Mistletoe Express

A Front Porch Community In A Historic District

February/March 2023

Letter From the MHA President

by Mark Philpot



Mark Philpot, President, and family

Neighbors,

We're stepping into Summer and while I write this at the beginning of March, we're going in to, what I call, "vest and shorts weather"

when you have to plan for different weather temps in the

morning and afternoon ... I'm not sure I'll ever get used to that!

If you were there at the last meeting, you helped me thank Corey Bearden for his service to the Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association, as he stepped off officially, and Graham Brizendine steps in as Vice President for 2023. All other officers, at present, are staying in place until the November 2023 Elections. As we always say, we'd love your involvement and investment as a neighbor and if you've ever considered stepping into a larger role, reach out, we'd love to discuss ... I may be recruiting some of you, too!!

A little about Corey — he's served on the Association for the past four years, two as President in 2018-2020, and two as Vice President in 2021-2022. He's served the neighborhood so well, just as he has also served as a Lily B Dad's Club President in the past. His wife, of course, teaches over at Lily B!! Please, as you see Corey around, tell him thanks for his work and time!! Thank you Corey, personally, I've benefited from so many discussions, tag teaming on trying to serve the neighborhood, and in the office at LEAGUE.

Graham Brizendine steps in after being in the neighborhood for about seven years. He and his wife, Heather, purchased a lot on Morphy in 2014. They built a great property near the creek, which they've lived in since 2017. He's been around the area for far more, as he grew up and went to Paschal and is a true Fort Worth local. We're glad to have his acumen with the city, appreciate his involvement as he steps in to serve, and if you get the chance, feel free to ask him about his affinity for classic cars!

Another little plug — the Mistletoe Heights/Berkeley Garage Sale is back! We'll be holding it on April 22nd — mark your calendars!

Thanks Mistletoe. I hope you have a wonderful April/May!

Best, Mark Philpot, MHNA President

Digital Newsletter Coming Soon!

Saving Time. Saving Trees. Saving Money!

We're going digital! Starting in September, our

neignbornood newsietter will be exclusively online.

We'll distribute via email



Save the Date(s)

Please take note of these important dates coming up.



MH Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting:

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 • 6:30 PM • Lily B Clayton Library

Neighborhood Garage Sale: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 8, 2023 • Newby Park More details to come.

Deadline for submitting news/information/stories to our newsletter: Saturday, April 15

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Would you like to submit an ad in our newsletter? Artwork for all ads should also be submitted by the end of the month prior (April, June, August, October, and December). Artwork should be emailed to: advertise@mistletoeheights.org. Should you have any questions, please email advertise@mistletoeheights.org.

Neighbor Volunteers Always Welcome!

Are you new to the neighborhood and would like to get involved? Do you now have time in your schedule that would allow you to be more involved in supporting our neighborhood? Volunteering is a great way to meet a lot of interesting neighbors! Contact MHA President, Mark Philpot at president@ mistletoeheights.com if you are interested in volunteering.



until it goes to online only.

Time involved: About 15 minutes every other month.

Logistics: The bundle of newsletters will be delivered to your doorstep by the east side captain, then you distribute them.

Benefits: It's a cushy job, no interview required, gets you out of the house, provides exercise, your neighbors will appreciate you.

Questions: Please contact president@ mistletoeheights.com for more information.

2200 Block of Weatherbee Representative Needed

Job description: Deliver the printed Mistletoe Heights newsletter to the 12 houses on the 2200 block of Weatherbee

Let's Give Them A Hand!



Congratulations and thank you to Claudia Camp for stepping up to be the new block representative for the 2100/2200 block of Mistletoe Blvd.

Do you know a Mistletoe Heights neighbor who has accomplished something great? We'd like to hear about it!

Newsletter@MistletoeHeights.org

Area Events Calendar

Neighborhood Leap

Presented By: Amphibian Stage

Through September 1, 2023

Address: 120 S Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76104-1219

Time: 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Price: Free

https://amphibianstage.com/neighborhood-leap/

Night & Day: Frederic Remington's Final Decade

Presented By: Sid Richardson Museum

Now through April 23, 2023

Address: 309 Main Street, Sundance Square Fort Worth, TX 76102-4006

Price: Free

The Clearfork Farmers Market

Recurring weekly on Saturday The Trailhead at Clearfork

I'll Be Your Mirror: Art and the Digital Screen

Presented By: Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

Now through April 30, 2023

Address: 3200 Darnell Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Check the website for ticket prices and information. The Museum offers half-price tickets on Sundays and free admission on Fridays.

Friday on the Green Concert Series

Community concert series produced by Near Southside, Inc. and Near Southside Arts.

Location: Magnolia Green, located on Lipscomb between Magnolia Ave. and Rosedale Street

FREE and open to the public.

Dates:

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 FRIDAY, MAY 12 FRIDAY, JUNE 9 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13



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Thank you neighbors, for your contributions to our neighborhood association! You contributed \$11,786 in 2022



Grunde, Paul & Barbara

If your name(s) are spelled incorrectly or missing information, email

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Voices of 3rd Saturday Art 2023

EXHIBITION

AT THE BERNICE COULTER TEMPLETON GALLERY

MARCH 9 - END OF SEMESTER

3rd Saturday Art is a group of seven local community artists who came together in 2015. The artists differ in backgrounds, professional histories, and artistic goals. Group exhibits are united not by theme but by the community itself and the value placed on creativity. The makers are free to find their own voices on the journey, with the joy of having companions on the way. The result is a vibrant catalog of 2D and 3D works exploring the human condition, the natural world, the connections between those worlds, the sheer joy of color, and the desire to express inner worlds.



Take care of your neighborhood!

