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November 2019

## President's Corner:

By Corey Bearden



### Giving Thanks

During this season of giving thanks, there are several people for which I am grateful for helping make our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. First, I would like to thank Steve and Kathy McReynolds (and their merry group of judges) for their yearly Pumpkin Judging before Halloween. I enjoy reading about

**Corey Bearden, President**

the winners and the creative names given to each pumpkin. Nice work to all who participated and big thanks to the McReynolds for getting the word out and encouraging creative pumpkin presentations.

Secondly, I'd like to thank Gary and Susan Willis for hosting the Bow Tying Party and Steven Alford for organizing. The beautiful bows and ribbons on our street light posts during the holiday season are handmade and installed with love by our neighbors. It wouldn't be the holidays without red ribbons and bows

helping us celebrate. Thanks, y'all!

Next, I am thankful for Claudia Camp's emails about the Mistletoe Heights "Yard of the Month". Not only does Claudia give the location of the yard, but she goes into great detail to describe why each yard was chosen and the types of plants, flowers, and grasses on display. I also really enjoy reading about the homeowners and why they've chosen to cultivate the plants and flowers in their yard. Great job, Claudia!

Finally, I'd like to thank Jeff and Hannah Parks for their efforts in producing our newsletter for the past couple of years. Hopefully you are like me in that you read the newsletter cover to cover each time you receive it. The newsletter is such a great resource for our neighborhood. Jeff and Hannah contribute many hours each newsletter in collecting (or writing) articles. Sadly, they will be turning this job over to the next editors soon. I wanted to take the opportunity in this edition to thank Jeff and Hannah for all they've done to help maintain a quality newsletter for us to be informed and enjoy.

## Christmas Party

By Corey Bearden

I hope you will join us for the annual Mistletoe Heights Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will meet at the home of Leslie Houston, 2345 Mistletoe Blvd. Bring the kids and a dish to share with

neighbors. Suggestions for food: casseroles, vegetables, fruit, cheese, desserts, etc. Please also bring a serving spoon with your dish. Tea and water will be provided.



**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

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

# If Walls Could Talk

By Tom Richey

I grew up in Northern New York State, just a mile or so from the Canadian border. The house I lived in as a youth was built circa 1850, and was one of the older, albeit not oldest, homes in town. My parents bought it from the family that had built and lived in it for all those many years. It was close to the Grasse River and supposedly had a tunnel from the cellar to the river (which of course we never found), and was there (supposedly) as an escape route from either a.) Mohawk raids (not that there were any in the mid-1800s); or b.) British invasion (the British had indeed burned part of our town during the War of 1812, but little to fear in mid-century as I'm sure Crimea was more on the Empire's mind). That all said, it was the start of my fascination with old houses and the history they contained. Fortunately for me, my bride Eileen also had the same fascination. We lived in a variety of old homes prior to our move to Texas and once arriving, lived in a more modern house, hating every minute of it.

In the summer of 1998, after spending several years attending Open Houses on weekends, mostly in the Berkeley/Mistletoe Heights neighborhoods, we parked the car on Edwin Street for an Open House at 2304. I plainly recall Eileen saying as we walked through "this could be the one" and it was — we moved in at Thanksgiving time. The television program "If Walls Could Talk" was in its heyday and, needless to say, was one of our favorite programs. The following year Eileen was out of town visiting friends, so I began my search for our house's history. I spent lots of time at the library and learned many things.

The house was built in 1929 by the Rector family (Drennan, Eva Bessie, Howard, and Dorothy Nell). The house was designed by architect Irving M. Grimland and built by contractor P.B. Ogle. The builders specs (see photo), depict a mechanics lien of \$10,000 on the property. As can be seen by the blueprints (see photo), the house was built as an approximate mirror image of the drawing, mirrored about the Y axis perimeter. That is, although the drawings show the driveway, porte-cochere etc., on the viewers left, those features were built to the viewers right, as was the entire floorplan. My assumption has always been that this was done primarily so that the bedrooms would receive the morning sun. I found that on the back of the actual blueprint was a penciled in drawing of the mirrored floorplan with occupants rooms listed, the bedroom closest to the porch belonged to Dorothy Nell, the bedroom to the north was Howard's room (see photo).

In 2001, I contacted Howard Rector to ask if he had any photos of the house from when he was young and he brought me two. When he dropped them off, we had a lengthy conversation. He told me that it was his mother that actually had the house built,



**2304 Edwin circa 1930**

and Roy, made up the rest of the household. Mr. Rector told me that the Olivers had a large parrot that would frequently escape and fly off. The entire neighborhood would be pressed to locate the bird which was usually sitting in a nearby tree. They had a long pole that they would lift to the parrot who would then climb to the pole and be returned to its cage. As soon as the parrot would spot the "rescuers", he would start saying, "Get the pole, get the pole". As Mr. Rector toured the house, he noted that the main rooms were essentially the same with the exception of some doors removed, as well as a cedar closet, the kitchen breakfront was the same, and the hall bath had not changed. The garage of course had changed, he recalled it having a dirt floor and the driveway unpaved. The garage apartment had housed a skilled tile

setter named Mac Barber and his wife, Ella Mae, when Mr. Rector was a youngster.

