

Mistletoe Express

A Front Porch Community In A Historic District

August/September 2023

Letter From the MHA President

by Mark Philpot



Mark Philpot, President, and family

Mistletoe Neighbors,

We're back to school and it's been great to see the neighborhood kids walking to school, and the energy that the fall brings. As a parent of a five- and seven-year-old, I know how the first few weeks of school can be difficult — getting back to routines — whether you have kids of any age, it's definitely an adjustment.

I know we're all fighting the heat and lack of rain, but I'm sitting on my front porch "enjoying" the fact that it's only 94 degrees at present ... ooof. Let us lift our gaze toward cooler temps, and consider the days of jackets, scarves, holiday decorations, and dare I say it, pumpkin spice lattes. (Is that still a trend? I don't know!)

That being said, I would WELCOME some help on the social planning front as we have some great opportunities this fall, and think it's a great time to get more folks involved. **A few things that are coming up that we need help with are:**

OCTOBER (TBD) — MOVIE NIGHT

We need some help planning and you can help pick the family-friendly movie. We'd love to do one night for kids, and one night for grown ups (maybe that one is at the triangle?).

November 19 — STREETLIGHT BOW TYING PARTY: It will be held at Gary Willis' house on Irwin. We need people to help!

For a more complete list of Upcoming Events, see MHA Meeting Minutes on page 3 of this newsletter. Please reach out to me or visit officers@mistletoeheights.org with ideas or questions.

A special shout out to Cayla and Eric Grossman who have agreed to take on the reporting duties of Yard of The Month. Along with the help from Mary Ellen Peipert and Claudia Camp, we'll continue to get to read about the awesome work our MH residents put into their yards to make our neighborhood beautiful!

And, lastly, thanks to Jeri Jo Blackmon and Elisa Rode and her Kearley & Company Staff for their work on the monthly newsletter — **now in digital form!**

Best,
Mark Philpot

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Use the QR code below to access PayPal in order to donate to the neighborhood!



Online Neighborhood Directory

Use these helpful links to access and/or update your information today!

Need to update your contact information? New to the neighborhood? Click here for the form to update:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdir2022>

Want to contact your neighbor? Click here for the directory:

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Mark Your Calendar

Please take note of these important dates coming up.

FWISD Report cards:
September 29, 2023

MH Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting: Officer Elections
November 14 • 6:30 PM
Location TBD



MH Deadline for submitting information or ads for the October/November newsletter:
October 15, 2023

Area Events Calendar



FORT WORTH SOUTH: Friday's on the Green

Friday on the Green is held at **Magnolia Green**, located on Lipscomb between Magnolia Avenue and Rosedale Street, and regularly attracts thousands of neighborhood families and visitors. The event features the region's best live music, tasty food and drinks from Near Southside eateries, and the fun and relaxed atmosphere of a big neighborhood picnic.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

AMAZING SCAVENGER HUNT ADVENTURE — FORT WORTH (Downtown or Northside)

Presented By: Urban Adventure Quest

Dates: April 10, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Recurrence: Recurring daily

Address: 100 W. Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, TX 76196-0204

Phone: (805) 603-5620

Time: 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Price: Only \$39.20 for a team of 2-5 people with

PromoCode **FWHUNT**

<https://www.urbanadventurequest.com/default.aspx>

Sensory Saturday Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

September 16 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Sensory Saturday is an opportunity for families of individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities to explore the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History in a safe, understanding environment. Sensory Saturday will provide guests and members with sensory needs a space to interact with other families and learn about what opportunities the community has to offer.

Space is limited, so please register in advance:

<https://www.fwmuseum.org/sensory-saturday/>

Please email us at bcuthbertson@fwms.org with any questions!

