



# The Mistletoe Express

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## Letter from the president



Jeff Gibbons

Mistletoe Heights has a problem. What is it? Well, we just don't have enough problems. Problems are needed to get

people involved; that is, off of the couch watching TV shows where folks wander around aimlessly doing stupid things and call it "reality." Why, we can do better than that right here in the neighborhood.

We can get a sense of complacency when things run smoothly. It's easy to feel that things are going well, and that whoever is taking care of them must be doing a good job. That may be true, but when you start seeing how the decisions are made in a neighborhood or in the city, you will find that one person's input can often have a great effect on the outcome.

Let's not wait for a crisis to get everyone's attention. Get involved with the neighborhood and get that "inside track" to the pulse of Mistletoe Heights. There's party hosting, pumpkin judging, pavilion promoting, event planning, and next meeting's officer elections. Yes, you could have all the glamour and prestige of being a Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association officer! So let's get beyond our "no problems" problem. Get involved to keep us that way.

See you in the neighborhood.

Jeff Gibbons, MHNA President

## Youth Forum

### Between Pascal and Pappadeaux: A highschooler's real world experience

by Melissa Elbert

Hello neighbors! My name is Melissa Elbert and I'm a senior at Paschal High School. I have recently been employed at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen as a door hostess. For all you parents debating whether or not a job would be right for your son or daughter, I'm going to address some of the benefits of having a job in high school.

Applying for the job was actually my idea. I was interested in having a real job, where I had to answer to managers and owners, as opposed to my neighbors, who always seemed more like friends than employers or bosses. As much as I enjoyed babysitting, I felt like I needed this opportunity to prepare myself for future jobs.

My job as a hostess, although it may seem very basic, can actually get extremely hectic on weekend nights. We always have to be quick with replacing silverware, making sure we seat our guests as quickly as possible, giving the waiters an equal number of tables, answering the phones, and keeping everything neat and tidy, including the bathrooms.

Many parents, including my own, sometimes ask me how I juggle working 25 hours a week with honors classes, student council, yearbook staff, and other school activities. The answer is very simple. It all has to do with the way you manage your time. For example, I often use my 45-minute off-campus lunch as a study hall whenever I don't have a club meeting. My job at a restaurant has actually improved my time management skills by teaching me to take on a lot of responsibility in a short amount of time.

People ask me all the time how I like my new job. I absolutely love it. Most of the employees at Pappadeaux are under the age of 30, so I've made tons of new friends. I love being able to just go out and buy my own clothes, save up for trips, and go out on the weekends without having to borrow money from my parents all the time. My parents love the independence and responsibility that I have gained since I've started working. Not only are they proud of me for applying for the job and sticking with it, but they are also confident that I will be prepared for jobs in the future.

Keeping up with my work schedule, transportation and homework has increased my awareness of the value of my time, as well as what I am capable of as a young adult. I would highly recommend encouraging your sons and daughters to find jobs, even if it's only a few hours a week. All in all, I believe that being employed at an early age gets us ready for the real world and helps prepare us for the future.

*Mistletoe Express welcomes contributions from the young people of Mistletoe Heights. If you have a story idea, simply email Sevan Melikyan at [twoearsup@charter.net](mailto:twoearsup@charter.net).*



Melissa Elbert



## Great Gourds Afire!!!!

After an amazingly merciful summer, the mornings are once again becoming crisp and fall is beckoning. Before you turn around it will be

time for the annual **Pumpkin Carving Contest**. The rules for this event are simple. But before you read about them, you need to turn the page...

## Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules

- The night BEFORE Halloween (which means Saturday the 30th this year) the elite gang of gourd judges hits the street to judge this year's offerings. All real carved pumpkins are judged soon after dusk.
- The grand prize winner will get either an all-expense trip to Transylvania or a \$50.00 prize (to be decided later).
- All honorable mentions get a fabulous write-up in the newsletter.

Plan your gourds' grimace now .... get the whole family involved and remember judging occurs the night before Halloween and styrofoam/plastic does not count in the judging.