The Rectors returned in 1937 and occasionally rented the master bedroom out as it had a separate entrance. Mrs. Rector passed away in 1946 and Howard and Dorothy sold the property to Kelroy and Ahdel Chadwick. Mrs. Chadwick was well familiar with the neighborhood as she had grown up at 1206 Mistletoe Drive and was one of the Reich sisters. In 1956, Mr. Chadwick passed away, and Mrs. Chadwick and son Kelroy Jr. sold the Edwin property and moved to another house. I spoke with her for some time over the telephone and had hopes of interior photos but she said she had none. A succession of other owners occupied the house up until 1998 when we chanced upon it.

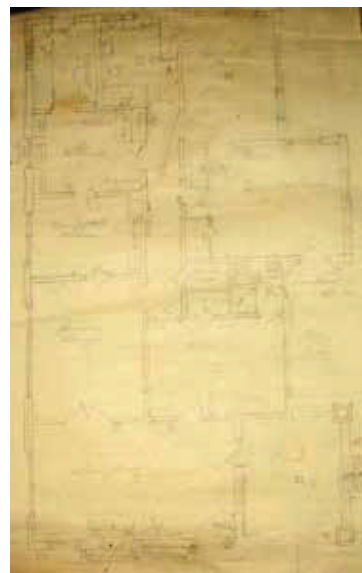
In the time that we have lived here, we have made



**Builder's Specs**



**Original Blueprint**



**Actual interior penciled in by original owner**

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several changes as well. We learned that the living room fireplace was a Batchelder Tile fireplace. Batchelder was a tilemaker based in California during the early half of the 20th century, and his tiles are considered collector's items now. I was told that a good many houses in the Mistletoe Heights, Berkeley, and Park Hill neighborhoods had Batchelder fireplaces as a shipment of them were being sent by train from California to the East Coast but the train derailed near Fort Worth and an enterprising contractor was able to purchase them all at a reasonable price. Whether this story is factual or not, I do not know as I have never researched it, but it does make an interesting tale. I have seen two fireplaces in the immediate area that match ours,



Fireplace after stripping paint

a Design Model 262 (see photo). Of course when we moved in, the fireplace had dozens of coats of paint covering the tiles. In 2006, Eileen decided she wanted it back to original so she spent the next year stripping those many coats of paint from the surface, and hours with dental picks scraping the intricate designs. It looks far better now. We have also changed kitchen and family room flooring to hardwoods rather than the linoleum and carpet that was there (the hardwoods under the kitchen were not salvageable), added windows to the family room to brighten it (although when we opened the wall to fit the windows we found that there had been windows there in the past, why they were removed, who knows). As we have been making changes we've made small discoveries as well. I found a mother-of-pearl salt shaker on a beam in the basement, unusual place to store it but if put there casually, easy to forget. While digging a trench for a new gas line, we found a cowbell buried about 18 inches, possibly from when this was pastureland many years ago. I know there are many things hiding in the attic under the insulation, as well as many things in the crawlspace under the house and one day I guess I will explore those areas as well.

## Mistletoe Heights 100th Plus Birthday Celebration

It's coming! Plans are being made to celebrate Mistletoe Heights' 100th Plus Birthday on October 18, 2020! This neighborhood is over 100 years old and it's time to celebrate it! Some of the ideas include home tours, food trucks, games, music, a birthday cake, and more! This party is for all ages!

There will be a booklet put together about the history of the neighborhood, along with articles about the history of individual homes like the one in this newsletter written by Tom Richey. Please be thinking about writing the history

of your own home for the booklet and you can even include a picture of it. The more articles submitted, the better. If you would like your home to be on the tour list, consider that, also.

This will be a historical celebration and your participation is needed! In the coming months, you may be asked for your help. Please say, "YES!"

More information will be posted as the Fall of 2020 draws near.

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You have contributed **\$6,264** so far this year



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Poinsettia - \$150 and up  
Magnolia - \$100 to \$149  
Holly - \$50 to \$99  
Mistletoe - Up to \$49



# Yard of the Month - November 2019

By Claudia Camp

If you've been stressing out about your garden this season, sometimes you just gotta blame the weather! A way-too-long summer and then a much-too-early cold snap has not been kind to our gardens! This is when structural elements, both hard and green, play such important roles, as they do in our November Yard of the Month, the home of Courtney and Jason Estes, and seven year old Emery, at 2201 Magnolia.

