

Mistletoe Express

A Front Porch Community In A Historic District

August/September 2024

Letter From the MHA President

by Graham Brizendine



Graham Brizendine
President, and family

Neighbors,

We have some exciting news that I have been eager to share for several weeks now. The Mistletoe Heights history book titled *Mistletoe Heights — A Century of Community and Charm*, has a timeline, a website, and now we need your support! At our last MHA meeting, we voted that the book will go to

the printer by October 31, 2024. This means that it will be in our hands in the first quarter of 2025. I will say this ... it is MORE than worth the wait! This large, hardback book of over 600 pages is simply phenomenal. We have migrated printers to one that will be providing a stitched binding, foil stamped cover and spine, and more. I am completely comfortable saying that this book will not only be the best neighborhood history book in Fort Worth, but north Texas as well ... if not beyond. Many volunteers, led by Melanie Smith, including your MHA officers, have been diligent to get this book to the finish line. So here is my ask: If you have not

previously purchased a book, go to www.MHABook.com today, fill out your order form, and submit it. There is also a printable form on page 2. A book of this quality is certainly not inexpensive, but we worked through multiple avenues to get the price as low as possible to \$50 without selling the project short. We need to know by September 30 2024, how many books need to be ordered. Our printer has breakpoint pricing and MHA wants to be sure we order an appropriate quantity. But we need a solid count of the interest. While the profit itself will be small, all proceeds will benefit MHA. Don't be left without a book when the time comes.

Additionally, I look forward to seeing all of you at MHA's **National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1** at Newby Park! Bring the whole family and come meet some of our first responders who help keep us safe and make Mistletoe Heights a great place to live.

— Graham

A big shout out to our new Social Events Chair, Tuyen Kamo!



And thank you Tuyen and ALL the volunteers who helped make our 4th of July celebration a great event!

It's Easy to Donate to Mistletoe Heights

Click below to access PayPal in order to donate to the neighborhood! Your donations fund several special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletters, and other activities.

<https://mistletoeheights.org>

Mark Your Calendar



Please take note of these important dates coming up.

FWISD Report cards:
September 27, 2024

MH Neighborhood National Night Out
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Newby Park

MH Deadline for submitting information or ads for the October/November newsletter:
October 15, 2024.

MH Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting
November 12, 2024
WineHaus on Park Place • 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Bow Tying Party
Sunday, November 17
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
2237 Irwin — Home of Gary & Susan Willis



Mistletoe Heights Historic Book Coming Soon!

Presales are open once again for the historic book, *Mistletoe Heights — A Century of Community and Charm*. The book will go to print by October 31, 2024, with an anticipated delivery date in the first quarter of 2025. The neighborhood plans to order only 500 books, and over a third of those are already sold. **To ensure you receive a book, ORDER NOW!** Simple go to www.MHABook.com today, fill out your order form, and submit it. Or, use the order form below. The 600-page book (now selling at \$50 a copy) will be a hardcover, keepsake treasure — perfect for your coffee table. It is filled with over 800 photographs and highlights interesting people and charming architecture of Mistletoe Heights beginning about the time of World War I. Readers will gaze into a time long ago and learn about Mistletoe Heights citizens who contributed greatly to a young and growing Fort Worth, the growing state of Texas, and the developing United States.

Enjoy the excerpt at right to get a small sampling of this magnificent book that you'll treasure for years to come — one you'll be able to share with family and friends in the present and future.

(Note: If you purchased a book at a former cost, it will help the neighborhood if you voluntarily contribute the difference between what you paid and the new cost.)



1138 Clara Street

Architectural Description

Built circa 1919, the house at 1138 Clara St. is a reversed example of a hipped-roof, asymmetrical Prairie-style home in Mistletoe Heights. The two-story, stucco-clad house features very low-pitched, hipped roofs with very wide overhanging eaves. Horizontal massing is emphasized with the wrap-around front porch supported by massive, square piers. A ribbon front walk leads to the wide opening on the front porch.