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

The Clearfork Farmers Market

4801 Edwards Ranch Road

Opens: 8 AM Saturdays

FREE COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS

Presented By: Clearfork

Weekly on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings

Location: The Trailhead at Clearfork

Address: 4801 Edwards Ranch Road, Fort Worth, TX 76109

Thursday: 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

<https://www.clearfork1848.com/eventcalendar>

Email: team@clearfork1848.com

FREE First Friday - Fort Worth Bike Sharing at Clearfork

Grab a friend and a Bike from Fort Worth Bike Sharing at TWO of our Clearfork locations!

Ride from The Shops at Clearfork or The Trailhead at Clearfork for FREE every first Friday of the month!

Use Promo Code 92020 at any station or 92020APP on the BCycle App!

<https://fortworthbikesharing.org/>

ROOFTOP CINEMA CLUB DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH OPEN FOR THE 2023 SEASON!

Presented By: Rooftop Cinema Club

Daily Through November 17, 2023

Location: Rooftop Cinema Club

Address: 235 Throckmorton, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: (310) 343-8750

<https://rooftopcinemaclub.com/fort-worth/venue/rooftop-cinema-club-downtown-ft-worth/>

Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting
1408 Mistletoe Drive, Jeri Jo Blackmon's residence
August 22, 2023 • 6:30-8:30 PM

Officers in attendance:

President: Mark Philpot
 Vice President: Graham Brizendine
 Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon
 Secretary: Val Ewing

Officers not present: Elisa Rhode

Call to order: meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM
 Approval of Minutes: minutes from MHA Neighborhood Meeting held on May 16, 2023 were approved.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: Mark Philpot

- Stepping down after November Elections
- Transitioning well: anticipate a smooth transition to the new leadership.
- Neighborhood involvement: Goal of Graham Brizendine and Mark Philpot is be more proactive, mobilizing neighbors to help with projects. Our neighborhood has longstanding traditions, including several events, (see schedule below), and it takes involvement of many residents to keep these activities going.
- Historic Book spearheaded by Melanie Smith is progressing forward. A private entity has offered to publish. Amazon publishing is another option. Hope to an have update by end of the year.

Vice President: Graham Brizendine

- Was asked to chair the meeting. He began by introducing himself and spoke briefly about his connection to the neighborhood.

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon

- Distributed income expense sheet, donation sheet — so far, \$4,060 has been donated to the association this year.
- Going forward, the MH Newsletter will be electronic. If you want a copy, be sure to add yourself to the email list.
- **How to join the email list:** www.mistletoeheights.org > left side select email list > complete the form and submit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Text Update System: an email was sent describing this concept. Purpose: a text system for alerts, safety related incidences, etc.

Examples: missing children, meeting announcements, and when NPO needs information sent to the residents. This does not include weather-related alerts provided by the City. It will be strictly voluntary, and anyone can opt in. The plan is to avoid overuse or text fatigue by limiting the content to urgent or necessary info. When someone moves out of the neighborhood, they are opted out of the text alert system. It can be customized to personal preferences. Texts will be notification only, not a reply system. Cost: 5 cents per text message per recipient. Example: if 300 people sign up, it would cost about \$15.00 for one text. Open to discussion, Q&A among attendees.

- Motion to approve, seconded and approved. All in favor.
- TexRail Update: Trinity Metro hired a firm to oversee construction. Construction will start next year. The other aspect of the TexRail concept is the Baylor Transit — oriented development. Mike Brennan, of Near Southside, spoke on the proposed design in detail at our neighborhood meeting in May.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Fall Cleanup Day (alleys, West Berm, East Berm, Newby)
- Social Hour for adults was suggested — a great idea but it will require people to make this happen.
- Block Party — again, this will require people to help organize.
- MH Directory — a form will be coming out for purposes of updating the directory. Look for the link to access the directory in the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Movie Night** — October (TBD): need volunteers! Mark Philpot has the screen. Still to do: decide the date, get projector, pick movie. This year it will be hosted at the Triangle.
- **National Night Out** — October 3, 2023: The Fort Worth Police Department invites all residents to participate in the 40th Annual "National Night Out" Celebration. Residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with their neighbors, police officers, and other City personnel.
- **Pumpkin Judging** — October 30: Angie Arlington
- **MH Neighborhood Meeting** — November 14, 2023 • 6:30 PM, venue TBD: annual Officer elections.
- **Bow Tying Party** — November 19, 2023: Gary Willis' house on Irwin. Need people to help!
- **Christmas Party** — December 2, 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM: Jeri Jo Blackmon's home, 1408 Mistletoe Drive. It will be a potluck; everyone attending can bring a dish/dessert/drinks. There may be an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Clause.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 PM

Let's Give Them A Hand!