Oh, by the way, we need a few more elite pumpkin judges. The only prerequisite is availability and not being easily offended by the wine-consuming resident experts. To apply call either Jeff Gibbons (926-0079) or Kathy McReynolds (926-7955).



## Yard of the Month

Because this time of the year is so very hard on plants, we thought it would be difficult to award a new Yard of the Month. Well, we were wrong. 1128 Clara, home of Danny McKay, is the October winner.

An autumn flag is welcoming in the fall season and the river rock-lined flower bed is illuminated by a beautiful English street lamp. Please drive by and enjoy the abundance of flowers such as marigolds, impatiens, salvia, cockscomb, geraniums, roses, coleus, azaleas, lantana, dwarf roses and Mexican heather. Also, there are caladiums, a variety of fern and beautiful, huge elephant ears.

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*Becka Elbert, DeDe Barth,  
and Celia Jones*

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# Are you inviting crime to your home? by Martin Herring

Crime in the neighborhood has been scant over the last few years - unless you're one of the unlucky few who've been victimized, then it's up 100% and rampant! But it has been picking up in areas all around us. Let's not give the criminals a reason to move in our direction.

I've lived in Mistletoe Heights for 14 years, and have seen or heard about most of the crime on my block of Irwin Street. Almost all the occurrences have been of the petty theft variety. The past criminal activity that comes to mind ranges from furniture and plants stolen off porches to bikes taken from front yards to tools and other valuables nabbed out of backyard garages.

I actually witnessed a neighbor's lawn mower taken from his front lawn while he was inside his home just long enough to get a drink of water. Unfortunately, the perpetrator took off before I could get his license plate number. It was an infuriatingly helpless feeling.

One chilling stand-out crime was that of an intruder who crawled into an Irwin home in the middle of the night through a small unlocked kitchen window. The sleeping resident heard the interloper, grabbed a gun and chased him out of his house.

I am not telling you anything you don't already know here. My message is to remind you to take a little extra care in protecting yourself and your belongings. Prevention should begin at the curb, continue through the interior of your home, and end at the back of your lot. Please consider these simple precautions. Below is a somewhat staged picture of a house (mine in this case) just asking for it - easy pickings!

## Come and get it!



❶ Bicycle on the front lawn; ❷ Lawn mower sitting out unattended; ❸ Potted plants enticingly close to the street; ❹ Signs of a home alone: mailbox over-filled, newspapers out front and outdoor lights left on during the day; ❺ Fence gates left unlocked; ❻ An open garage, exposing all sort of goodies; ❼ Car left unlocked or windows left down; ❽ Home doors and windows unlocked; ❾ Forgetting to let your neighbors know when your going to be away from home awhile. They can be your eyes and ears in your absence, and you can reciprocate.

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# MHNA MINUTES

The Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association meeting was held at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School on **Tuesday, September 21, 2004**. President Jeff Gibbons called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. There was no treasurer's report. Homemade cookies and lemonade were donated by Friends of Newby Park.

The following announcements were made:

The Christmas party will be on December 5 from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth and Jim Bradbury, 2337 Mistletoe Ave.

The new newsletter editor, Sevan Melikyan, needs input. Contributions were encouraged. Thanks to Sevan for taking on the new job. The newsletter looks good.

The Mistletoe Heights website is up and running. It was put together by Tom Richey and Ken Halsey. It includes a preferred contractor file, classified section, email list and history pages. Contributions such as articles, photos, etc., were encouraged. Thanks to both of these gentlemen.

Fire Station #12 will be at Rosedale and 12th and will have an "artistic" feature. Lori Gallagher will attend the meeting on Friday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m., as a representative from our neighborhood. Voting on a design will take place then.

Mr. Joel Burns, the District 8 Representative and Chair of the Landmarks Commission gave an overview of the work of the commission. He promised an improvement in communication between the Historic Preservation office and the neighborhoods. The new Historic Preservation Officer is Julie Lawless. She will start her job the week of Sept. 27. Her phone number is 817-392-8012.

Mr. Burns answered several questions and clarified when a certificate of appropriateness is needed and explained when a case must go before the Landmarks Commission.

