



# The Mistletoe Express

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Jim Bradbury

## Letter from the president

At long last, winter did arrive this week. By the time you read this, the sleet and snow will all be gone. But a quick dose of freezing rain brought a lot of unexpected good things. People left work early, slowed down, played outside and, most important, listened to the radio to see if school would be closed. And shouts of "hooray" rang throughout the neighborhood: "Schools closed!" It's funny how 24 hours of frozen precipitation can change a lot of attitudes. As I drove home that night, boys were sliding on skateboards with the wheels removed and the lights in the houses against the white sleet were a very pleasing scene.

We had a very good November meeting. Sorry if you missed it. At the meeting we discussed traffic problems in the neighborhood and formed a working committee to analyze the problem and begin to work with the Fort Worth Police Department. Both neighborhood police officers dropped by to give us a report on what was a very tragic day for the FWPD. We know that all officers work hard, do impossible jobs and are all very close. You could see that in the faces of our officers that night. Remember the Fort Worth police. As we were reminded recently, theirs can be an impossible job. Finally, we elected your new officers for 2006 in Mistletoe Heights. So now we look forward to 2006 and

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**A too common sight nowadays:** 5 o'clock traffic on Forest Park Boulevard leading up to the Rosedale intersection. Residents discussed traffic related issues, such as incidents involving speeding cars, in recent neighborhood email exchanges (see E-Chatter, p11), and a traffic task force was named at the association meeting on November 29 (see minutes, p5).

## IT TOOK A NEIGHBORHOOD TO BUILD THIS FINE HOUSE

By Martin Herring

And it is a fine house indeed! Construction of the new home at 2314 W. Rosedale South is complete.

And our new neighbors, the Alis, have already moved in. The final exterior design, that of a modified traditional bungalow,

was a collaborative effort between members of the Mistletoe Heights Historic Preservation Committee and Mr. Barkat Ali, the builder and owner.

Once Mr. Ali became aware that his house was within the

neighborhood's historical overlay district, he welcomed design recommendations by the



The new home at 2314 W. Rosedale South is now complete and fits nicely in the neighborhood.

preservation committee. The house originally planned for the site would have been typical of almost any new suburban home construction in North

Texas, and wouldn't have conformed to vintage home styles that the historical overlay is in place to protect.

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continuing the work that was accomplished in 2005.

December/January is an excellent time to think about what went well in 2005 and what changes you can make in 2006. It's also an excellent time to invite your neighbors over for dinner, a bowl of soup or an evening cocktail. Bake some cookies, but before you do, invite some children over to frost them. That happened here on the Avenue just tonight. Show off your house and spend an hour or two just talking. That's what the people who built these houses did.

I was intrigued by the block party that was featured in the November newsletter. Good idea. I would encourage blocks to think about this when the weather gets warmer. Put the grills on the front sidewalks and drag a table out to the porch. If you're burning meat on the grill, you'll be surprised how many friends you can collect in a hurry.

One final note, I've really enjoyed serving as your president this year. This is a wonderful neighborhood of houses with really good and interesting people living in them. We're all getting a bit older and the kids are getting bigger, but this neighborhood remains. Many people have served you well this year. Without question, the person who deserves more of your thanks than any other is Tom Richey. He's an invaluable asset and gives time that he doesn't have to make it all work. I'm thankful to have him and you should be, too. If you have an extra bottle of wine or a cookie or two, his porch would be well deserving of such a gesture. I look forward to 2006 and all it has to bring to Mistletoe Heights.

## Treasurer's Report

By Alex Blanton

As of Nov. 30, our balance was \$10,168.67, with approved expenditures of \$5,000 for the neighborhood guide book project and \$4,000 to improve the entrance to the neighborhood.

I feel that this is a healthy level of liquidity for the neighborhood association. No new projects were approved at the Nov. 29 meeting.

We also voted at that meeting to replace yours truly. My wife and I have a recent addition (a 5-month-old daughter named Lucy), whom you all will see running around here before too long.

I enjoyed serving as treasurer and I thank you all for the chance to do so. See you around the neighborhood.

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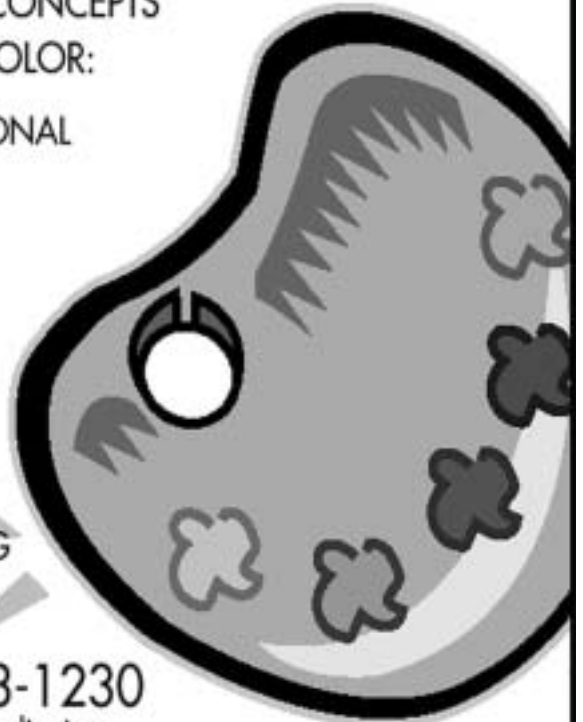
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## City liaison report By Mike Windsor

On Dec. 3, I attended the 2005 Neighborhood Workshops hosted by the city of Fort Worth. One thing that struck me was that our neighborhood doesn't have the problems that others have.