Here's an example of a few folks who make Mistletoe Heights such a great place: Kylette Harrison let us know about a couple of long-time neighbors, Gay Cosby and Shaaron Barlow, who showed not only kindness, but also used their medical expertise in a time of need:

"On a hot Saturday, a man collapsed in the street. Gay and Shaaron, both retired nurses and neighbors, were fast-acting in giving the man medical treatment. The gentleman walked away from the incident cooled down, with water, vitals checked, and able to return home and check in with his doctor. We are so

lucky to have neighbors that care!"

Thank you, Gay & Shaaron, for your kindness, and for Kylette, for bringing it to our attention!

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

Newsletter@MistletoeHeights.org





Recent Mistletoe Market Activity

Sold Price Range: \$400,000 - \$895,000

Sold Price per square foot: \$204 - \$316

% of List to Sold Price: 92% - 108%

Days on market: 5 days - 78 days

Statistics reflect the range for homes sold in the last six months.
Each home is unique. To request a customized value for your home,
scan the coffee cup to visit our website and click, "What's My Home Worth"
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As of August 31, 2023

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Miller, Brian & Ashley
Philpot, Mark & Maggie
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Thank you neighbors, for your contributions to our neighborhood association!

Donations are **\$4,560** so far this year



If your name(s) are spelled incorrectly or missing information, email Treasurer@MistletoeHeights.org

2023 Levels of Giving
 Poinsettia - \$150 and up
 Magnolia - \$100 to \$149
 Holly - \$50 to \$99
 Mistletoe - Up to \$49

Stay in touch with the latest news and information from your neighbors!



Be sure to join our Facebook Group!



Sign up for our emails!



Access information and resources on our website!



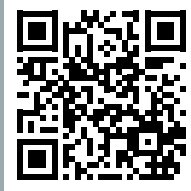
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Since our newsletter is now digital, please share with others to be sure to sign up for email and social media, to continue to get our newsletter digitally!

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Please take a moment and take our short survey. Your feedback will help us improve our newsletter.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y8BTRN> or use the QR code at right to take the survey. Thanks!



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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.

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NEIGHBOR**

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Tom Richey shares tips and information about restaurants in and around our neighborhood.