This house is individually landmarked with the city of Fort Worth's Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission as a historic property, although this block of Clara Street is not in the Mistletoe Heights historical overlay. With further documentation that architect Wiley G. Clarkson designed the home, it could be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Only one house was listed on the 1100 block of Clara Street in the 1918 city directory. By 1920, the city directory listed 11 houses on the block. This explosion of construction is indicative of how most streets in Mistletoe Heights developed during its early years. The sounds of pounding hammers must have been alarming to the wildlife living in the rural pastureland on the outskirts of a growing city.

The 1920 city directory showed Ellis H. Boyd (Ellis Hempstead Boyd Jr.) living in the iconic house at 1138 Clara St. There is evidence that well-known Fort Worth

architect Wiley G. Clarkson designed the home, says the architect's grandson, Wiley G. Clarkson III. He found an "Index to Files," an inventory list of Clarkson's projects. On the list was this entry: "Boyd, Ellis, Residence." Records of many Clarkson projects were lost because they were destroyed by the architect who purchased his firm after Clarkson's death in 1952. According to Wiley Clarkson III, Ellis Boyd and Clarkson were both members of the downtown Fort Worth Rotary Club, which may have forged a relationship between the two men.

Ellis Hempstead Boyd Sr. was born in 1885 in Fort Worth, the youngest of five children of Newton Halsey Boyd and Mary Elizabeth (née Allen) Boyd. Newton "Halsey" Boyd was born in 1845 in Jackson, Mississippi, the oldest child of James Hervey Boyd and Eliza (née Ellis) Boyd. James and Eliza were well known in Jackson, where James was elected mayor for four terms.

The Boyd family home, known as "The Oaks," is a Greek Revival cottage, one of Jackson's oldest dwellings, and is a well-known museum in Mississippi's capital city.



Early photograph of 1138 Clara St.

The Oaks was built circa 1853 on four acres near the center of Jackson. This home of Ellis H. Boyd Jr.'s grandparents is now a designated Mississippi Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is one of the few extant structures that survived the burning of Jackson in 1863 during the Civil War,

according to the website for The Oaks. When the city was torched, James Hervey Boyd was a Jackson alderman.

The Oaks, its outbuildings, gardens, and remaining half-acre are owned by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of the State of Mississippi. When the Colonial Dames purchased the home in 1960, it was still in the Boyd family, owned by Ellis Boyd Jr.'s cousins and occupied by his unmarried, female cousin, who lived there until the home was sold.

Ellis Boyd Sr.'s father, Halsey Boyd, was the only son of the elder Boyds old enough to fight in the Civil War. He was in the Confederate Cavalry, Wood's Regiment, 2nd Company F.

After the Civil War, Halsey and Mary "Elizabeth," who was born in 1849 in Pennsylvania, lived in Jackson for a

Historic Mistletoe Heights Book Presale Purchase

Number of books @ \$50 each: _____

Add \$10 shipping charge if your order requires mailing (2 books @ \$10, 3 books @ \$15) _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____ to help defray the printing costs.

Note: Presale price of \$50 per copy is only available until books sell out.

Due to inflationary costs of printing, this will be a small run.

Order now to ensure you receive your amount of desired copies.

Make checks payable to: Mistletoe Heights Association.

Please mail completed form and payment to:

Kathy McReynolds, 2312 Irwin Street, Fort Worth, TX 76110

For additional information, you may contact Kathy McReynolds

at kathymc6.26@gmail.com.



Annual Holiday Bow Tying Party



Please come join in a fun volunteering opportunity! We need LOTS of volunteers to make the light pole decorations for the holidays — volunteers who can tie bows, cut and roll ribbon, cut garland, measure and cut tie wires, etc. There is a job for everyone, and easy instructions to follow. Light snacks are served. This is a great way to start off your holiday season, assure that our neighborhood traditions are continued,

Sunday, November 17
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (or until we finish)
You can come and go if you have limited time.
2237 Irwin — Home of Gary & Susan Willis

and our street lights look festive again this year.

