



the Mistletoe Express



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Quick Bits

MANY, MANY THANKS!

Thank you to Leslie Houston for offering the use of her home for our 2003 MHA Christmas Party.

January Calendar

January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 7 - FWISD Students

Return to School

January 17 - Stock Show/Rodeo

January 19 - Martin Luther King,

Jr. Day. No school FWISD.

January 27 - Fort Worth South's

Third Annual Banquet

January 30, February 1 - Stock

Show Days FWISD

Cat Needs A Home

Friendly, young, black and white male cat needs home. If interested, please contact Irene at 817-926-6546.



Gateway Village Update Meeting

On Monday night, November 24th, a tentative site plan for the former armory site (NE corner of Forest Park and Rosedale) was unveiled by Terry Montesi, Chairmen of Trademark Property Company. His objective was to update residents of nearby neighborhoods on the status of the mixed-use development now under contract by Fort Worth South, Inc.

Although Trademark has begun marketing the lodging, office, retail and residential components of the site, confirmation by actual tenants is still down the road. Montesi did share a high-density, mixed-use site plan with the audience.

The development has been dubbed Midtown - obviously for it's close-in location. Montesi said the moniker will create an identity for this area of town. He sees this Midtown "urban village" as spurring development on other nearby tracts of land that are sitting vacant or under-used.

Construction of Midtown will include a tower or some other strong architectural icon to capture the eye and distinguish the site. Ground breaking will probably start this coming summer and the center may be open for business by summer of 2005. Stay tuned for updates on the project as details emerge and tenants sign on.

On a related topic, Fort Worth South, Inc. (FWS) has recommended a high level review of alternatives to the rebuilding of Rosedale as currently planned (118 ft. wide, 6-lane divided boulevard). This rebuilding would harm the ability to successfully redevelop the area as a mixed-use, pedestrian friendly neighborhood, people just would not walk across a wide highway.

The alternative suggested is a narrower, five-lane plan (2 lanes each with a center left-turn lane), with wider sidewalks and heavily landscaped parkway edges. FWS's Board of Directors is considering potential next steps.

Martin Herring

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Street Lamp Decorations

The following neighbors deserve our thanks for decorating the streetlights on their respective blocks. If you see them taking them down in the first week of January you might even offer to help.

THANKS, NEIGHBORS!

Kyle Carr, Amy Linehan, Gary Willis, Ingrid Kelly, Gill DeHoyas, the Stewarts, Stephanie Mischke, Tom Brewer, Scott Doty, John Hastings, John Key, the Bradburys, Lynn Herrera, Wyatt Teague [X2], Jim/Amy Pannell, David Bakutis, Scott Harwell, Betty Arvin, the Judges, Simone Scott, Medfords, Rochelle Graham and Shelton Boys.

DON'T FORGET - The Decorations Need to Come Down After New Year's Day!

New Neighbor Welcome

Welcome to all our new residents. If you know of someone new to the neighborhood, please contact Joy Teague at 817-923-2330.

2312 Mistletoe Drive

Kent and Rebecca McKeever. Kent is with Ellis & Tinsley Realtors. Rebecca works at Alamo Title Company. They have no children. Both are long-time Fort Worth residents and moved here from Stadium Drive.

2210 Weatherbee Street

Bob and Elise Jackson and their two young sons. Bob works for Burlington Resources. They relocated here from Farmington, N.M.

Wedding Congratulations

Grant Ellis, a lifetime MH resident, was married in October. (Actually, he doesn't live here now, but there's always hope!)

Terri Ellis

Central Market Fund-Raising Foodie Card

I couldn't help but notice, each time I stood in the express line checkout at Central Market, that Trinity Valley and Fort Worth Country Day had raised thousands of dollars with Fund-Raising Foodie cards. I always say that 50% of my job is asking stupid questions, so pretty soon I got started. What is a Fund-Raising Foodie card? How do you get one? Does Lily B. Clayton participate? Can I have a card? While I'm at it, can I get some more for my neighbors? As of this writing, I've "placed" 17 cards, and I'd like to keep going until everyone in our neighborhood has one (and, I hope, is using it).

