

Quick Bits

August Calendar

August 10 - Elephant Walk & Buffet
<http://www.sundancesquare.com/calendar.aspx?eid=23>

August 16 - First Day of School

Great Gardening Tips

Try starting seeds in eggshell halves. It's economical and earth-friendly. Store planted shells in egg carts so they can easily be moved to sunny spots. Plant as is. Roots break through and the decomposed shell acts as fertilizers.

When building a garden, use newspaper under your loam and topsoil. The newspaper will kill all the weeds and grass underneath, plus it will compost into great mulch that roots can grow through.

Do You Have New Neighbors?

If you have new neighbors or know of someone new to Mistletoe Heights, please report them to Joy Teague at 817-923-2330. Thanks.

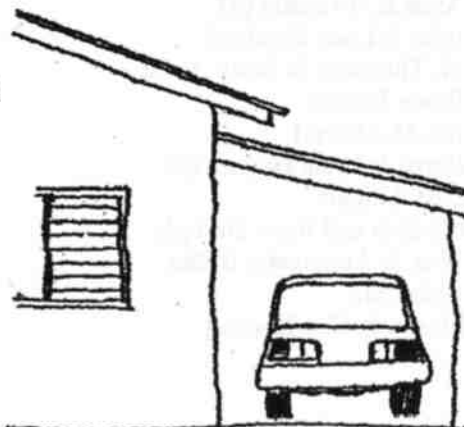
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Carport Requirements

The Fort Worth City Council has approved a grandfather clause regarding existing carports, providing owners a window of time to obtain a permit and make illegal carports legal. Beginning Sept. 1, 2004, both the Code Compliance Dept. and the Development Dept. Inspection Division will issue notices and citation for any carports that do not have a permit.



Once a permit is obtained, your existing side or rear yard carport may remain regardless if it violates setbacks, placement and/or size. However, should the carport be destroyed or removed, any new construction would have to follow current ordinance requirements. The city encourages owners to know the latest requirements to avoid citations and expensive fines.

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Fourth of July Photos on Page 8

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

The Committee for the Pavilion at Newby Park wants to say "Thank You" to the many Friends of Newby Park for their generous support of our food service at the 4th of July Party. Thanks to you, we made of profit of \$500 to add to the growing funds available for the pavilion. A special "Thank You" for donations of hot dogs and buns from Kerry Kutchinski of Minyard Foods, cookie dough from Johanna Abeison, and John Key's father for the cotton candy. We now have sold 45 bricks, and we are looking forward to reaching a goal of 100 bricks so that we may start corporate sponsorship. We also are still selling tickets for a laptop computer, drawing to be announced later.

46 Bricks Sold

PROF. ZOSAR W. "TRAPLAK" CLASS OF 1971	OSCAR PHOENIX "SPLET" CLASS OF 1970
ADM. LEE UTLEY "GENIE" CLASS OF 1940	PAULIE STU "HOBOKEN" CLASS OF 1940
WILLIAM GASTON "BRICKS" CLASS OF 1932	MICHAEL JACKSON "BRICKS" CLASS OF 1933

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Friends of Newby Park Pavilion – The List Keeps Growing!

Join our list of "Friends of Newby Park Pavilion". Buy an engraved brick and become a permanent part of this worthwhile and enduring neighborhood project. See Page 4 for application blanks and information. Below is our expanding list of people who have bought bricks. Let us add your name to the list (newest names added at bottom of list).

Robert & Patsy Slocum (5)
Steve & Kathy McReynolds
Anne E. Swenson (4)
John & Lorri Kendrick
M. Thielman & Betty Arvin
Bruce Border
Jim McDonald
Barry & Lysta Haynes (3)
L.M. Hilgart
Norman and Irene Stemple
Wm. & Anjannette Butler
Kyle Carr
Martin & Gay Herring

William C. Parrish
Jack & Nancy Hobson (2)
Cheri & Allen Cetto
Jim & Mary Ellen Peipert
Rose Lynn Scott
Jeff Gibbons
Duane & Kathy Kirkham
Michelle & John Key
Walter Virden
Eric & Nikki Rustad
Joe & Lillian Greenslade (2)
Stanley and Lynda Effertz
Wendy R. Davis

WELCOME: Baskets and New Neighbors

Nikki and Eric Rustad
2228 Mistletoe Ave.