Steven Alford is the coordinator for the party, and for the bow installation on the poles. Each block needs an installation

volunteer — contact Steven at stevenalford@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

Yard of the Month Volunteer Needed



Mistletoe Heights is in need of a Yard of the Month Volunteer. Duties would include choosing a yard of the month to spotlight, visiting with the homeowner about their landscaping and maybe a little background on the homeowner, taking photos of the yard, and providing a written description of the flowers, plants, etc. They would then forward the photos and the story to the newsletter officer, Elisa Rode, for publication. Past examples could be provided for reference.



Mistletoe Heights Resident Enjoys Feeling Connected with Fort Worth

MH resident **Erin Perkes** recently wrote about being “a Fort Worthian through and through” as well as of her love and appreciation for the history of the neighborhood.

Click here to enjoy the “Where I Live” article she wrote for the Fort Worth Report, published in early August.

<https://fortworthreport.org/2024/08/10/where-i-live-mistletoe-heights-resident-enjoys-feeling-connected-with-fort-worth/>

Show Us Your Mug!

Take a picture of your neighborhood mug, or you with your mug, and tag us on Facebook or email us your photo.

Let us know what you love about living in Mistletoe Heights — we would love to highlight in our upcoming newsletters and emails.

<https://www.facebook.com/mistletoeheights>

officers@mistletoeheights.org



Don't have a mug yet?

Purchase a MH coffee mug for \$10, and the proceeds will be donated to MH to help support activities like our Easter Egg hunt, Movie nights, and more!

You can reach out to one of the officers (see page 10) to inquire about buying a mug. Or, use the MHA dues link on the website. Please note the money donated is for mugs in the notes when you make the payment.



Activities For the Whole Family

Girls, Inc. Hosts a Monthly STEM Social Hour

Our STEM Social Hours is a unique opportunity open to all interested in learning more about Girls Inc. of Tarrant County, our STEM programs, and how they can get involved. Guests will also be able to engage in interactive activities in our NEW Makerspace! Please join us and invite friends!

September 19

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

304 E. Vickery Blvd

<https://girlsinctarrant.org/stem-social-hours/>

Dia de los Muertos Mercado at Paco's Mexican Cuisine

Family Friendly Hispanic Holiday Market

November 3

12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Paco's Mexican Cuisine on Magnolia

1508 W. Magnolia Avenue

Fort Worth, TX 76104

Free, open to the public

Fort Worth Public Library



Ongoing events for adults as well as youth and teens

Click here for the Fun Finder:

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/library#calendar>

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 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

Email: team@clearfork1848.com

Amon Carter Museum

Second Thursdays

Connect with art through cocktails, conversations, and creativity.

https://cartermuseum.org/events/public-programs/second-thursdays?utm_source=googleext&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=2ndThurs&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCOjw2ou2BhCCARIsANAwM2ELaF8M5e02XOLQP0t5JrRpqw_08ZEhtUQP-9jPNQQwur2h_igwaAkxeEALw_wcB

The Clearfork Farmers Market

<https://www.farmersmarket1848.com/>

4801 Edwards Ranch Road

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Kimbell Art Museum

Friday Happy Hours

5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Learn more and make your plans now.

<https://kimbellart.org/calendar>



Fort Worth's Oktoberfest

September 26-28, 2024

This fun-filled three-day event at Trinity Park will offer a German-themed celebration with the best in Bavarian beer, food, and entertainment for the whole family.

Click here for more info:

<https://fortworthoktoberfest.com/>

Sensory Time — Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

September 4 and October 2 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sensory Time is on the first Wednesday of the month in September and October and 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 Time provides guests and members with sensory needs a space to interact with other families and learn about what opportunities the community has to offer.