Steve McReynolds spoke in place of Martin Herring of the Neighborhood Beautification Committee. He proposed that the neighborhood think of a project such as investigating the sprinkler system and planting trees on the strip in front of Mr Jake's and installing a new Mistletoe Heights sign to include the "historic" designation, possibly starting in January.

Jack Kendrick suggested staining or painting the concrete retaining walls along Forest Park near the intersection of Forest Park and Rosedale. A uniform color would make them and the street look more attractive.

Tom Richey discussed panhandlers at the Forest Park exit off of I-30.

## Newby Park

Patsy Slocum said that materials for a cyclone fence along the east side of Newby Park would cost approx. \$8-10 per running foot. The Parks Department will install the fence for free. It might cut down on vagrants.

Patsy also reported that the city has put up three signs in the park concerning dog poop and has supplied three containers with plastic bags for dog walkers to use to pick up the poop, and a container to deposit the plastic bags in.

## Newby Park Brick Sale

53 bricks have been sold. We need to sell 100 quickly. The current permit expires on November 15. Volunteers are needed to be "block captains" for the sale of bricks. Please call Patsy if you are interested. (817-923-5510)

John Key approached Compass Bank and Texas Bank for a donation of \$2,500 each. Fort Worth South was asked for a donation of \$25,000.

Fort Worth Lawn Service Company volunteered their services to care for the sprinkler system. Nancy Brown is negotiating with a landscaping company for their services.

Patsy Slocum also announced that the computer raffle project has been called off because of low sales of tickets. Everybody who bought tickets was contacted and either got their money back or donated it to Newby Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Peipert, Secretary

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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, the campaign relies primarily on the sales of engraved bricks to raise the money. 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.

## 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.



## Friends of Newby Park Pavillion - The List Keeps Growing!

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).

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## Going to Gallery Night and Beyond



Katherine Barr at Old  
Neighborhood Grill

Those who went to Old Neighborhood Grill on Gallery Night found out that former Mayor Barr's daughter Katherine is in fact a gifted photographer. Dozens of her works were on exhibit there, mostly from her trip to

Europe and beyond in the fall of 2002. "She put all her savings in it and left," said Mayor Barr. She started her backpacking trek with some friends, but those friends' money ran out, so she continued on her own. I was a bit nervous for her..." That trip included France, Spain, Morocco and 14 other countries. Her collection of photographs is keen and sensitive observations of the "Old World" architecture on par with what you'd see in the best travel magazines or National Geographic. If you missed seeing Katherine's work, you can at least see her every Monday night where she greets customers and serves the Grill's "mighty fine food."

While Katherine's works glorified mankind's powers as magnificent builders through the ages, Scott Lenox, another artists exhibiting there, provided a balancing contrast to that approach. Taking his inspiration from the land, particularly the Brazos River and the countryside surrounding it, Lenox captures instead the quiet, mystical powers of nature, making a monumental tree or a skinny windmill the sole protagonists of his pictures. In addition to original paintings and drawings, Lenox also offers many reproductions of his past work.



Texas artist Scott Lenox at Old  
Neighborhood Grill

You may have met Scott Lenox before. He is the cowboy at University Park Village's Starbucks Coffee who spends extended morning hours working on his landscapes and trees, one leaf at a time.

Across the street from the Grill, another local-business-turned-gallery greeted you with wine, cheese and all kinds of art: Park Place Dance Center. Headed by Todd Edson, the studio offers ballet and Pilates classes for all ages. This is also the place where Bruce Wood Dance Company rehearses. Exhibiting there were several artists, one of



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Allie Regan at Coffee House Gallery

whom, Sarah Green, had produced several attractive paintings. They all depicted scenes of dancers in spontaneous poses, remotely reminiscent of Edgar Degas' ballerinas, without the impressionist touch and all the tutus.

Further from the neighborhood, closer to downtown, at the cross-street of Jennings and Pennsylvania, Coffee House Gallery was having its own reception for a Berkeley Place artist, Allie Regan. It's surprising that Ms. Regan has a day job at TCU (as a graphic designer for its publications) instead of being a full-time artist. Her work has all the assurance of a seasoned painter, with highly personal style and subject matter.