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Kevin and Jeni Marcum (Spencer and Shalan)
2301 Harrison

Pam Riley and daughter Alex
2300 Mistletoe Boulevard

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Newsletter Editor Position Open

We are looking for a new newsletter editor to step up to the plate and take a swing at producing the Mistletoe Express. All interested parties please email Kyle Carr at carrk@charter.net. New position will begin with the September issue. Thanks.

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August Yard of the Month

The August Yard of the Month has been awarded to Adam and Caroline Jones at 2400 Mistletoe Boulevard. The new landscaping and entryway has truly changed the face of this already beautiful home. The inviting, wide walkway is lined with the same beautiful slate/flagstone that outlines the sloping flower beds. The assortment of Variegated Pittosporum and Anthony Waterii Spirea, accented by Castiron plants keeps this yard landscaped year round. They are able to plant seasonal flowers to add a splash of color.

As you continue around the house, notice the Japanese Maples and the Magnolias, as well as the 2 urns flanking the steps. Thank you, Adam and Caroline, for beautifying our neighborhood.

Honorable mention goes to 1424 Mistletoe Drive.

Happy Planting,
DeDe Barth, Becka Elbert & Celia Jones



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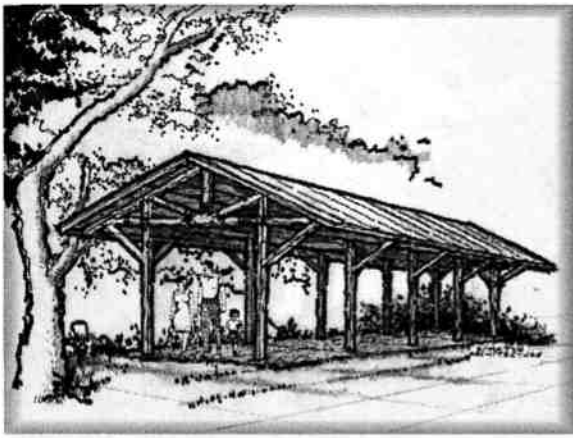


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Calling All Friends of Newby Park

The **Newby Park Pavilion** fund-raising campaign is in full swing! With an estimated budget of \$40,000 in construction costs and an additional \$10,000 for enhancements, fund raisers such as the sales of engraved bricks and a computer laptop raffle are being conducted. We are also soliciting corporate sponsors and support from the City's Park Department. We know you'll want to be a part of this worthwhile and enduring neighborhood project.

This pavilion is for you and your family's enjoyment. With your help, these two innovative fundraisers will get the pavilion project ball rolling.

LAPTOP COMPUTER RAFFLE

Who couldn't use one? Purchase a chance to win a Dell laptop computer for only \$25 per ticket. Hey, the odds of winning are super! Tickets sales began at our MH meeting on February 10. Enter as many times as you wish. For tickets email name, address and phone to carrk@charter.net or PHSFtW@aol.com.



PERSONALIZED ENGRAVED BRICKS

Be a part of the pavilion and posterity! Purchase a personalized engraved brick for \$100. What a great idea for any friend of Newby Park. Engrave names of family members, friends - even pets. The tokens of love and remembrance are limitless, and it will be there for generations to come. The bricks will be displayed in or around the pavilion. All brick purchases are considered tax-deductible donations.



Engraved Brick(s) Application:

Please print your message(s) below to include up to 3 lines of text with a maximum of 13 letters per line per brick. **Make checks payable to:** Friends of Newby Park, and mail to: 2218 W. Rosedale St. So., Fort Worth TX 76110.

Brick #1

Brick #2

Brick #3

Brick #4

Want to order more bricks? Questions? Call 817-923-5510.

Let's Do It Right, Please!

We're a pretty intelligent bunch here in the neighborhood. But it looks like some of us need to take another look at the instructions when it comes to our garbage and recycling habits. Maybe this little reminder of some of the most obvious infractions will help make the job more efficient and cost-effective for the folks we're paying to clean up after us. After all, it's our money!

