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Letter from the president



Jeff Gibbons

Mistletoe Heights is always in transition, and now we are losing one of our longest-standing residents. Well, not exactly residents; they didn't sleep here, but have worked here since 1942. That year, at the

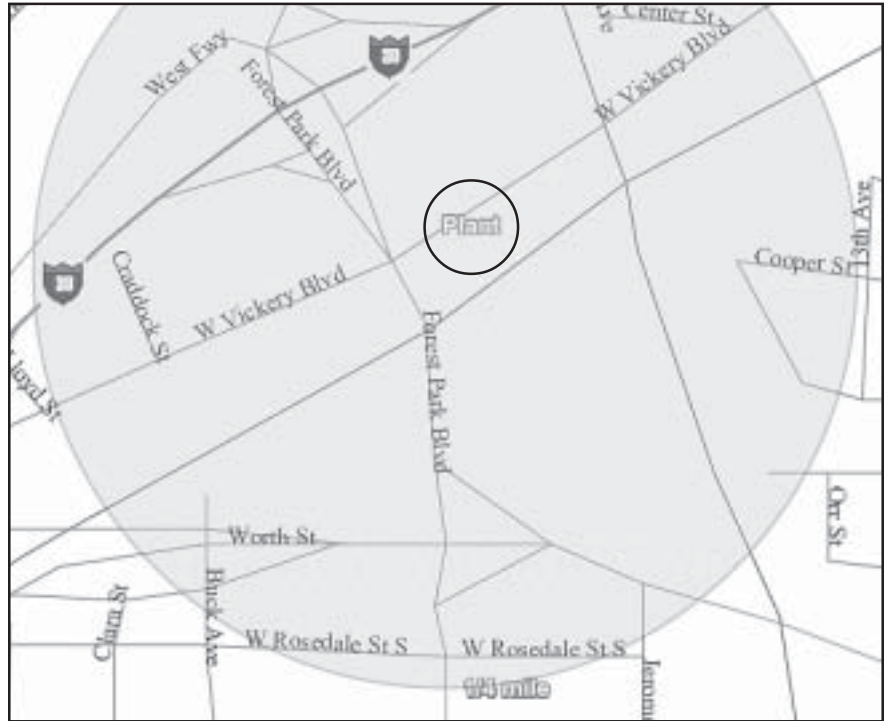
corner of Jerome and Mistletoe Boulevard, Mr. Perkins started the pattern shop which was eventually bought by his apprentice, Mr. Sid Wirsing, who changed the name to Sid's Pattern Shop in 1953. The wooden patterns they make are the basis of the molds for industrial castings. They are a blend of modern precision work and old-world craftsmanship. From that little building come the patterns used in the manufacture of just about every helicopter transmission in use today: Bell, Sikorsky, and others. Mr. Wirsing also showed me a casting of the housing for the Tomahawk missile, for which they also built the pattern.

Needless to say, Sid has seen a lot of changes in the time he has been here. People have come and gone, including one who expired right on his doorstep back in the 1950's, due to an altercation involving another man and a knife. Another story involved a late night dispute in the 1960's at the building that formerly stood across the street. It was being used as a house of questionable repute, and a gentleman made a quick exit. He escaped, but the bullet marks are still in Sid's wall.

They have moved tons of equipment and materials out of the building, but still have enough for a huge garage sale. Maybe they'll sell the ten-foot bull snake that has been in the basement controlling rats for the last fifteen years.

Sid's shop is a casualty of escalating land values and changing demographics. He has seen the transition and demolition of the other commercial buildings that used to serve the

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Planned Concrete Batch Plant Stirs Concerns

by Kelly Richey

As some of you already know, a concrete batch plant could be the latest addition to our neighborhood. Sunmount Corporation has requested a permit to locate the plant, which would mix gravel and sand into concrete, at Vickery and Forest Park Boulevards. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality should decide within the next few months whether to issue a permit, agency officials said.