One immediately notices the importance of birds, especially crows, that appear in many of her oil paintings. Her models are primarily women, captured in arrested, expressionless poses, giving to her pictures a unique mix of symbolist and naïve qualities.



Tuba Oztekin at Arts Fifth Avenue

Step inside Arts Fifth Avenue and you think you left Fort Worth, maybe landed in Lower East Side, Manhattan. When was the last time you heard a live band play Bossa Nova around here? This is the home of Mondo Drummers and Arts on Tap where both organizations offer percussion and dance classes, respectively. Among many artists exhibiting there, Tuba Oztekin, a photographer born in Turkey, had three large prints on display. They showed wooden old homes with lots of character, captured through a technique that goes back to the origins of photography: pinhole. The natural distortions created by this early medium coupled with the pictures' oversized dimensions made the viewer enter yet another world which stretched even further east than New York, let alone Fort Worth or Mistletoe Heights...

*Old Neighborhood Grill, 1633 Park Place Avenue, 817-923-2282.*

*Park Place Dance Center, 1622 Park Place Avenue, 817-927-6500*

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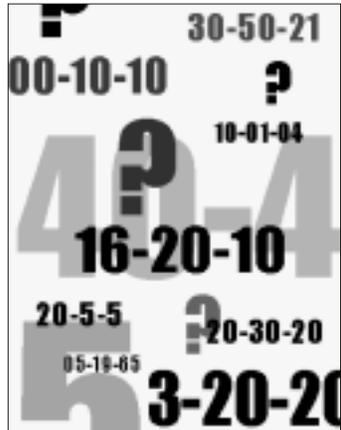
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**FALL GARDENING** by Patsy Slocum

Fertilizer Tips for the Beginning Gardener

Are you confused by the strange numbers on the fertilizer boxes or sacks that you see in the market place?

Whether fertilizer is synthetic or organic, they all contain various amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. This is true of either granular or liquid fertilizers. These are listed on the labels in the ratios



contained in the product (NPK). For example, the product may contain 16% nitrogen, 20% phosphorus, and 10% potassium (listed as 16-20-10 on the label). This type could be used in the early spring to stimulate growth and also root growth, stem vigor and flower and fruit production.

For a new planting area, one could work a dry granular fertilizer of 3-20-20 into the soil so that the roots can absorb the phosphorus and potassium. A high ratio of nitrogen (20-5-5 for example) would provide a quick green-up for a lawn.

Synthetic fertilizers are from chemical sources listed on the label. They are faster acting than organic and provide nutrients to plants quickly. Some of the synthetic fertilizers

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are coated with a permeable substance and provide a slow release to the soil anywhere from 3 to 8 months.

Organic fertilizers, on the other hand, are derived from the remains of living organisms such as blood meal, bone meal, fish emulsion and cottonseed meal. They release their nutrients slowly and are broken down by bacteria in the soil. Because they are slow acting, it is almost impossible to kill lawns or plants by applying too much, in contrast to the synthetic ones. Again, the organic fertilizer containers list the amounts of N-P-K on the labels.

One can also add compost and/or manure to the soil, and these can be used as part of an organic fertilizing program. Some gardeners are beginning to favor seaweed as a fertilizer. It provides a compound called mannitol, which enhances absorption of nutrients already in the soil.

Some plants require a specific type of fertilizer, and the N-P-K ratios are determined to elicit the best performance from that plant. Such a formula is especially useful for acid-loving plants such as camellias, rhododendrons, or gardenias.

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# An Old Houses Diary

by Kathy McReynolds

## CHAPTER ONE

Steve and I have lived in Mistletoe Heights for 14 years, and we love it. We have thoroughly enjoyed fixing up our old house, landscaping the yard, etc. Steve has talked about buying another house and fixing it up to sell. We asked neighbor Rose Lynn Scott, who has done the same thing to a bunch of houses here and in Fairmount. Her response, and this is a direct quote, "If you like shoving hot poker into your eyes, you should enjoy it. If your marriage needs a challenge, I recommend it. If both of those things are not true, find some other way to add stress to your life." We took her recommendations to heart, and put a contract on a house last week.