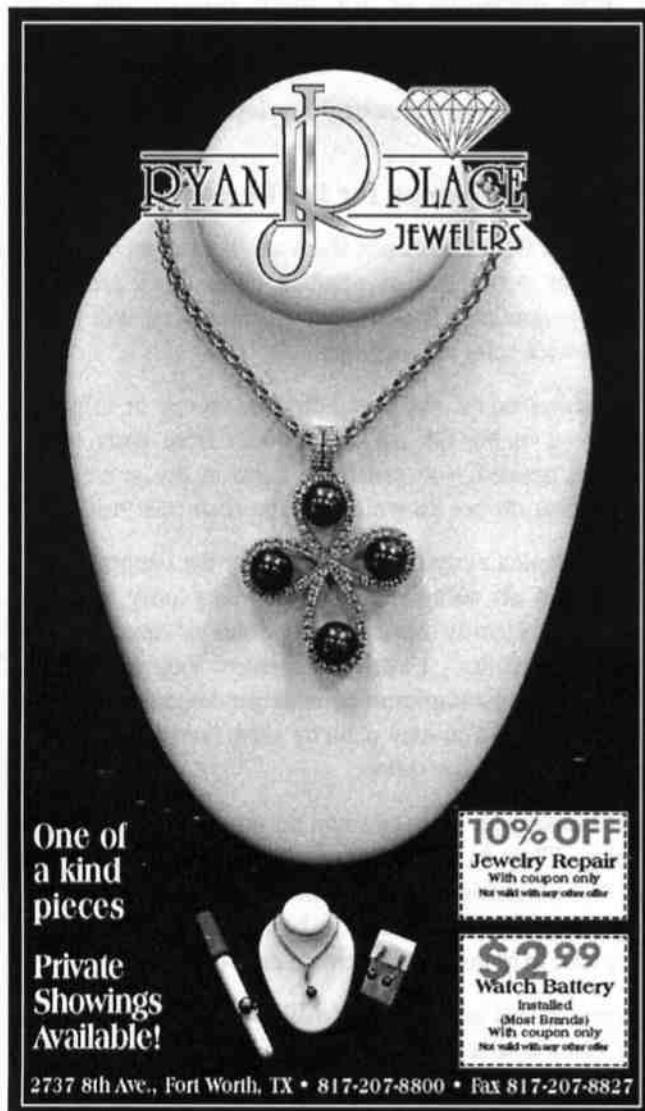
- If you're not home to notice, you may not know that most of the new collection trucks have automated "arms" that reach out, grab the bin and dump the contents into the truck. That means the bins cannot be filled to overflowing (lids must close completely) and they must be placed at least two feet away from other bins, utility poles, trees, meters, fire hydrants, cars, sprinkler heads or other items that the collection equipment could damage, or that could prevent the arms from grabbing the bins. That also means the bins must be lined up straight, each within two feet of the curb.

- Please review the instructions you received along with your bins. No, you can't put plastic bags in the recycling carts. Or egg cartons. Or those shiny boxes frozen entrees and such come in. Or bottle and jar caps and lids. Or a lot of other things that we're paying the recycling workers to sort out and discard.

- We even heard about one family (not in this neighborhood) that simply dumped their garbage in the garbage cart. No bags, just garbage. Yuck! And if you have found that you need a larger cart, order one!

- Bottom line: Please get out your instructions and review them so we can keep our utility costs down. If you can't find them you can call 817-392-EASY (3279) for a new copy. That number is also good for any questions you may have, or for ordering one of those money-saving yard carts.

It's a good system. Let's all cooperate to make it the best.



