This was the month that David and I learned that there are "borders" and there are "borders". Needless to say, most of the borders we're usually interested in have to do with shrubs and flowers. But the question of exactly where lies the border between Mistletoe Heights and Berkeley had not bothered us too much. When we started our Yard of the Month job, we'd looked on a city-wide neighborhood map, discerned that the southern MH boundary line fell along Park Place, and assumed that the north side of that street was "ours" and the south side "theirs." And so it is, according to the map and even the realtors. But not, apparently - much to this 26 year MH-er's surprise — according to neighborhood tradition!

Annette and Bob Tess, who moved into 2212 Park Place a year ago, were delighted when we arrived to tell them we wanted to give their newly landscaped yard the December award, but a bit nonplussed when we brought over the Mistletoe sign. Though their realtor had told

them they were moving into MH, all real-life indicators since they've been here — i.e, newsletter and mailing list said Berkeley. Well, given the choice between taking back the sign and reclaiming some of Mistletoe's rightful territory, the decision seemed clear. And we're sure you'll find this colorful late fall yard, not to mention Annette and Bob themselves, as delightful as we have.

The Google map view of this address reminded me of its former, neatly trimmed but less than eye-catching aspect. That predictable, straight line of green shrubs along the porch line is now gone, replaced by a striking assortment of (mostly) Nandinas, arranged in an attractively curved bed. I should mention that the Tesses, recently retired from high-pressure jobs in Dallas, have seriously invested themselves in learning the ways of plants in Texas. They've completed the Master Naturalist training

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program offered by Texas Parks and Wildlife, and currently volunteer three hours a week tending the Rock Springs native landscape area at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden. Though Nandinas are far from native (they come from Asia!), the tall variety, sometimes called Heavenly Bamboo, has become a long-established part of Texas landscapes. The Tesses, however, know how to do their research, and they've sought out for their garden several newer hybrids from the Southern Living collection that offer exciting color and texture possibilities, especially when combined with a select few other plants.

The front walk to the Tesses' bungalow splits their front porch into an open patio on the right, furnished with an outdoor rug, table and chairs, and colorful potted plants, and a larger, covered porch to the left. A low wall runs along both porch and patio, providing the backdrop for the rock-lined planted beds. A couple of taller Nandinas grow along the left side of the porch, though these are still regarded as a "compact" variety: they'll only reach 4'-5' tall as opposed to the standard's 8'-10'. They have the classic fall red and green coloration, with seasonal red berries. The bed then curves forward in a wide arc, anchored by a couple of large rocks, a holly tree, and a bright lemon-lime "Sunshine" Ligustrum. A couple Indian Hawthorns provide a deep green base color which sets off two different varieties of smaller Nandinas in the front of the bed: a couple of deep red Flirts, which will stay fairly small (under 2'), and the brighter red and eventually somewhat taller (3'-4') Obsession.

Along the porch wall at the back of the bed are three Rock Roses, which will grow to 3'-4' with pink flowers in the spring. And in front of these, the real foliar fun begins! No less than 15 lemon-lime Nandinas (eventually 3'-4') mix with another half dozen red Obsessions, a couple purple-leafed Loropetalums (Chinese Fringeflowers), and another Indian Hawthorne. A thick mat of dark green Verbena, which will be covered with purple flowers in the spring and summer, fills in along the front curve of the bed. Another large rock anchors the end of the bed closest to the walk, surrounded by a final burst color provided by a second yellow-green Ligustrum, a couple Flirts, and another mat of Verbena.

The color continues in a simpler, straight bed to the right of the walk, in front of the open patio, where we find four lemon-lime Nandinas alternating with five Flirts. The low porch wall behind them and around the side, sports three, large,

bright white pots filled with Drift Roses — more spring and summer color to come!

All I can say is, I can't wait to see this now-young garden in a year or two as those Nandinas reach their full heights! So, thanks, Annette and Bob, for your innovative plantings and ... welcome to Mistletoe Heights!



# **Treasurer's Report**

# Mistletoe Heights Association Income & Expenses

**January through December 2018** 

	Jan - Dec 18
Income	
Advertising Income - Newsletter	2,925.00
<b>Dues Donations</b>	10,901.00
Miscellaneous Income	145.00
Total Income	13,971.00
Expense	
Bank/Check Fees	90.92
Easter Egg Hunt	373.48
Flag Program - Triangle	144.00
Halloween	50.00
July 4th Celebration	1,016.00
Lily B. Clayton	600.00
MHA Christmas Party	762.69
MHA Meetings	67.16
Movie Night	169.88
Neighborhood Activities	295.56
Newsletter Expenses	2,378.58
Water Expense - Berm	1,907.11
Water Expense - Newby	1,005.80
Welcome Baskets	618.29
Total Expense	9,479.47
t Income	4,491.53

Bank Balance at 12/31/18 \$32,537.90





Corey Bearden
president@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.

Hannah and Jeff Parks newsletter@mistletoeheights.org

### **Free Classifieds**

As a MH resident, you get one free text-only ad per issue. Please submit your ad by 2/28/19 for March/April edition.

### **TUTOR**

K-5th grade. Caring, encouraging, experienced (20 years) certified elementary school teacher is offering tutoring through out the year. Areas of specialty are writing and language arts. Contact Kathy Jo Rogers at 817.688.0905 or Krogers@theoakridgeschool.org.

#### **PET SITTING**

At-home mom who LOVES animals would love to help take care of yours! Please call Diana Brandenberg, 214-734-9140.

#### WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

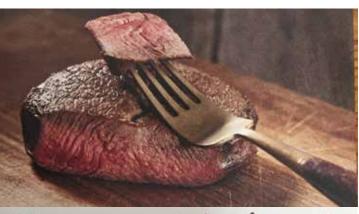
Attorney Thomas McCracken offers affordable will/trust preparation and other estate planning with personal, neighborly service. Call/text 214-862-5612 or e-mail tlmccracken@utexas.edu.

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# Free Classifieds (cont'd.)

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### Helpful phone numbers, emails, addresses and websites

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City of Fort Worth 817.392.2255	
fortworthtexas.gov	
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
justin.newhart@fortworthtexas.gov	
Southside Preservation Hall	
Hallyes@earthlink.net	817.926.2800
southsidepreservation.com	
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trinityrailwayexpress.org	
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#### MHA officers

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### Street reps (listed by blocks)

East of Forest Park 2200 W. Rosedale South Lysta Haynes 817.675.4163 2200 Irwin Garv Willis 817.924.4000 2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd. Melissa Kohout 817.313.1419 2100/2200 West Magnolia 214.455.9097 Colleen Shutt 2200 Harrison Mark Philpot 817-681-6681 2100 Harrison Ave. Chris & Sawyer Taylor 817.201.5320 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

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### Neighborhood police officer

Corey Carpenter cory.carpenter@fortworthtexas.gov

### 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 halfpage (approximately 350 words). Please send email to: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.

### Advertising information

To place an advertisement or for actua mechanical sizes, please email: advertise@mistletoeheights.org
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Half page \$100
Full Page \$200
Pre-printed inserts \$100

8 1/2 x 11

Deadline for ads, payment and artwork is the 15th of the month.