The plant would be temporary, about 585 days, and cement produced would be used for the Rosedale Street road improvements. Such plants can impact air quality, traffic and contribute noise. The commission balances the businesses needs and those impacts with the health of the environment and the public, said Dick Lewis, who is with the commission's office of public assistance.

Those living on West Rosedale South and north of West Rosedale are within a quarter-mile of the proposed plant.

A public hearing on the request is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Jan. 27, at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School. That's too late for news of the meeting to make this newsletter, but check the following issue for an update.

Comments from the meeting will be considered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality when making the decision on

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MISTLETOE HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION, QUARTERLY MEETING, JAN. 18, 2005

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Alex Blanton reported that the Association has a current balance of about \$8,800, and perhaps as much as \$9,000, counting several incoming checks for newsletter ads that had not yet been entered into the books.

HELIPORT AT BAYLOR ALL SAINTS

Grover McMains, proprietor of the Texas White House bed and breakfast on Eighth Avenue, briefed the association on Baylor All Saints' request to the city for permission to put its heliport on the hospital roof. The heliport is now located on the ground, at the northern edge of the All Saints campus near Mistletoe Blvd.

McMains expressed concern about increased noise from a rooftop heliport because the sound of chopper operations would be more easily broadcast from the higher location. He said the neighborhoods of Mistletoe Heights and Fairmount would be most affected by increased noise, but that Berkeley would also be affected to some extent.

He said he is not certain why All Saints wants to move the heliport because both the hospital and the Federal Aviation Administration deem the current location perfectly safe, although there is some marginal advantage in the ability to predict winds at the rooftop location.

All Saints is not a trauma center, so helicopter traffic at the hospital is minimal — about one flight per week.

The matter is currently before the city's Board of Adjustment, whose next meeting is Feb. 2. McMains said he simply wanted the Mistletoe Heights Association to be aware of the potential problem. He said that if the Board of Adjustment approves a move of the heliport to the hospital roof, he would not oppose it.

REPORT BY NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL OFFICER

Officer David Briggs, who looks after Mistletoe Heights east of Forest Park Boulevard, and Fairmount, said he had recently received reports of speeding on Jerome Street, recent coyote sightings and a rash of petty crime.

Briggs said he visited Jerome Street five times with a radar gun and found that the speeds of passing cars averaged 25 mph. He said the city health department is planning a public meeting on urban coyotes, but didn't have details on date, time or place.

On neighborhood crime, Briggs suggested that residents might want to revive involvement in Citizens on Patrol and

said he would send information to the Association on the training classes. The role of COP volunteers is observation and communication. They patrol the neighborhood in cars adorned with magnetic COP signs and report any suspicious activity to police. The brief training course covers use of a radio and what to look for and report.

Briggs also suggested that he could arrange for a police crime-prevention specialist to speak at one of the Association's quarterly meetings. He said such a presentation would require about 45 minutes.

CONCRETE BATCH PLANT

The Association has been trying to assess the impact of a concrete batch plant planned for West Vickery Boulevard in connection with the Rosedale Street widening project.

Sunmount Corp. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for an air-quality permit to build the batch plant on the north side of Vickery about 250 feet east of Forest Park Boulevard. Don Scott of Fort Worth South says the plant would be in operation for 585 days, that is, until sometime in 2006. But there's concern that the plant might then also be used in connection with the Southwest Parkway project.

The association has been in contact with the office of our City Council representative, Wendy Davis, and is awaiting additional information. A public meeting on the batch plant is planned for Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Lily B. Clayton Elementary School.

NEWBY PAVILION

Patsy Slocum, who has headed up the project to build a pavilion in Newby Park, said that we need to sell only 12 more bricks to meet the target of 100 bricks to raise money for the pavilion. If you wish to buy a brick, at \$100, call Patsy at (817) 923-5510. Once the last bricks are sold, we'll have enough money to start construction.