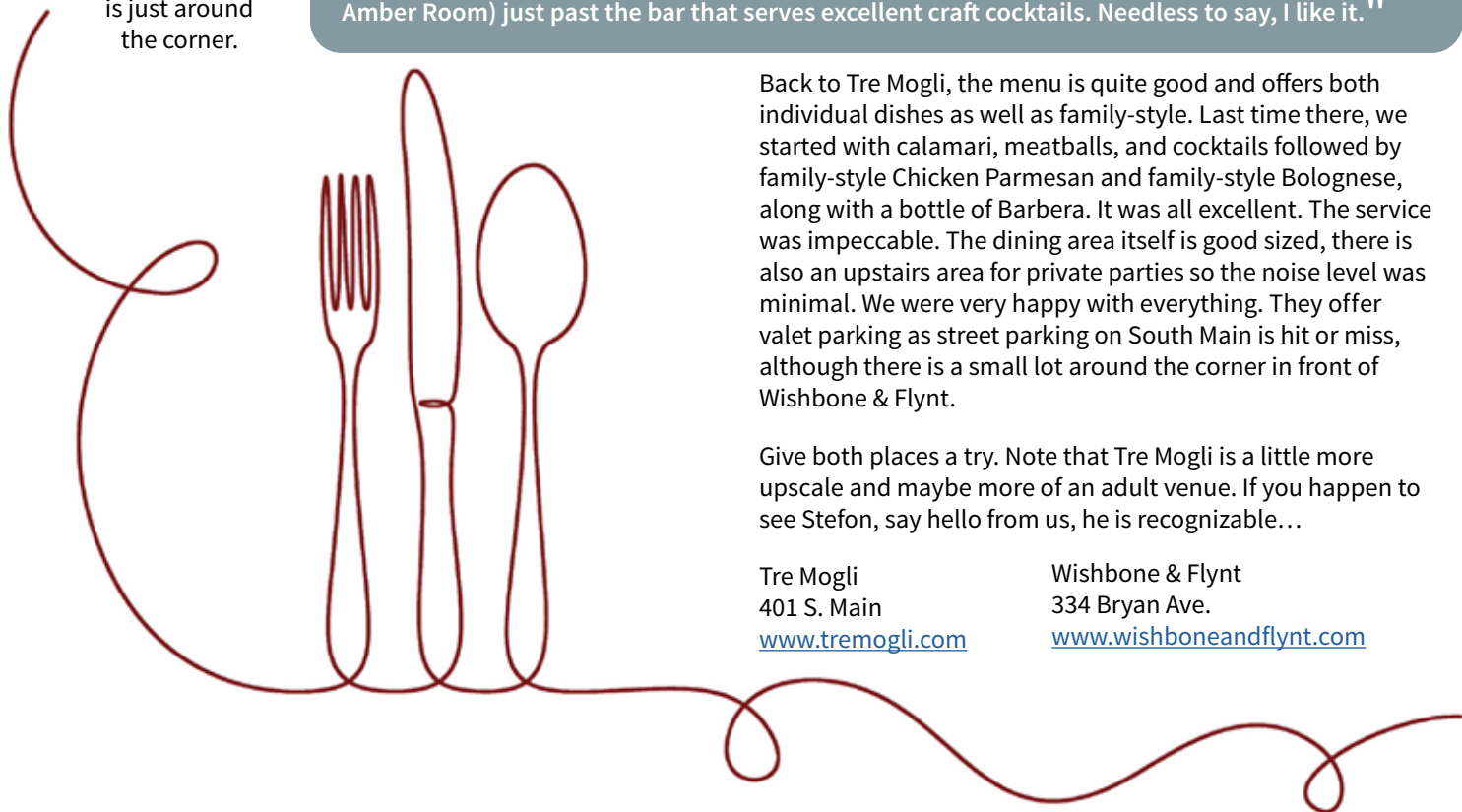
A good many years ago, as a college student in the Bronx, I was close to a Little Italy neighborhood with many restaurants. There were two types of restaurants — the little neighborhood, checkered tablecloth-type place, similar to where Michael Corleone had dinner with Sollozo and McCluskey in “The Godfather”, and the other was a more cosmopolitan-type place with black booths and white tablecloths. Either type place of course could have guys sitting in the corner, the type with black shirts and white ties, always facing the door.

That said, the first time I walked into Tre Mogli, it was like being transported to the more urbane of the two as described. I liked it immediately and had hopes that the entire experience would be good. I was there with one of my sons and my daughter as we have a custom that when my wife, Eileen, is out of town, they take me to dinner. In other words, they choose the place, I get to pay — it seemingly has worked well for a good many years now.

Tre Mogli is owned by the Trident Group, a three-person group with Stefon Rishel as Executive Chef (Tre Mogli means three wives in Italian, a nod to the Trident wives). The group also owns and operates Wishbone & Flynt which is just around the corner.