This is one of the newer homes in Mistletoe Heights, built about eight years ago, but lived in only briefly by the first owner. The Estes inherited some "good bones" in their garden, but the original plantings had become overgrown and unhappy over the years. A trip to Archie's Gardenland (always a source of healthy plants and good advice) and a bit of dirt and shovel interaction earlier this year have given the front garden a nice face lift that will be sustainable as the plants mature.

The Estes' home perches on a rise at the corner of Magnolia and Jerome, so the first gardening essential is making sure that steep slope on both sides of the yard stays in place. This is accomplished by means of a dense bed of dark green Asian Jasmine that rises from the sidewalks and finishes in an undulating line where it meets the grass at the top of the slope. Asian Jasmine is a horticultural gift to any yard with either a problem slope or too much shade to grow grass. Yes, it grows in sun or shade, so get rid of that mud and plant some Jasmine!

Nearer the house, a low (just about a 12-16" tall) stone wall also curves in front of the house and around the side. The main structural component here is the large Nelly Stevens

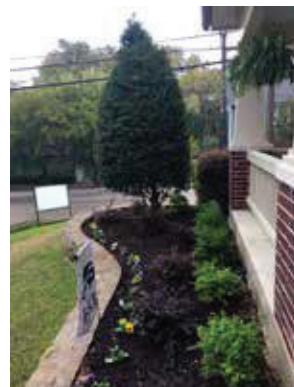


Holly, trimmed into a neat cone at the front corner of the house on the east, with a couple purple-leafed, hedge-trimmed Loropetalums (Chinese Fringe Flower) along the side of the porch at that end. On the west side, a new dwarf variety Magnolia centers the widest sweep of the bed at the far end, while a mid-size Loropetalum and a tall, well-established Oakleaf Hydrangea provide fall color at the side of the porch. The Hydrangea, with its dried flowerheads, offers textural interest as well.

These front beds are home to Courtney and Jason's most recent work. Along with the Magnolia, the new dominant plantings are sunshine Ligustrums and purple Daydream Dwarf Loropetalums (Chinese Fringe Flowers).

The Ligustrums are spaced along the porch wall, six on each side of the walk. Though small now, these bright golden shrubs will grow to 3-4 feet tall and wide, filling in the space. The Loropetalums, seven on the left and six on the right, run in front of the Ligustrums, tracing the curve of the wall. These will remain a bit shorter, 2-3 feet tall, but also fill in with 3-4 feet of width—and, of course, bear pretty pink flowers in early spring! A line of purple Pansies along the wall at the very front of the beds and two large pots of white Mums on the porch currently provide seasonal color.

Thanks, Courtney and Jason, for brightening up our November neighborhood!





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Link to garbage related issues:  
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# Running with the Double

By Elizabeth Northern

A crazy idea turned reality: attempting for a world record while pushing a jogging stroller. I first muttered the idea to my husband (Will) after our first child, and then our second child's quick appearance changed the goal to include the Cadillac of double jogging stroller, the Double Bob.



What started as ten-minute jaunts along the Drive to lull our Irish twins to sleep, progressed into longer jogs on the Trinity Trails, always testing my kids' patience with each extra mile. I can still hear my backyard neighbor, Hunter, yelling: "Liz! Hurry up!" as I slowly worked in strides, huffing and heaving the 75 pounds of stroller and humans around Clara back to the house. Over time, I gained confidence in my endurance and agility maneuvering the stroller; but more importantly, I learned the "magic" amount of time Penny and Davis could tolerate being confined next to each other (which is around 40 minutes).



Come March 2019, I settled on an event for the record attempt: June 1st at Joe's Run in the Near Southside. The hilly 10k route had a lot of straightaways, making it easier for the stroller which takes turns much like an 18-wheeler. And the 10K world record to beat was just over 42 minutes, cutting it close to the witching time before the mogwais turn to gremlins. The months of April and May leading up to the race included only a couple of stroller runs, and each less than five miles; but we were as ready as we'd ever be.

The day of the race, Penny and Davis sensed this was a different kind of run. To ensure Guinness would accept my application, I roped in my friend, Tyler, who lived on Mistletoe Boulevard to bike behind me during the race with his Go Pro, while Will and Grandpa (my dad) positioned themselves along the course to take photos. The kids love Grandpa with a capital "L", so once the gun went off for the race and we headed up Hemphill, "Where's Grandpa?" was yelled a few times. Strike that, a lot of times. Incessantly. I had thought ahead, however, giving each kid had a container of cereal, a water bottle, and a package of fruit snacks — thank the Lord for fruit snacks.

And run we did. Up and around Elizabeth Boulevard, down 8th Avenue to Pennsylvania, and lastly past the Rahr Brewery.