NEW BUSINESS

The next MHA meeting will focus on selecting a neighborhood project. Please bring your ideas to the March 22 meeting, a potluck supper at Lily B. Clayton.

NEW OFFICERS

Gaye Reed agreed to take on the job as Association president, succeeding Jeff Gibbons, and she was duly elected. The rest of the officers remain unchanged from the previous year.



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neighborhood down along Jerome Street and Mistletoe Boulevard. Recently, Sid was interviewed by the Smithsonian magazine for an article on the dying breed of family-run small industries. The magazine intends to come back for more pictures as the building is demolished.

I'm sure that if another commercial entity wanted to move into the neighborhood we would fight it, but I will miss our local quiet industry. Sid and his son have relocated, and are still in business in Fort Worth.

Speaking of moving on, this will be my last letter as president of the Mistletoe Heights Association, and I would like to thank those who have helped me with neighborhood association business for the last year. It wouldn't have happened without you, but I'm sure you are aware of that. I would also like to congratulate Gaye Reed, the new Association president, and wish her the smooth sailing that I have had in my term.

See you in the neighborhood.

Concrete Batch Plant *continued from page 1*

whether to grant the application.

Of concern to several in the neighborhood was a lack of notice. The location request was discovered when a resident read the public notice in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Councilwoman Wendy Davis and her staff had not been informed of the plans. She and Texas Rep. Lon Burnam were responsible for getting a public meeting scheduled on the issue.

Some residents are also concerned about how long the plant will truly be in business. Some fear the plant is in a prime location to be further used during the upcoming Texas 121 expansion. Lewis said the company would have to apply for a renewal or another permit depending on the length of the extension requested. Either would trigger some sort of public notice, he said.

The commission only considers the environmental impact when deciding whether to issue a permit. But the traffic would also be affected. A signal light already exists at the Vickery and Forest Park intersection, which will help control the flow, but increased truck traffic on Forest Park is unavoidable if the location is approved.

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Treasurer's Report: January 2005 Cash Flow

By Alex Blanton

Nothing major to report. We have not yet collected some payments from the January/December newsletter, but we are currently following up with our advertisers, and many thanks to all that contributed. I expect to get dues notices out the week of March 15th. We also discussed taking suggestions for capital improvement projects around the neighborhood, given our strong cash position.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 817-927-7914.

See you around the neighborhood.

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| Office | (\$33.55) |
| Donations | 0 |
| Social | 0 |
| Welcome Baskets | 0 |
| Water | (\$126.49) |
| Totals | (\$971.50) |

NET CASH FLOW (\$610.75)

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APPROVED ALLOCATIONS

None at present - but new neighborhood projects are being considered.

Come See Our Neighborhood Gem!

Lily B. Clayton Open House - Feb. 4, 2pm

A date has been set for the Lily B. Clayton Elementary Kindergarten "Aloha" Open House, and all parents interested in knowing more about the school are welcome. Join us in the gymnasium at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 4th, for an informative meeting. Then parents and children will tour the school guided by some of the Lily B. fifth grade students.

Lily B. Clayton has a rich history of academic excellence since it's opening in 1922. The beautifully maintained building, a City of Fort Worth Landmark, houses grades Pre-K through 5. A new wing was added in 2004 and current enrollment has grown to 475 student.



Emma

"Lily B. is a unique and extraordinary environment for our children," says Martha Genshiemer, parent of two Lily B. students. "The atmosphere is nurturing, parents get involved, teachers truly care about the students and the principal is accessible to all." A realtor, Martha often receives requests from prospective buyers wanting to view houses with a close proximity to the elementary school. "If you already live this neighborhood, you're lucky. You have a top notch elementary school right in your own back yard."

"We have the best teachers in the district right here at Clayton," states Sandra Garza, Lily B. Clayton Principal. "Plus the parent participation and support that our teachers receive creates an environment where the focus is on helping each student succeed and excel."