Please register in advance:

<https://www.fwmuseum.org/series/sensory-time/>

Dinners with Tom ...



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

Growing up in Northern New York gave many restaurant availabilities. One of the NNY mainstays however was (and is) the diner. Every small town had several, almost like one in each neighborhood. A good many of them featured homemade pies (a personal favorite of mine). To this day, if we are visiting, and anywhere near Keene Valley in the Adirondacks, we will stop and buy a raspberry pie! Of course, the diners all serve poutine as well as poutine's little brother, French Fries with brown gravy. One of my favorite places in our town was Guy's — where my favorite was pulled pork BBQ sandwich (with FF & Gravy, eh). It was quite different, have never found anything like it, but I digress.

When we moved to Fort Worth some 44 years ago, of course we expected diners everywhere. We sure didn't find many though, and most of them weren't really diners if that makes any sense. But then we moved to Mistletoe Heights and what do we find, but a diner, or reasonable facsimile thereof, just a few blocks away — the venerable Old Neighborhood Grill. It was, and is, a nice little place, and who could possibly find fault with a place that features a sign pointing to the door that says **"EAT"**! We stop in whenever we can and almost always run into someone we know — it's a neighborhood thing.

When I thought of writing this piece, I got curious about the history of the location. Was it always a restaurant/diner? How old was it?

Does it have any 'history'? So, I decided to stroll down Memory Lane for a bit and see what was what. The TAD site

says it was built in 1939, but I found newspaper articles/ads from that address as early as 1929 when it was listed as Queen Cleaners, then Publix Cleaners, ending with Park Place Cleaners. In the mid 1940's, it became Southside Plumbing Company which it remained until the first food-based business opened at that location. The Park Place Cake Shop ran from 1959 until 1969 (and I assume they baked and sold cakes — clever on my part). In 1969, it became Rick's Locker Room which was a cocktails and food site popular with neighborhood people, TCU people, and golfers. The namesake Rick sold the business in the late '80s and opened Rick's on the Bricks on Camp Bowie. Those latter two places, I remember. From 1991 until 1998, it was Park Place Burgers, then was bought and reopened as the Old Neighborhood Grill. In all of those years, I was unable to find any nefarious deeds being perpetrated at that site — where's the fun in that?

They feature the usual fare of platters, baskets, sandwiches, burgers, tacos, and sides, also a list of desserts but only two kinds of pie, apple or cherry ... Can't have it all, I guess. But! Being a clever lad, one evening while ordering, I had a thought. I saw they had pot roast on the menu board. Pot roast means brown gravy, so I asked for fries covered in brown gravy — the lady behind the counter said "You want what?" Lo and behold, it worked — maybe a trend I don't know. They also do a good breakfast, I know that because back some 20 years ago or so, we used to have MH board meetings over breakfast at the Old Neighborhood — almost like small town NNY where it's all at the diner.

**Old Neighborhood Grill • 1633 Park Place Ave.
817-923-2282 • <https://ongwebsite.godaddysites.com/>**



... who could possibly find fault with a place that features a sign pointing to the door that says "EAT"!



Breakfast Burrito.

Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting**Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 • 6:30PM****Location: WineHaus — 1628 Park Place Avenue****Officers Present:**

President: Graham Brizendine

Vice President: Brian Hunt

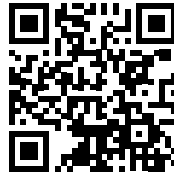
Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon

Newsletter: Elisa Rode

Secretary: Val Ewing

Attendees: 18**Guest Speaker:** Ana Alvarez, Planner City of FW Development Services**OFFICER REPORTS**

Treasury: Jeri Jo Blackmon distributed a sheet documenting Income & Expenses. Income: dues donations \$4439, Mugs \$620, Advertising: \$1300. Expenses: Easter egg hunt \$760, July 4 celebration: \$1514, LBC \$1025, welcome baskets: \$564. Net income: \$743. Although dues are not required, they are appreciated and help fund our neighborhood events. The dues drive began in May 2024 and runs through October. You can use a QR code to send in your dues through our PayPal account (see at right). Or you can mail or drop off a check to Mistletoe Heights Association to 1408 Mistletoe Drive.