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PIANO LESSONS

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My name is Seth Rogers and I am a high school senior who has been doing dog sitting/walking and lawn care since sixth grade. I would love to help you with any laborious task, odd jobs, house sitting, or dog walking. Cost to be negotiated after the parameters of the job have been discussed. Contact: 817-600-2313 or sethman37@gmail.com.

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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: Brad Shuffield, 972-989-0247. 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.



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Community engagement liaison: For our neighborhood, contact Teresa Magaña Leach, 817-392-2043 or teresa.magaña@fortworthtexas.org.

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.

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

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Welcome New Neighbors!

It's always a joy to meet our new friends down the street or around the block. Please remember that we only know if someone tells us, and we LOVE welcoming our new residents with a basket from the Mistletoe Heights community. If you are living close to a new family, please send us a call or text. Get to know them and send their names and addresses our way. If YOU are a new neighbor and have never received a welcome basket, please let us hear from you.

The Front Porch Community is the best place to be, and we want to visit your porch soon.

All the best, Kathy Jo Rogers, 1101 Clara, 817.688.0905



Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting February 21, 2023 6:30 - 8:05PM

Location: Lily B Clayton Elementary – Library

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- President: Mark Philpot
- Vice President: Corey Bearden
- Vice President Elect Graham Brizendine
- Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon
- Secretary: Val Ewing

OFFICERS ABSENT:

• Newsletter Editor Elisa Rode

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE: 15

GUEST SPEAKER:

Elizabeth Beck City Council Member District 9

6:43PM CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING: Approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mark Philpot — Corey Bearden is stepping down as Vice President. He has been a board member with MH for over four years as President, then Vice President. His time spent in these roles was acknowledged with appreciation and a round of applause.

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon — income/ expenses were discussed — dues donations for 2022: \$11,756 compared with 2021 \$4,795. This year, we had 120 families contribute which is more than years past and a positive sign of increasing involvement in our neighborhood. Annual dues drive for 2022 has begun. A flyer will come out in the March newsletter. There are many ways to pay: send a check, use a QR code, or go to our MH website and select the dues link.

Newsletter: the paper copy will be discontinued by September with the newsletter going online exclusively. Savings to print exceeds \$2,000 annually and the other aspect is distribution: we are unable to get it distributed in a timely manner and by the time some people get their paper copy, events listed have passed. The

being posted on Facebook, and in the future, we anticipate posting newsletters on the MH website.

How To Join the Email List: www.mistletoeheights.org > left side select email list > complete the form and submit. Note: emails are not shared or distributed publicly. The email list is moderated.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Update: Melanie Smith reports the process is about halfway complete.

TexRail — opening date is 2026. Trinity Metro, Baylor Hospital, and Southside have been collaborating on ideas regarding the property and how it can be incorporated into the neighborhood, including traffic flow, sidewalks, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

7:25PM Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Beck, City Council Member District 9, arrived and spoke on various topics, including Zoo traffic, street light outages, etc. She has advocated for our neighborhood to reduce traffic problems created by the Zoo during spring break. One solution is to use the Safari Shuttle and offer a discount on tickets for those who use the shuttle. This year there will be seven additional police officers directing traffic and NO PARKING signs posted along Jerome and other designated streets. The no parking signs will be enforced, and local residents are encouraged to not park on streets where those signs are placed during Spring Break. Plan: the additional officers and no parking signs will be during peak days: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Mon/Tue/Friday will be as needed. Construction on University will be completed before Spring Break. Forest Park Pool demo starts 2/22/23 and construction will impact traffic as trucks are hauling out material.

Tax Dollars Are Working For You: streetlights and street painting/striping — previously they used paint that lasts three years with a budget to repaint every eight years, leaving a five year gap where street painting becomes nearly invisible over time. Change — now the budget to repaint will be every three years. 12 million dollars allocated to replace lights — there was a 12 mile stretch on Loop 820 with all lights out and so far

497 freeway lights have been replaced.

Sidewalk Policy: New policy: the city will split the cost with homeowner. You can email Elizabeth Beck's office: district9@fortworthtexas.gov. Provide your address and sidewalk concerns and they'll see what they can do. Don't forget to report problems to MyFortWorthApp – such as streetlight outages, potholes, etc. Elizabeth Beck's email: elizabeth.Beck@FortWorth.gov. However, it is best to email her office at district9@fortworthtexas.gov.

7:50PM Elizabeth Beck left meeting

Lily B. Clayton Annual Donation: was discussed and a motion to donate \$750 was made, approved with no opposition.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominating Committee: Jeri Jo Blackmon, Kathy Dierker, Mary Ellen Peipert, Corey Bearden, and Val Ewing formed the committee. They met with Graham Brizendine who has been selected to be the Vice President to take over as Corey Bearden steps down. Vote: Motion by Jeri Jo Blackmon to elect Graham Brizendine as Vice President. Motion seconded. No discussion. No opposition. Graham Brizendine was elected as VP effective immediately.

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Next MH Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting: Tuesday May 16, 6:30 PM at LBC.
- Neighborhood Garage Sale: Saturday in April; date TBD.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 8 TBD

8:05 PM MEETING ADJOURNED

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 March and continues through December. You will see this flyer in our newsletters as we collect dues donations for our neighborhood association. We will also recognize donors in each newsletter beginning with the July newsletter through December with the final recognition published in our December/January issue.



Levels of giving for this year are:

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

Thank you for supporting your neighborhood association. Together we can make Mistletoe Heights an even better place to live.

\$25 \$75 \$100 \$ 150+ Name(s)_ (As you prefer to be listed in the newsletter – adult names only)

Address:

Please return your dues donation to: Mistletoe Heights Association c/o Jeri Jo Blackmon 1408 Mistletoe Drive Fort Worth, TX 76110

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