In addition to the Open House, Debra Million, PTA President will host a kindergarten Welcome Coffee at her home on February 1st from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2217 Huntington Lane. "It's a great opportunity to meet other Lily B. parents. The Kindergarten teachers and Ms. Garza will be on hand to answer questions too."

If you want more information about either the Open House or the Coffee, you can call Lily B. Clayton at (817) 922-6660 or Debra Million at (817) 924-3491.

Submitted by Patty Potter, 1936 Kensington Drive, (817) 926-6008.



Christopher

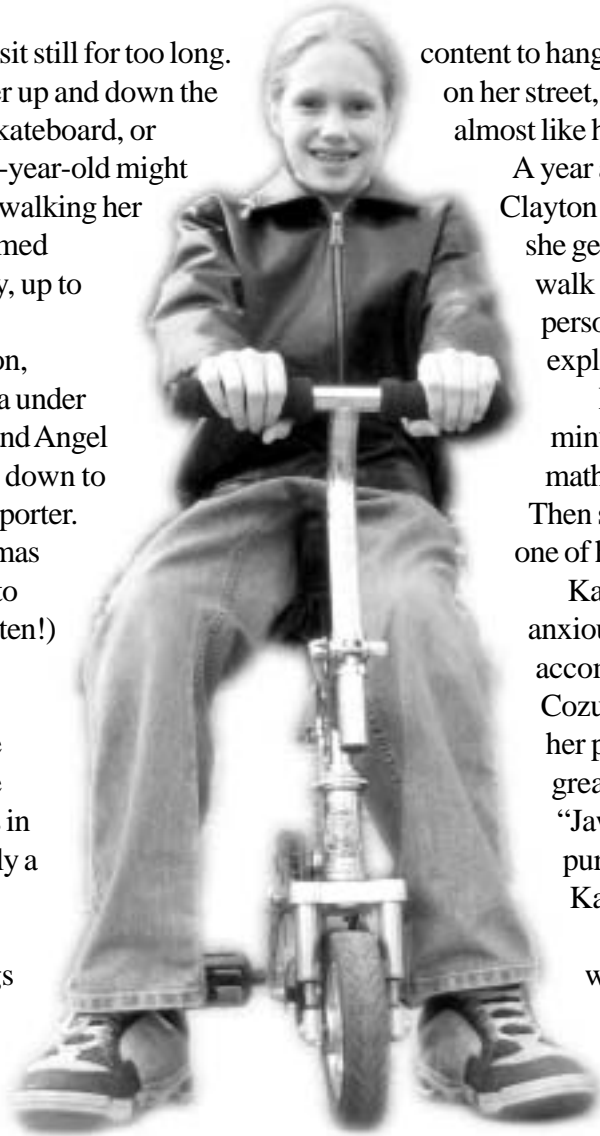
Kate Herring: The Kid Next Door

Kate Herring doesn't like to sit still for too long. If she's not riding her scooter up and down the block, or whizzing past on her skateboard, or peddling her bike around, the 10-year-old might be playing catch with her dad or walking her two dogs -- a Chihuahua mix named Sparky and a husky named Lucy, up to The Triangle.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, Sparky chews on a stuffed gorilla under the Herring's dining room table and Angel the cat perches atop it. Kate sits down to talk to our "Express Yourself" reporter. (At the Mistletoe Heights Christmas party, she had been the first kid to volunteer to have her profile written!)

Kate has lived in Mistletoe Heights since she was born. Her grandmother lives just across the street and her aunt lives a couple blocks away. (Another aunt lives in the Fairmount neighborhood, only a few minutes' drive.) It's nice to have the family around. For instance, after school, Kate hangs out at her grandmother's house for a little bit, playing Spite and Malice, a card game, or solitaire if grandma isn't up for cards.

Kate used to really want a little brother or sister (she's an only child), but friends with younger siblings repeatedly told her she was nuts. Nowadays, she's



content to hang around with the passel of kids who live on her street, several of whom are younger. "So it's almost like having brothers and sisters," she says.