When you use your Lily B. Clayton Fund-Raising Foodie card at Central Market, a whopping 5% of the check you write goes to Lily B. Clayton elementary school. (You just give it to your checker to be scanned along with your purchases.)

"Why are you doing this?" has been a frequently-asked question. I believe what's good for the neighborhood is good for me, and there's no doubt in my mind that having a thriving elementary school is good for our neighborhood. Lily B. is undoubtedly instilling the kind of values in our neighborhood's children that led us to restoring our beautiful old houses rather than building McMansions.

Join me in supporting Lily B. If you don't already have a card, please let me know and I'll be happy to bring you one.

Results from October 28, 2003: Trinity Valley was leading with 6227.20. Lily B. Clayton was dead last with 644.43 and needs your support.

Heather White
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Home Enhancement Tips #5

It's a proven fact people react more favorably to property shown under bright light. Consider brightening your home. Here's how:

- Clean windows
- Use adequate wattage in light bulbs
- Replace older fluorescent lamps, which darken with age
- Use mirrors to magnify the feeling of light & space
- Use light wall colors
- Most importantly, open drapes and blinds and turn on lights before showings



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Circle the Block

Last summer the 2200 block of Mistletoe Avenue had a block social. We thought it was so much fun, that the 2300 block of Irwin decided to do it in October.

In spite of poor publicity and dampish, cool weather, we had a great turnout. There was good food on everyone's porch who participated (especially Gay and Martin's, to no one's surprise who knows them!), and lots of neat conversation.

But I nominate my house the most popular, because I had special guests! Chloe Davis was born in my house in 1923. She has great stories about the neighborhood in the early years. She and her husband, John, who lived on Clara as a kid, not only stayed the entire time, visiting and telling people about life when Mistletoe Heights was the nicest new neighborhood in town, but they graciously brought a list of people who lived on Irwin at the time. If you don't see your address here, come and ask!

Kathy McReynolds

	A	B	C
1	IRWIN	PRESENT	1941
2	2300 Irwin St	Gallagher, Peter A Etux Lori	Paul Anderson
3	2301 Irwin St	Farman, Richard Etux Martha E	Bowhart
4	2304 Irwin St	Perkins, Kenneth Etux Kimberly	Ballard
5	2305 Irwin St	Duvall, Duncan E & Sue	Rankin
6	2308 Irwin St	Hansen, Erik Etux Kathryn C	J E Foster
7	2309 Irwin St	Swartzwelder, Shirley Jo	Helm
8	2311 Irwin St	Elbert, Ernest M & Rebecca	
9	2312 Irwin St	McReynolds, Kathy	Tom W Moore
10	2313 Irwin St	Lienemann, J E vir William	Wingate, Cheatham
11	2315 Irwin St	Hull, George Monroe	
12	2316 Irwin St	Soderbergh, Bo Etux Lori	Bill Nye, Carter, Young
13	2317 Irwin St	Brown, Nancy V	Butler
14	2320 Irwin St	Dougherty, Patrick Etux Michel	Fred Linington
15	2321 Irwin St	Houston, Leslie E vir Ellis	Goertler
16	2324 Irwin St	Bourland, Robert Jr Etux Anne	Ed Shotts, Mickey Griffith
17	2328 Irwin St	Betsill, Laura Michelle	Talbot
18	2329 Irwin St	Sisk, Betty R	Ed Fulwiler
19	2332 Irwin St	Kelly, Steven J	Marshall Kennady
20	2333 Irwin St	Gross, Robert D	Sheppard
21	2335 Irwin St	Martinez, Roy	Langworthy
22	2336 Irwin St	Herring, Martin K Etux Theresa	Misses Babb
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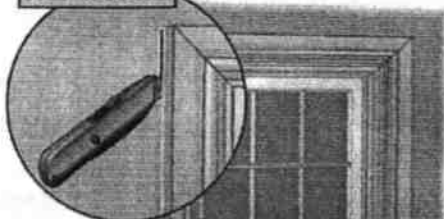
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Removing Trim for Reuse

Taking trim off cleanly so that it can be installed again is a common order on many home-repair projects, whether you're replacing windows or laying a new floor. The following steps will help you take it off without harming the wood—or yourself.