What has happened so far:

A house Steve has been interested in for a couple of years went on the market and sold the day it went on for \$20,000 more than the asking price. This was all before we could put an offer in.

A few months later, we find out the buyer is a real estate agent who spray painted it and is flipping it.

We made a lowball offer, with no expectation of getting it. She countered with a large drop off her price, but it was still not what we could pay. We made a final offer that she didn't accept, so the deal was dead and we were relieved. Too much money, we are too busy, the house needed too much work, etc.

The seller came back and accepted our offer if we could close in 15 days, which was finally negotiated to 23 days, and I am going out of town no less than three times in that time period. The part about our marriage needing a challenge has begun.

The house needs central heat. It needs a kitchen. It needs washer and dryer hook-ups. It needs a new driveway and garage. And it wants a third bedroom and second bathroom. And it is desperate for some curb appeal. Can we do all that and then sell it without losing our shirts?

We will keep you posted on our project.

### I love my "gray Taco Bell"...

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### **Dreaming of a Lush and Texas-Tough Landscape?**

Seeking to de-stress enjoying the beauty of butterflies and hummingbirds in your yard? If so, contact Alexia Strout-Dapaz at astroutdapaz@yahoo.com.

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Certified appraiser with the International Society of Appraisers, in business in Mistletoe Heights for over 10 years. Terri Ellis, Mistletoe Estate Sales, 926-9424.

### **Mary Kay Cosmetics**

Paula Cady Russell at 2201 Mistletoe Blvd. is a Mary Kay consultant. Call her at 921-6377 for a free makeover, gift service or if you've "lost" your consultant.

### **Mistletoe Mowers and Landscaping**

Professional lawn care and a variety of other landscaping services. Call or email Chris Guerra at (817) 926-5890 or mistletoemowers@hotmail.com to schedule a free consultation.

### **How to Get the Most Out of Your Estate Sale**

We are Vintage Sales, recognized in North Texas as being trusted, versatile and knowledgeable. Our experienced staff will handle every detail and help you get the most out of your estate sale. Phone Anne Bourland at 924-5959 for a consultation or email her at apbourland@aol.com to receive notices of upcoming events.

### **Reading Tutor**

Certified Teacher, reading specialty, available to help your child improve numerous reading skills. Very reasonable rates and personalized attention. Call Teri Brewer 817-924-6145.

### **Housekeeper**

Our housekeeper seeks additional babysitting, elderly care or housecleaning in the Mistletoe Heights area. She is dependable, and honest. I highly recommend her and she has additional references. Contact me at abbies@mail.com or Shirley directly at 817-831-8389.

### **Avon**

Edward Alvarez is YOUR local Neighborhood Avon Sales Rep. that would like to meet with any interested Mistletoe Heights friends, in your home or mine, that have any interests or questions about the current line of AVON products (including Skin-so-soft Bug Guard). Please contact Ed at 817-926-0908

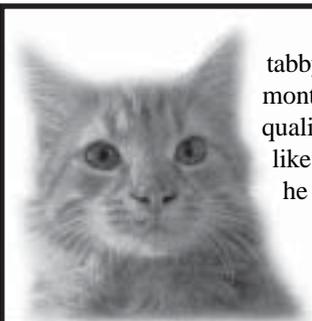
### **REAL ESTATE (Listed)**

1401 Jerome St, 2131 Sq Ft, Beds: 3, Baths: 2/0, Garage spaces: 0, \$126,000  
2319 Harrison Ave, 1800 Sq Ft, Beds: 3, Baths: 2/0, Garage spaces: 1, \$169,900  
2218 Irwin St, 1399 Sq Ft, Beds: 2, Baths: 1/0, Garage spaces: 0, \$169,900  
2312 Harrison Ave, 2647 Sq Ft, Beds: 3, Baths: 1/1, Garage spaces: 1, \$170,000  
2320 Harrison Ave, 2037 Sq Ft, Beds: 3, Baths: 2/0, Garage spaces: 1, \$172,500  
2133 Weatherbee St, 1635 Sq Ft, Beds: 2, Baths: 1/0, Garage Spaces: 2, \$179,000.  
2300 Harrison Ave, 2350 Sq Ft, Beds: 4, Baths: 1/2, Garage spaces: 0, \$229,900  
2324 Edwin St, 2828 Sq Ft, Beds: 3, Baths: 2/0, Garage spaces: 1. \$285,000

### **REAL ESTATE (FSBO)**

List your "For Sale by Owner" home for free. Send information (address, sq.ft., bedrooms, baths, garage space) to twoearsup@charter.net by the 20th of each month.