A year ago Kate switched schools, from Lily B. Clayton to Daggett Montessori. The latter, where she gets to choose her learning activity and walk freely about the room, fits her personality-type better. "At Lily B.," she explains, "I was a talker."

Homework takes anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to complete. (Kate likes math a lot, especially fractions and division.) Then she might tune in to Nickelodeon or read one of her Boxcar Children mysteries.

Kate's parents scuba dive, and Kate is anxious to try it herself one day. She accompanied her mom and dad on a trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and floated on a mat while her parents snorkeled. The experience was great, except that she had just seen the movie "Jaws." Another time, her mom found a purple starfish, the size of a dinner plate, Kate says.

She longs to return to Disney World, where she vacationed last year with her parents. But she'll settle for a day trip to Austin, the Texas capital, which her class will take at the end of this school year.

Perhaps more exciting, though, her braces come off February 2.

We can't wait to hear from you! Call Liz Stevens at 922-8208 for story ideas and submissions..

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Let's have several parties this spring in our new covered pavilion!

This is the final stretch. If you planned to buy a brick or make any monetary donation to the Pavilion project, your support is needed now. Fundraising will continue for the final amenities (benches, tables, ceiling fans), but, with the \$40,000, we can complete the structure. We are currently seeking corporate sponsorship for the amenities.

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Travel Tales

By former (and future) Mistletoe Heights resident Kathryn Hansen

Greetings, Mistletoe Heights! My family lived in the neighborhood until 2003, when we were banished to a cold, rainy corner of Northwest England by my husband's company. The sentence (it sure feels like one!) is three to five years. As soon as we get the phone call that we are being sent back to Fort Worth, we will be headed straight to Mistletoe Heights. No other neighborhood can compare to its small town, friendly feeling.



The Hansen boys over the Seine River. Notre Dame lurking behind.

One of the benefits of living in England is that it is very easy to travel to the rest of Europe from here. Paris is only a little over an hour by plane from Manchester International Airport. We have completely fallen in love with France since we have moved to this part of the world, so I thought I would tell you a bit about what makes Paris so *magnifique!*

First of all, I'd like to address the myth that the French are rude and unfriendly. Nothing could be further from the truth! I've encountered exactly three rude people in France during our many trips there: a teenage boy selling ice cream at Disneyland Paris; an Eiffel Tower elevator operator working in a packed, un-airconditioned elevator on an 80-degree day in July; and a metro station ticket counter agent on the receiving end of a group of tourists repeatedly shouting "DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH???"

Something that I have found that may fuel this impression is that the French are more formal and reserved than Americans. For example, a French waiter is not going to approach your table with an imbecilic grin, say "Hi, my name is Pierre and I'll be your server this evening" and write his name on the tablecloth in crayon. He's not being unfriendly, just performing his job as professionally and efficiently as possible. We have found that brushing up on our high school French and using just a few polite words such as *merci* and *s'il vous plaît* make a huge difference.

As for the myth that the French refuse to speak English, I can tell you that I have had the exact opposite experience. When we go to France, we try very hard to use our horrible, rusty French in the hope that practice will help us to improve.

The problem is, the minute people hear us struggling they immediately switch to English. Sometimes we will ask a question in French only to get the reply in English. So you can cross that worry right off your list if that is something that keeps you from visiting France.

Getting around in Paris is cheap and easy. Buy a *carnet* of tickets and the metro will take you anywhere you want to go. The metro is safe, efficient and easy to use. I've never found the need to use the buses, but I have heard they are also a good way of getting around town. As for taxis, we prefer to do a lot of walking. Paris is the most beautiful city I've ever visited, and it is best experienced on foot.

To avoid long lines at the most popular museums and attractions, be sure to buy a museum pass. It is well worth the money, as you get to skip the long lines and it will pay for itself after a couple of admissions. The museum pass is valid at almost all the major sights. The museum pass is available at museums and at some of the major metro stations.