With minimal crying from the kids, one tire adjustment to the Bob around the first mile, and some dry-heaving from me at the finish line, we completed the race in record



time: 41 minutes and 22 seconds! And just like this short race summary, the finish was somewhat anticlimactic! But like many other races I've done, the journey leading up to the event matters more than the race itself. The same applies for this accomplishment: the miles enjoyed and shared with my kids in the stroller are memories I'll cherish forever. I'm so grateful for their patience, and I'm especially grateful for my husband's gentle encouragement of my crazy dream. Guess it wasn't too crazy after all!

And big thanks to all the friendly Mistletoe Heights neighbors who played a part in this fun adventure.

*In addition to this accomplishment, Elizabeth Northern is a past winner of the Cowtown 5K, 10K, Half-Marathon, Marathon and Ultra Marathon and 2016 and 2020 marathon Olympic Trials qualifier.*



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# 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. Your dues fund a number of special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletter and directory publications.

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



Levels of giving for this year are:

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*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!

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**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.

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

## PLEASE DON'T FENCE ME IN

In case you didn't know, I'm more than just a Mistletoe Heights' area Realtor—I represent buyers and sellers all over Fort Worth, Tarrant County and beyond.



*Call me with all your real estate needs & questions.*

*Gaye Reed*



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## Free Classifieds

As a MH resident, you get one free text-only ad per issue. Please submit your ad by 4/28/19 for May/June 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 Brandenburg, 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.

### JUST PAWS PET SITTING SERVICES

Serving MISTLETOE HEIGHTS. CUSTOMIZED Services Tailored To Meet You & Your Pet's Needs. CALL or TEXT: JODY (817) 229-8342 \*\*\* References Available Upon Request\*\*\*

### 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. 1408 Mistletoe Drive.

### PIANO LESSONS

Lessons for beginners through intermediate levels, children and adults. "I've been a resident in Mistletoe Heights since 2008 and teaching piano since 1990. Please give me a call and leave a message at 817-927-8876. Thank you." Mary C. Smith • 2300 W. Magnolia Ave.

## A New Neighbor!

The Kamo family welcomed their new son, Sebastiaian Truong Son, on September 23, 2019. Sebastian is safely at home with his parents, Chris and Tuyen, and older siblings, Alyssa, Brandon, Isabelle, and Camden.



**WELCOME**  
to the *neighborhood*



*Burgundy's Local*  
**Grass Fed Meat Market**

**DALLAS**

3314 Ross Ave  
CORNER ROSS  
& HALL  
972-707-7241

**FT WORTH**

3326 W 7th St  
CULTURAL  
DISTRICT  
817-878-2722

**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).**



# 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	817.392.4222
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	
The T/Longhorn Trolley	817.215.8600
the-t.com	
Trinity Railway Express	817.215.8600
trinityrailwayexpress.org	
City Council District 9	
Ann Zadeh	817.392.8809
district9@fortworthtexas.gov	

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Webmaster	
Scott Ewing	214.403.7762
Historian	
Luke Ellis	817.339.2459
Yard of the Month	
Claudia Camp	817.924.5193

## Street Reps (listed by blocks)

<b>East of Forest Park</b>	
2200 W. Rosedale South	
Lysta Haynes	817.675.4163
2200 Irwin	
Gary Willis	817.797.7654
2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd.	
Melissa Kohout	817.313.1419
2100/2200 West Magnolia	
Jason Lovelady	
2200 Harrison	
Mary Ellen Peipert	817.614.9794
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	
John Taggart	No # Provided
2200 Weatherbee	
Adam & Anne Weiskittel	817.653.2912
2100 Morphy	
Ben Connelly	No # Provided
Forest Park Blvd.	
Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
<b>West of Forest Park</b>	
2300 W. Rosedale South	
Collin Wright	No # Provided
2300 Irwin	
Steve McReynolds	817-926-7955
2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
James Huling	No # Provided
2300 West Magnolia	
Susan Pressley	817.923.6061
2300/2400 Harrison	
Robert DeVargas	817.923.9393
2300 Mistletoe Ave.	
The Fullers	817-291-1298
2300 Edwin	
Janis Arwin	No # Provided
1100 Clara	
Marc & Kathy Jo Rogers	817.923.3304
1200 Clara	
Bryce & Laura Docker	No # Provided
1100 Buck	
Martin Herring	817.923.3843
1200/1300 Buck	
Vacant	
1100 Mistletoe Drive	
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1200-1414 Mistletoe Drive	
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2300 Mistletoe Drive	
Chris Fershtand	817.923.8422

## Neighborhood Police Officer

Ray Azucena	
Work Cell	682.319.7613
Desk Phone	817.392.4709
RayChristian.Azucena@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 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  
 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 15th of the month.