Ads are free for Mistletoe Heights residents and may be submitted to the editor. The deadline is the 20th of each month. Ads must be renewed monthly except for service classifieds (i.e.: babysitting, mowing, etc.), which are renewed yearly. Please notify the editor (twoearsup@charter.net or 817-921-2120) if you would like to renew, discontinue or update your ad.



Young male orange tabby (approximately six months old) seeking a quality home. He has a tail like a Persian, otherwise he has short hair.

He is a PURR machine and behaves very much like a playful

puppy. Good with young children.

I MAY be able to get his vaccinations and shots taken care of by FeralFriends.

If interested, please contact Alexia Strout-Dapaz at either astroutdapaz@yahoo.com or (817) 921-4820 to set up an interview.

## Helpful Phone Numbers, Emails Addresses and Websites

	Phone	Email	Website
<b>City Code Violations</b>	<b>871-6320</b>		
<b>City of Fort Worth</b>			<b>www.fortworthgov.org</b>
<b>Police - Non-Emergency</b>	<b>335-4222</b>		
<b>Garage Sale Permits</b>	<b>871-7851</b>		
<b>Graffiti Abatement</b>	<b>871-5741</b>		
<b>Lily B. Clayton Elementary</b>	<b>922-6660</b>		<b>it.ftworth.isd.tenet.edu/116/</b>
<b>Paschal High School</b>	<b>922-6600</b>		
<b>Kate Singleton - Historical Preservation</b>	<b>392-8012</b>	<b>kate.singleton@fwgov.org</b>	
<b>Southside Preservation Hall</b>	<b>215-8600</b>	<b>HallTess@earthlink.net</b>	<b>www.southsidepreservation.com</b>
<b>The T/Longhorn Trolley</b>	<b>215-8600</b>		<b>www.the-t.com</b>
<b>Trinity Railway Express</b>	<b>871-8809</b>		<b>www.trinityrailwayexpress.org</b>
<b>Wendy Davis - City Council District 9</b>		<b>district9@fortworthgov.org</b>	<b>ci.fort-worth.tx.us</b>

MHA Officers	Street Reps (listed by blocks)		Publishing Information
<b>President</b>	<b>2200 W. Rosedale South</b>	<b>2100 Edwin</b>	<p><b>EDITORIAL POLICY</b></p>  <p>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 by the Editor. Letters to the Editor are limited to a half page (approximately 350 words). Please submit to <a href="mailto:twoearsup@charter.net">twoearsup@charter.net</a> or 1114 Buck Avenue. <b>The deadline is the 20th of each month.</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADVERTISING INFORMATION</b></p> <p>To place an advertisement or for actual mechanical sizes, please call Nancy Brown at 923-7146. Ad rates are: business card size \$15, 1/4 page \$30, 1/3 page \$45, half page \$55, full page \$100, and pre-printed 8 1/2 x 11 insert flyers \$50. <b>The deadline is the 20th of each month.</b></p>
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Dues are \$5, \$10, \$25 or more. Your dues help to defer the cost of this newsletter, the Mistletoe Heights phone directory and many other neighborhood functions. Dues are accepted by Alex Blanton (call for address - 926-1792).	<b>Neighborhood Police Officer East of Forest Park</b> Officer D. B. Briggs Office 871-8948 Mobile 991-8473 Email: <a href="mailto:BriggsD@ci.fort-worth.tx.us">BriggsD@ci.fort-worth.tx.us</a>	<b>Neighborhood Police Officer West of Forest Park</b> Officer Jamie Johnson Mobile 994-3409 Pager 998-0478 Email: <a href="mailto:jamie.johnson@fortworthgov.org">jamie.johnson@fortworthgov.org</a>	