I do NOT recommend Disneyland Paris. By the second day my son (seven at the time) was begging not to go back the next day. It is way too crowded and expensive. Save your money and see the one in California or Orlando instead.

If you do visit Paris, or any city or country in Europe for that matter, I highly recommend the Rick Steve's series of travel books for excellent, concise information. It's my travel bible. I also find the DK Eyewitness guides very good, as they give great information on architecture and the history of the sights.

Paris makes me feel like a giddy teenager. I never tire of its many amazing sights and its special ambiance. I hope if you visit Paris, you will love it as much as we do.

Bon Voyage!



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What we need is more “COPs” around here!

by Martin Herring

Looks like it's time to start up a *Citizens on Patrol* (COPs) group again. Crime is really on the upswing in Mistletoe Heights—and in other nearby neighborhoods as well. Some of our residents have been hit by burglaries multiple times! COPs is one anti-crime program that *does* work. It's been proven over and over again all over the city and right here in Mistletoe Heights.

The late Rudy Steffler selflessly headed the last group of COPs several years ago. Neighborhood crime almost went away completely.

Aside from coordinating the patrols, Rudy was a retiree and able to devote more time to patrolling during the day. We need plenty of participation all around, but if some folks who are at home during the day get involved, it will be especially effective.

Tom Monks has stepped forward and offered to head our local group. **Contact Tom at 817-926-0372** if you are interested in helping yourself and your neighbors. Let's let the criminal element know they will not go among us unnoticed!

What is COPs? *Citizens On Patrol* is a city-wide program that evolved from Code Blue to decrease crime in our city. The program began in 1991 in the Fairmount and Ryan Place neighborhoods.

What is an NPO? NPO stands for neighborhood patrol officer. They act as the liaison between the neighborhood and the police department. Mistletoe Heights has two NPOs because our neighborhood is split by Forest Park Blvd. into South and West sectors. Go figure! These officers are very attentive to our needs in the neighborhood. They are Jamie Johnson, assigned to the west division and David Briggs, assigned to the South (east of Forest Park). **Officer Briggs can be reached via his cell phone at 817-991-8473, or email at BriggsD@fort-worth.tx.us, and Officer Johnson through his cell at 817-994-3409, or email to jamie.johnson@fortworthgov.org.**

So if we have NPOs, why do we need COPs members? The NPOs are not present in the neighborhood hourly or even daily. COPs volunteers would make a visual impact on potential perpetrators in the neighborhood. COPs provide an extra set of eyes for police. Criminal types don't want to be noticed “casing” a neighborhood. If they see a COP member, they are inclined to move on.

How physically involved do the COPs have to become when there is suspected criminal activity? COPs are to observe and record ONLY! Note the activity from a safe distance and notify police via a hand held walkie-talkie type radio. COPs are NEVER to confront the suspect. We let the police officer make the contact.

Who can be a COP member? Anyone 18 years old or older and out of high school. But you don't have to be young to participate—many of the COPs programs comprise of retired folks, both men and women.

Anyone with a few hours a month to spare and a desire to help protect the neighborhood can join.

How often would I have to patrol if I was a member? You can patrol as often as your time permits. Once, twice, three times a month or more. What we want is visibility. If the criminal

or the mischiefmakers know COPs are watching, they are likely to go some place else. As a COPs volunteer, you will be given magnetic signs to put on either side of your vehicle to signify to all what you are about. T-shirts and windbreakers are also available if you plan to walk or ride your bike around to patrol the neighborhood. If your preference is not to have any paraphernalia signifying that you are a COPs member, I think that is up to you.

Do I have to work alone? No. Pairs of COPs are preferred. One can write while the other observes, writes and handles the radio. Some COPs prefer to walk or ride bikes to patrol while having another COPs “base” at home.

Why do I have to attend a class presented by the police/city to become a member of COPs? The class is necessary to understand the objectives and learn the guidelines of the program. You need to be familiar with how the police department and the legal system work. Participating in the class in no way obligates you to join the patrol.