"To meander a bit, I have to say that Wishbone & Flynt is very good. They do one of the best burgers I have ever had, half bison, half beef, prepared in duck fat (as are the fries). The Old Fashioned they serve is where I learned that chocolate bitters is what makes an Old Fashioned superb! It is quite casual inside and also has some seating outside, although as far as this summer goes, that is a non-starter, at least for me. They also have a “speakeasy” type room (the Amber Room) just past the bar that serves excellent craft cocktails. Needless to say, I like it."



Back to Tre Mogli, the menu is quite good and offers both individual dishes as well as family-style. Last time there, we started with calamari, meatballs, and cocktails followed by family-style Chicken Parmesan and family-style Bolognese, along with a bottle of Barbera. It was all excellent. The service was impeccable. The dining area itself is good sized, there is also an upstairs area for private parties so the noise level was minimal. We were very happy with everything. They offer valet parking as street parking on South Main is hit or miss, although there is a small lot around the corner in front of Wishbone & Flynt.

Give both places a try. Note that Tre Mogli is a little more upscale and maybe more of an adult venue. If you happen to see Stefon, say hello from us, he is recognizable...

Tre Mogli
401 S. Main
www.tremogli.com

Wishbone & Flynt
334 Bryan Ave.
www.wishboneandflynt.com

How to Reach the Mistletoe Heights Officers:



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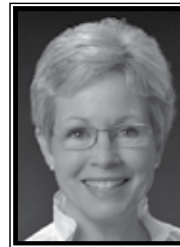
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In the City

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 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

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


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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

Welcome

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
Graffiti Abatement	817.212.2700
Lily B. Clayton Elementary	817.922.6660
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Street Reps (Listed by Blocks) East of Forest Park

2200 W. Rosedale South — Bridget Wensel	No # Provided
2200 Irwin — Gary Willis	817.797.7654
2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd. — Claudia Camp	817.924.5193
2100/2200 West Magnolia — Jason Lovelady	817.690.0289
2200 Harrison — Mary Ellen Peipert	817.614.9794
2100 Harrison Ave. — Jason and Carla Hurst	817.228.1456
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	817.946.0901

2200 Weatherbee — Street Rep Needed	
2100 West Morphy — Ben Connelly	817.229.615

West of Forest Park

Forest Park Blvd. — Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
2300 W. Rosedale South — Collin Wright	No # Provided
2300 Irwin — Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
2300 West Magnolia — Susan Pressley	817.923.6061
2300/2400 Harrison — Robert DeVargas	817.923.9393
2300 Edwin — Janis Arvin Carter	817.300.3708
Betty Arvin	No # Provided
1100 Clara — Marc & Kathy Jo Rogers	817.923.3304
1200 Clara — Bryce & Allison Docker	817.223.2980
1100 Buck — Martin Herring	817.923.3843
1200/1300 Buck — Nickie Aubry	No # Provided
2300 Mistletoe Ave./225 Forest Park — Gutierrez Family	No # Provided
1100 Mistletoe Drive — Mark and Kellye Neuweiller	No # Provided
1200-1400 Mistletoe Drive & Stonebridge Place — Gutierrez Family	No # Provided
2300 Mistletoe Drive — Chris Fershtand	817.923.8422
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Neighborhood Police Officer

Juan Villagomez - 682-319-761

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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 by 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.

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Online Neighborhood Directory

Form for Directory Updates:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdir2022>

Link to Directory:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdirectory2022>

The neighborhood newsletter is designed and produced by Mistletoe Heights neighbor Elisa Rode's agency Kearley & Company, Inc.

Mistletoe Heights Association Annual Dues Drive

All residents of Mistletoe Heights are members of the association. Dues donations are completely voluntary. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Your dues fund several special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletters and other activities.

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



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.

\$25 \$75 \$100 \$ 150+

Name(s) _____

(As you prefer to be listed (adult names only))

Address: _____

Please send your dues donation to:

Mistletoe Heights Association
c/o Jeri Jo Blackmon
1408 Mistletoe Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76110

To donate by Pay Pal go to:

<http://www.mistletoeheights.org/dues.html>
and be sure to add your name(s) and address

Please check here if you prefer your donation to remain anonymous.