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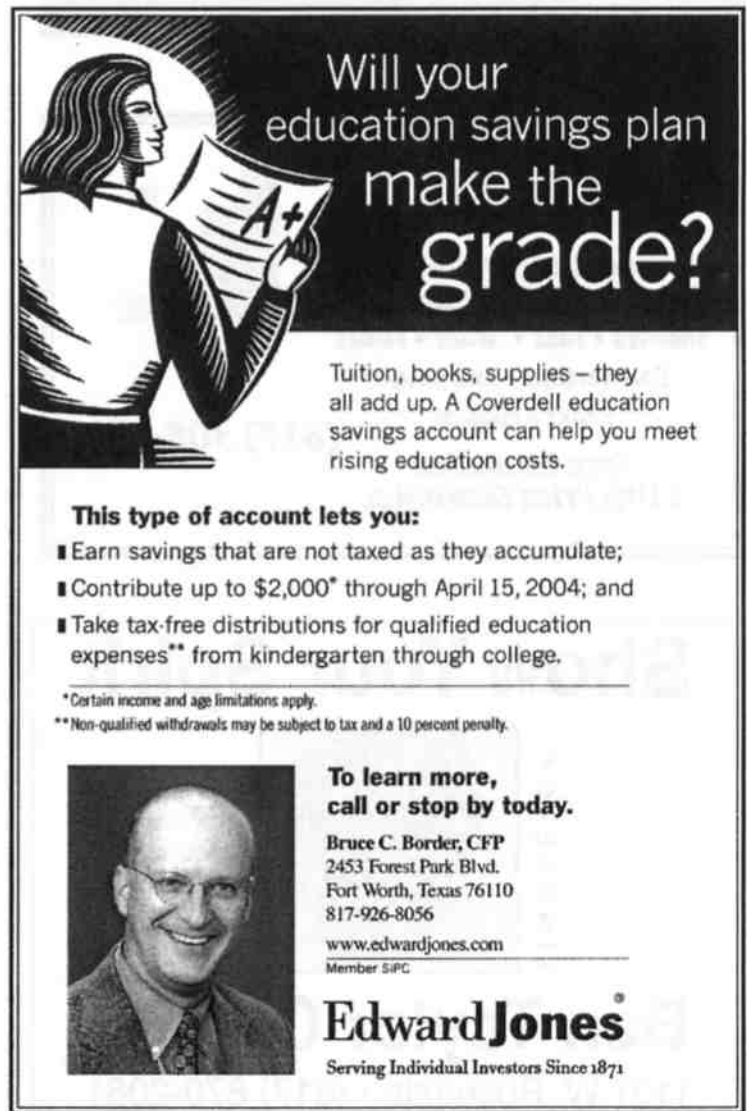
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Carport Requirements (continued)

All carports constructed before January 18, 2003:

- Owners **MUST** obtain a building permit by September 1, 2004, in order for the carport to be considered legal. After the September deadline, owners will be given a double penalty fee for building a structure without a building permit.
- Owners **WILL NOT** be required to go before the Board of Adjustment for violating any rear and side yard setback requirements.

All front yard carports:

- Owners **MUST** go before the Board of Adjustments and request a special exception for existing and proposed front yard carports.

The special exception fee for existing front yard carports will be waived if the application is received before September 1, 2004. The special exception fee for proposed front yard carports is \$150.

If you have questions or for more information about amendments to the revised carport ordinance, call 817-392-2414 or 817-392-8029.

See <http://www.fortworthgov.org/development/carport.asp>

Basic Flower Gardening for the Beginner

For the beginner flower gardener, there are three types of flowers to consider for your beds or planters. The types are bulbs, annuals and perennials. If you plant all three, you will have a garden filled with color all year long.

Spring blooming bulbs, such as daffodils, crocus or tulips are usually planted in the fall and will bloom from early to late spring. Once planted, you can leave them in the ground year after year (tulips do not do well for more than one year here).

Annuals are planted early in the spring after the danger of frost and will bloom all summer. However, they only have one season life span. Here in this area, sometimes an annual will live through a mild winter. Usually, however, they have to be replaced each year. Examples of annuals are: begonias, petunias, daisies, zinnias, etc. You may plant by seed, but the easy way is to buy sturdy plants in the spring.

Perennials bloom year after year and do not require the expense of replanting. They do have a definite blooming period, so when planting, it is advisable to choose different plants with different blooming times. Perennials need to be thinned every season or so, as they tend to reproduce and crowd each other.

All flowering plants need ample fertilizer along with plenty of moisture. Osmocote is a slow release fertilizer and should last up to 6-12 weeks before reapplying. Liquid fertilizers such as Miracle Grow also work well, but need to be applied more often.

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