Newsletter: Elisa Rode. The newsletter is available via email and Facebook, and you can find us at Mistletoe Heights Neighbors Chat Room. The next newsletter will come out on September 1, 2024. If you want a paper copy, they can be requested. We always welcome new content so reach out to Elisa to contribute: elisa@kearley.com

Content ideas: awards, animal saves, recipes, etc. We need a Yard of the Month person to help, so contact any of the officers to learn how to participate! The frequency of the newsletter is every other month. Suggestion for content: recognize new people in the neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

July 4th Celebration was a great success. Thanks to Tuyen Kamo for organizing the event.

West Rosedale cleanup is partially complete.

CTP underpass is cleaned up thanks to TXDOT. If you see an area that needs attention, i.e., cleaned up, repaired, potholes, streetlights out then you can report using the MyFW app on your phone. <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/communications/customer-care/myfw>

Historic Book: Melanie Smith, primary author, provided an update. She recognized the following: Jim Peipert for his writing and photo contribution in the early stages, and Annette Gunter for editing the past 18 months. A new printing company in Korea will be used. Book details: coffee-table book, hardbound, approx 8.5" x 11" in size and 1 1/4" thick, nearly 600 pages and 800 photos. The color of the photos will be in sepia, which achieves a contrast that improves the look

of the vintage images. It will be a 4-color press, which will be more expensive than initially planned. We have pre-sold 189 books and anticipate an additional 200 books to be sold.

Motion: move to recall the previous vote from the May 2024 meeting – “the neighborhood will expend additional funds not to exceed \$9000 to complete printing.” Motion approved and seconded, no opposition. Motion passed.

What followed was a discussion on financing the book: current amount to publish 800 copies = \$16609, 700 copies = \$14979, 500 copies = \$12139. The publisher's prices are valid for 30 days from today, with half due upfront. Proposal: commitment to print 500 copies. If by September 30, 2024, there is enough interest in the book that exceeds 500, we will increase the print request to 700 copies. Book sale price \$50. Contribution history: Tarrant County Historical Society = \$1000, \$6000 from MHA (2020 meeting), pre-sale: \$2268, donations: \$6829.

Motion: 500 books with a \$12,159 additional cost as long as the file is to be printed by October 31. The presale decision deadline is September 30 if there is a commitment for an additional 200 books. The presale quantity to increase the print quantity to 700 is 200 copies. Approved, no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: Ana Alvarez, Planner City of FW Development services. Ms. Alvarez discussed the Historic preservation and historic overlay. It covers design guidelines, additions, windows, etc: <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/preservation-urban-design/historic-preservation>

FW City Council gives final approval. Work done on historic homes can provide tax breaks for a 10-year span. Examples of what qualifies are electrical, plumbing, and foundation. The most common violations are windows and additions. Certificate of appropriateness information is found online. Code officer: call when you see something that doesn't look like it is appropriate for our historic area. <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/preservation-urbandesign/historic-preservation>

Forest Park/Park Place Intersection — update is nearly complete.

Forest Park Blvd. — restriping will be budgeted for 2026.

Coffee mug fundraiser sales — \$10 each.

FUTURE MEETING/EVENT DATES

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 — 6:30 p.m. — Location: WineHaus

National Night Out: Chris and Tuyen Kamo provided an update on an event happening in our neighborhood: Where & When: Newby Park, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM. They registered our neighborhood for this event. Anticipate the following: first responders present, Fire Truck from Station 8, NPO, and a rep from Elizabeth Beck's office. Plus, a food truck — we hope to see you there! MHA NPO: Juan Villagomez — Phone: 682-319-7613, and a rep

Cont'd. on page 7.