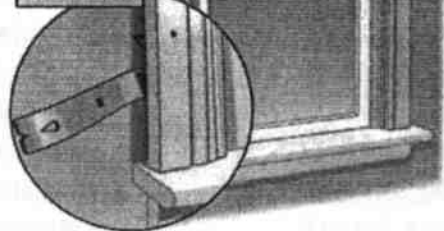
STEP 1: Score through the caulk seal between the trim and the wall. This will free up the trim and protect the wall's finish coat.

STEP 1: SCORE



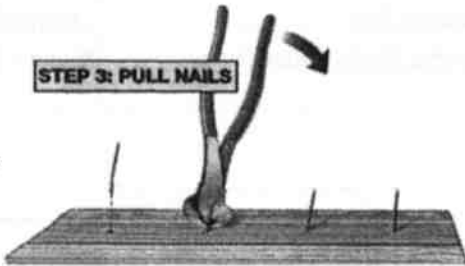
STEP 2: Working end to end, pry up the trim with a small pry bar or the claw of a hammer. A putty knife slipped behind the pry bar will spare finished walls from dents. To keep the trim from splitting, get your tool as close to the nails as possible, and pry gently.

STEP 2: PRY



STEP 3: Preserve the face of the trim by pulling the finish nails out from the back side with end nippers.

STEP 3: PULL NAILS



—Mark Powers

Save the Date!

January 27, 2004
Fort Worth South's Third Annual Banquet
Visit www.fortworthsouth.org or call Nancy Berger (817) 923-1343 for details.



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Remember When...

Remember when the phone numbers began with two letters, and the two letters were the beginning of a word? Well, looking through some old pieces of memorabilia it can be found that the prefixes that are dominant in Mistletoe Heights (924, 926, & 927) were designated Walnut or WA. So the next time you are feeling particularly nostalgic give your phone number as Walnut 6 or Walnut 7, just for fun.



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Letter from the President

I want to start by thanking John Key, the MHA President for the last two+ years, for the tremendous effort he has made to ensure the continued success of Mistletoe Heights. I feel honored by the vote of confidence by the Association in making me the new President, and will work to the best of my abilities to continue moving our neighborhood forward.

I have been coming to Mistletoe Heights all my life. Both my parents lived here when they were children, and our family often visited my grandmother's house at 2246 Harrison until 1988. Even as a child, I realized the unique quality of the neighborhood, and had a chance to see the inevitable cycle of houses falling into disrepair, then being bought and restored by new, enthusiastic owners.

When my wife, Rose Lynn, and I moved here sixteen years ago, I was surprised at the number of neighbors that were in their second, or even third, Mistletoe Heights home. I have always used this as an example of the desirability of our neighborhood when explaining to "outsiders" where we live and why. Now Rose Lynn and I carry on that tradition, having moved this year, all the way across the street.

We have seen lots of changes during our stay here. Other family members are around the corner, and the number of kids on the block is at an all time high. I have to think that they know, even now, that they live in a special place. Hopefully, we can make sure that these lovely homes will still be here when they grow up and become homeowners.

The best way to ensure this is to be involved in the neighborhood. We have a major project, the Newby Park Pavilion, that is well into the planning stages. Our regular neighborhood events, such as the Pot Luck Supper - Easter Egg Hunt - Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social - our regular meetings, and impromptu events (more rock and roll?) can always use a few extra hands. For our neighbors who have not yet attended these events, you have a Norman Rockwell treat in store for you. So get out and get involved, enjoy the season, enjoy being in your homes and enjoy being with your neighbors.

See you in the neighborhood.

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