Who can I contact if I have more questions about COPs without being obligated to participate?

You can call our neighborhood patrol officers—Officer Briggs can be reached via his cell phone at 817-991-8473, or email BriggsD@fort-worth.tx.us or Officer Johnson through his cell at 817-994-3409, or email jamie.johnson@fortworthgov.org.

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The good news is that we can enjoy the benefits of our fall labor in the show of beautiful blossoms from the spring bulbs. The bad news is now is the time to get the flowerbeds cleaned of dead foliage and pesky leftover leaves raked up from everywhere. There are several types of spring flowering plants that can be set out now and the cold weather will not bother them. Pansies are still good to set out for a splash of color, so check with your nurseryman to see what he has in stock that can be used now. It

might be a good idea to invest in a "yard debris cart." One can be purchased from the City of Fort Worth for \$50, and they can be set out each week for emptying at the same time as the garbage is emptied.

For the vegetable gardener, now is the time to get your beds or garden tilled. There are green onion plants available now in bunches, and be sure that they have some green showing in the stems. Also, some seeds can be sown now, such as spinach, beets, etc. The cold snaps will not hurt them. Tomatoes and other tender vegetables should not be set out until the danger of frost is past.

Your Suggestions, Please!

At the January MHA meeting, there was discussion about starting some new neighborhood projects for the new year. Suggestions included: more streetlights for some dark streets, i.e., the 2400 block of W. Rosedale South, a fence-barrier for the east side of Newby Park, or a second neighborhood entrance sign for the west side of Forest Park.

What would you like to see the neighborhood take on as projects this year? The treasury has accumulated some money just for this purpose; now we need your input and a vote on what this project will be.

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Edwin Street Christmas Gathering



Amy Pannell left, with Laurie McCoy

On the Tuesday before Christmas, Jim and Amy Pannell hosted a holiday gathering for the 2300 block of Edwin Street. Neighbors enjoyed sumptuous appetizers and desserts, not to mention the generous servings of eggnog and cider.

It was pleasant visiting with everyone, talking of Christmas plans and holiday chores. Jim and Amy's house was beautifully decorated and although Jim laid claim to being the driving force behind the decorations, we suspect that Amy played the pivotal role.

Daughter Lauren seemed to spend a lot of time catering to big brother Grant who, although sequestered in another room busily playing games, seemed to have an inordinate amount of holiday goodies delivered directly to him.

Thanks, Jim and Amy, for a truly festive evening and sharing the holiday spirit. Perhaps you have begun an Edwin Street holiday tradition.

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E-Chat



Here are excerpts and/or summaries of the neighborhood emails since the last issue.

Following a rash of found/lost dogs one person suggested that registering our dogs might speed the return of lost ones. There followed an avalanche of opinions:

**City statutes in Fort Worth make provisions for the ownership and care of ALL domestic animals. City law states that all cats and dogs must be on a leash if they are outside of a fenced yard, and must be immunized against disease and must wear tags. We are limited to ownership of three adult dogs and/or three adult cats per household.

In our neighborhood there seems to be an abundant source of energy directed at controlling dog behavior... but little or none directed toward feline transgressions. It is just as illegal and just as wrong for a cat owner to allow their cat(s) to live outdoors and to deposit their solid waste in the yards of neighbors as it is for dog owners.

Regarding the Pet List: I suspect that those that care enough about your pets to put them on the list are not the people to whom these comments apply: You may love your pets, but I am not so attached to your pet that I want to hear the constant barking, **especially at 3:30 in the morning. Also, there is someone that does pick up after their dog, but throws the plastic bag under the bushes across from my house or sometimes in my drive. This is annoying, especially in the summer, when the heat produces a stench.