If you can volunteer some time to our association, add your name and phone number where we can reach you.

Update on the book of Mistletoe Heights History

by Melanie Smith

Through extensive research, the book has evolved to be an in-depth history detailing the development of one of the earliest suburbs in Fort Worth. The book begins with the origin story — a fascinating and convoluted history involving land grants by the Republic of Texas followed with land ownership by a pioneer Texas rancher named Lemuel Edwards whose descendants continue to impact the city today. The book details the varied architecture in the neighborhood — most of which is a historic district thought to be eligible for the National Register. Houses in the neighborhood are generally 100 years old and range from bluff-top mansions to cozy bungalows — most with front porches. The entire book is filled with vintage photographs. After the general background, the book becomes a collection of narratives which provide an informative and entertaining history of the colorful residents of Mistletoe Heights in the first half of the 20th century. (A few of the documentaries extend into later years.)

This book is a fascinating view into an early 20th century “suburb” in Fort Worth — a time period and location not chronicled to date. It provides a long gaze into the past within the context of the city, the North Texas region, the greater state of Texas, and the United States as a whole. This book is believed to be the first to include documentary information on the surrounding African American Southside community and the first to document women in the Southside community by their full given names and their accomplishments. This book highlights the stories of a wide group of people — the privileged and the hard working, the rich and the poor, and the differences in opportunities for Whites as compared to Blacks and their contrasting class conditions. All the articles illustrate the ups and downs of life which invariably are a reality for all.


The book highlights many dynamic and/or interesting people of the early 20th century who made their homes in this Southside community beginning about the time of World War I. Through the many articles, the reader can gaze into a time long ago and understand the differences and similarities to life today. Many of the citizens documented in the book contributed greatly to a young and growing Fort Worth, the growing state of Texas, and the developing United States. Interested readers will find well-documented articles full of information on the 100-year-old houses and their early residents. The book highlights homes crafted with materials and artisanship rarely seen in construction today. As each article unfolds, the visual impact of the historical photos of the houses and people connects the reader to the first half of the 20th century. This history is a useful resource to researchers striving to put together the pieces of the history of Fort Worth.

Notable articles likely to draw particular interest include:

- An article about a home on Irwin Avenue highlights the Comanche capture of family members who lived in the home in the early 20th century.
- An article about a home on Clara Street highlights a young girl who survived the Holocaust internment camps.
- An article about a home on Mistletoe Drive highlights an early British female ventriloquist and clown.

- Seven articles about the 2100 block of Harrison Avenue highlight early Black residents who were able to become homeowners in the Jim Crow era.
- An article about a home on West Rosedale Street South highlights the development of the Fort Worth Boat Club.
- An article about a home on Harrison Avenue highlights Lena Pope who established the well-known institution by that name which continues to serve the needs of children today.
- Another article about a home on Harrison Avenue highlights one of Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders and also Fort Worth’s first park superintendent.
- The article about a home on Mistletoe Boulevard highlights the local gun dealer whose clients included famous early 20th century gangsters and lawmen.
- An article about another home on Mistletoe Boulevard highlights Gladys Wright, who partnered to write “Texas, our Texas” with TCU music professor William J. Marsh.
- An article about another home on Mistletoe Drive highlights an early felon who spent time in Leavenworth Prison and later the Davey O’Brien family.
- An article about another home on Harrison Avenue highlights an early baseball player who was also a bootlegger.

Negotiations are now underway for printing the manuscript. As the process is complicated and tedious, there is not yet a definitive date when the book will be published. Presales are now closed, but those who have not yet purchased a copy will have the opportunity to do so once the book has been printed. We of Mistletoe Heights owe a debt of gratitude to neighbor Liz Manion for her work in formatting and layout and to neighbor Annette Gunter for proofing the manuscript. My heartfelt thanks also goes to all neighbors who have been so supportive of this project for the past few years.



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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.



Historic overlay helps preserve character of the neighborhood