MHA Meeting Minutes *(Cont'd. from page 6)*

HOW TO REACH A MH OFFICER

President: Graham Brizendine — graham@roguearchitects.com

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Newsletter: Elisa Rode — officers@mistletoeheights.org

Secretary: Val Ewing — agdoc05@hotmail.com

HOW TO JOIN THE EMAIL LIST

Join the email list (use Firefox or Internet Explorer): <http://www.mistletoeheights.org/index.html>

Left side, select email list — complete the form and submit. Note: emails are not shared or distributed publicly.

Free Classifieds

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.

TUTOR

I am a public/private school educator with 27 years of experience. I currently teach kindergarten at The Oakridge School and have also taught 4th grade. I would love to help your child with reading, writing, or general Pre k-8th grade studies, and also 9-12 grade writing. Cost is \$60 per hour. Contact me, Kathy Jo Rogers, at 817.688.0905 or krogers@theoakridgeschool.org.

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

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ODD JOBS/LAWNS/HOUSE SITTING/PET CARE

My name is Seth Rogers and I am a junior in college who has been doing dog sitting/walking and lawn care since sixth grade. I would love to help you with any laborious task, house sitting, odd jobs, or dog walking during spring break, summer, or Christmas break. 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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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.

PET SITTING

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

CAR DETAILING

My name is Joshua Wedemeyer, and I attend high school at Paschal. I have been detailing cars around Fort Worth for for quite some time. If you are in need of a vehicle detailing, I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at (817) 682-2941 to discuss price and specifics.

GIDEON'S GOODIES

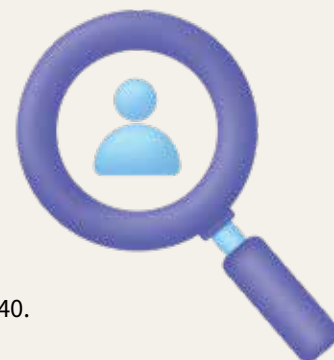
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Hi, my name is Asa Pack and I can vacuum, ArmorAll, and clean the interior of your car for \$10, clean the outside for \$10, or I can do a package which includes both for \$15. *You will have to provide a source of water. You can contact me at asa.pack@icloud.com. Thank You.



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As of August 29, 2024

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If your name(s) are spelled incorrectly
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Treasurer@MistletoeHeights.org

2024 Levels of Giving
Poinsettia - \$150 and up
Magnolia - \$100 to \$149
Holly - \$50 to \$99
Mistletoe - Up to \$49

Thank you for your contributions to our neighborhood association!

Donations are \$5,239 so far this year!

Financial Report

Mistletoe Heights Association Income & Expenses January 1 through August 29, 2024

Jan 1 - Aug 29, 24

Income	
Advertising Income - Newsletter	1,350.00
Dues Donations	5,239.00
Mugs	630.00
Total Income	7,219.00
Expense	
Bank/Checks/Paypal Fees	151.24
Easter Egg Hunt	760.49
Flag Program - Triangle	156.00
July 4th Celebration	1,514.40
Lily B. Clayton	1,025.00
Maintenance - Newby, Berm, etc.	200.00
MHA Historic Book Expenses	700.42
Mug Expenses	573.90
Welcome Baskets	564.60
Total Expense	5,646.05
Net Income	1,572.95

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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:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdirectory2022>



Mistletoe Heights is a historic and excellent example of middle- to upper-class neighborhood dating from the 1910s. Wishing to preserve its architectural heritage and identity, most of the neighborhood was included in a historic overlay in 2002. Any alterations including but not limited to window replacement/repair, foundation repair or additions to the structures within the overlay must be approved by the city of Fort Worth's Historic Preservation Office and/or the Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC). Please contact staff to discuss the correct process for your project.