Then there was a series of crimes and accompanying comments:

1) I live at the corner of Mistletoe Dr. and Rosedale. My garage has been broken into twice (the locks cut off) and someone came into my house one day during broad daylight while I was there and gathered up all my tools I had near the front door on which I was working. I had walked away, possibly taking some trash out to the containers in my back yard. I first thought someone had forced a window open while I was not there, but later realized that they had come into the house while I was there. I don't think I was being careless; it is obvious the thief was scoping out the house and is quite bold. If anyone saw any suspicious vehicles or people in that vicinity, please contact the police. You can do so by sending an email directly to info@mistletoeheights.com and it will get to the proper authority.

**We have received additional information regarding the break-in last night. It is believed that the perpetrators returned for more loot at about 10:30 pm and were frightened off by the people at that location. They were three white males, late teen to early twenties, the "leader" was wearing a light tee shirt and light colored pants similar to painters pants,

the other two wore blue jeans. They were last seen running east on Rosedale toward Forest Park. A vehicle was not seen.

2) I arrived home today to find my garage studio had the door kicked in and several things stolen. This must have happened between 8:50 A.M. and 5:20 P.M. when I returned from work. I have filed a police report. This was from the garage in the back of our house on the corner of Jerome and Weatherbee. If you saw anything strange please call me. Thank you.

3) I know this is in Berkeley, but anyway-Saturday on Hawthorne two Hispanic youths kicked in the side door of a house mid-morning. A 15-year-old girl alone at home screamed and scared them away - apparently they checked garage windows, saw no cars, and broke in. Neighbors saw nothing. We need to keep our eyes out!


4) We were out walking tonight (Wednesday) about 10:30 P.M. when we saw a small truck carrying a long ladder stop on Buck just south of Irwin Street. Three men initially got out, with one of them walking south on Buck and the others getting back in and driving north. We followed the pedestrian as he turned east on Magnolia, and met him after he turned and was walking back west.

When we inquired, he said that he was looking for 4004 W. Magnolia, had run out of gas, his friends had gone to get him some gas and his cell phone, and he had his car keys in his hand. He then asked where "the college" was and started toward Forest Park on Harrison. Needless to say, this didn't add up. We went home and called the police to report

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it and are still waiting to hear back. It looks like reviving Citizens On Patrol in the neighborhood would be a good idea.

****These are from the police:**

The neighborhood patrolmen are more liaisons with the neighborhood than patrolmen. They interface with the neighborhood on issues, answer questions & handle neighborhood disputes. They generally have 4 or 5 neighborhoods that they are responsible for. You can contact Jamie Johnson for issues concerning the west side of Forest Park Blvd. His mobile phone number is 817-994-3409, his pager is 817-998-0478 and his email address is Jamie.johnson@fortworthgov.org. The contact for the east side of Forest Park Blvd. is David Briggs. His office phone is 817-871-8948, his mobile phone is 817-991-8473 and his email address is briggsd@ci.fort-worth.tx.us Being as they are NOT patrol officers, they are usually not available evenings and weekends. For emergency calls, obviously call 911. For non-emergency calls the number is 817-335-4222. If you feel a crime is in progress or imminent, 911 is never a bad idea.

** Thought I would pass along a success story. Yesterday I was able to determine a very definite and predictable trend in some recent residential burglaries in the Bluebonnet Circle area, so specific in fact that we were able to pinpoint the time frame and probable area that the bad guys would strike. This information was passed along to patrol officers and our Crime Response Team. The research was correct and paid off, as day shift patrol officers and CRT officers nabbed 4(four) teenagers in the act of breaking into a house in that area this morning about 9:00 am. These teens admitted to at least 15 recent offenses, and with further interview and investigation, we might be able to clear numerous other burglaries that they are responsible for. There is a high probability that these individuals are responsible for some of the offenses in Mistletoe Heights. I base this assumption on the proximity of their recent crimes, the details of each offense (the M.O.), and their common paths of travel (the teens lived in the short south side area near Hemphill). We are hoping that these arrests will have a positive impact on reducing burglaries in yours and surrounding neighborhoods.

Respectfully,
Officer Jamie Johnson

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