Helpful Contact information:

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee: Brad Shuffield, 972-989-0247

Fort Worth's Historic Preservation Officer: Lorelei Willett, 817-392-8000,

DesignReview@fortworthtexas.gov

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/preservation-urban-design/historic-preservation/mistletoe-heights>

The HCLC meets the second Monday of the month. For further information, please refer to the City of Fort Worth's Preservation Guidelines, Mistletoe Heights website, www.mistletoeheights.org, and click on Historic Guidelines.



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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 his publication possible. Without them, we would not be able to provide this newsletter free of charge.

Advertising Submission Process

Would you like to submit an ad in our newsletter? Artwork for all ads should also be submitted by the 15th 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.

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!



Mistletoe Heights Association Annual Dues Drive

All residents of Mistletoe Heights are members of the Mistletoe Heights Association. Dues donations are voluntary. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

Our Annual Dues Drive begins in March and continues through December. You will see this notice in all of 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 in our December/January issue.

Levels of Giving

Mistletoe — up to \$49

Magnolia — \$100 to \$149

Holly — \$50 to \$99

Poinsettia — \$150 and up

Your dues fund several special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletters, and other activities.



Thank you for supporting your neighborhood Association.

\$25 \$75 \$100 \$150 Other _____

(Adult names only, please, of how you prefer to be listed.)

Address

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

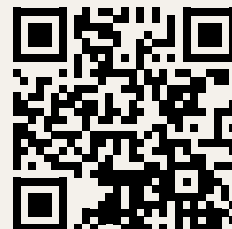
If you'd like to volunteer some time to our Association, please provide your phone number.

Phone

Either print, clip, and mail this form to:
Mistletoe Heights Association
c/o Jeri Jo Blackmon
1408 Mistletoe Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76110

OR

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



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How to Reach the Mistletoe Heights Officers:



President:
Graham Brizendine:
officers@mistletoeheights.org

Vice President:
Brian Hunt:
officers@mistletoeheights.org

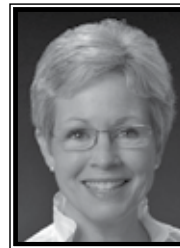
Treasurer:
Jeri Jo Blackmon:
treasurer@mistletoeheights.org

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Elisa Rode:
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Secretary:
Val Ewing: secretary@mistletoeheights.org

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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



817-688-1952
gaye.reed@cbfw.com



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>

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

Smart phone app: myFtWorth



Let's Give Them A Hand!

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

officers@mistletoeheights.org



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!



Reminder!

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!

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 text or give us a call. 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

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
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 — Halllyes@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 — Elizabeth M. Beck	817.392.8809
district9@fortworthtexas.gov	

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Historic Preservation Committee — Brad Shuffield	972-989-0247
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Susan Willis	817.924.4000
Melanie Smith	682.225.6921
Street Rep Captains — Melissa Kohout (East Side)	817.313.1419
Rosaline Eastepp Takes (West Side)	817.475.3715
Welcome Baskets — Kathy Jo Rogers	817.688.0905
Advertising Manager — Kathy Dierker	817-905-4854
advertise@mistletoeheights.org	
Newby Park —	
Rep Needed	
Email Moderator — Richard Yantis	817.924.2857
Webmaster — Scott Ewing	214.403.7762
Historian — Luke Ellis	817.339.2459
Yard of the Month — Cayla Grossman	No # Provided

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	817.271.2099
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	817.688.0905
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
2300 Mistletoe Blvd. — Samuel Rogers	817-600.2745
Neighborhood Police Officer	
Juan Villagomez	682-319-7613

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 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.

Advertising Information

To place an ad or for questions, please email: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org . Business-card size: \$25 • 1/4 page: \$50 Half page: \$100 • Full Page: \$200 Deadline for payment and artwork is the 15th of the month.

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Link to Directory:

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