Drug sales, gangs, prostitution and unwanted development (rows of body shops and pawn shops) are not problems that we constantly battle. From that standpoint, our neighborhood is way ahead of other neighborhoods. On the other hand, many neighborhoods are far ahead of us in some areas that I want to mention.

Many neighborhood associations have sent out surveys to determine the needs and strengths of their residents. These surveys are used for such obvious things as planning, but also for such things as grant applications. Over the next few weeks, I'll put together a resident survey, and I'd appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Speaking of grants, I'm going to start putting together a data base of available grants. Many neighborhoods are savvy and aggressive about getting funding for their projects. They use everything from passing the hat at church, to asking for donations from businesses, to applying for grants. If grant money is available for one of our projects, our association should try and get it. The problem is often learning about grants. If anyone has experience obtaining grants, please let me know.

Membership was also a topic in the workshops. Most neighborhood associations have membership of about 10 percent of the residents. Many associations have creative ways of expanding membership, including actively pursuing

renters and allowing businesses and churches to act as non-voting members. Where they can, some associations push their boundaries to include areas not included by another association. We might want to consider seeking members from the residences and apartments along the north side of Park Place from Forest Park to the zoo. I know that some of the apartment residents walk and bike on our streets, and help chase down our lost dogs. Many of our concerns are also their concerns: traffic, crime, homeless people. If possible, we might consider seeking members from that area.

One bit of old business: No one has contacted me about the alley abandonment program that I outlined in the November newsletter. The city wants to give away qualifying alleys. If you're interested in this issue, please contact me, and I'll give you more information.

As always, if you have any concerns related to the city or government, contact me at (817) 927-8944 (home) or (817) 377-0060, or at mwindsor@charter.net.

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### **Preservation question of the month**

By Heather White

**Question:** *Can I add a screen or storm door to my existing front door?*

**Answer:** Yes! And you don't need a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). We've gotten permission from the chairman of the Landmarks Commission for you to send the design directly to our historic preservation planner, Julie Lawless, for approval. (Contact information for Julie is on the back page of this newsletter.)

You can complete the process without going downtown. (The process would be different for a change in the front door itself. That would require a COA because your front door is important to the character of the house. My original front door, with its little backwards "L" of tiny windows, which I've never seen anywhere else, is probably half the reason I bought my house.)

More than likely, your house originally had a screen door, because our neighborhood was built BAC (before air conditioning). Sadly, mine is gone and only some of the hardware remains. All I know about it is that it must have been arched. You can still see some beautiful old detailed screen doors in our area. There's an arched one in Berkeley that I really like. And Michael Conn tells me there's a nice supply of salvaged screen doors at the salvage yard on Montgomery Street (next door to the florist).

Here are some additional tips from Julie: "The rule I've always used to talk with people about screen doors is to think of them like window screens — the less you see of it the better. All glass or all screen is the best, with a wood or painted metal frame. Glass and screen combos are also OK if the middle trim isn't obnoxiously obvious, but homeowners should look for something that blends with the color of the door trim. There are no Victorian structures in your neighborhood, so they should definitely stay away from the ones with the gingerbread trim in the corners."

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The overlay guidelines also provide guidance for new construction, as in the case of the Ali house. Special thanks go Mistletoe Heights' resident architect, Patrick Gallagher, who offered on-target alternative design suggestions, and to Mr. Ali's architect, Mr. Billah, who graciously incorporated our suggestions into the final design.

"I hope you like the way it turned out," Ali said as he guided nearby neighbor Heather White and me around the outside of the home. "I think it fits in nicely with the rest of the neighborhood," Ali said, obviously pleased with the

finished results. The home's interior remained mostly true to the architect's original floor plan, but the exterior facade changed dramatically to match design details typical of bungalows throughout Mistletoe Heights.

Such as: lots of windows grouped in twos and threes with wooden framing separating them, a large front porch with brick columns and the addition of a *porte-cochere*.

What was to have been a front-facing garage became a rear-entry garage. Concentric gables finished with stick work and plaster, and placement of the second story above the center of the house, rather than at the front, make for a less imposing two-story structure — visually very important in this case because it's a fairly large house built on a relatively small lot.

"I love the period details on this house," White said. "It was so much fun watching the half-timbering go up, and I especially love the ribbon drive."

Ali's son and daughter-in-law will make this very, very fine house their new home. If you happen to stroll by, introduce yourself and welcome them to our neighborhood of very, very friendly people.

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## Mistletoe Heights Association Minutes

November 29, 2005 meeting



The November meeting attracted a sizeable turn out.

The meeting was held at the home of MHA President Jim Bradbury. He called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

He introduced our new neighborhood police officer (NPO), Kirk Byrom, who spoke about homeless people and crime in the neighborhood. He encouraged people to call him at his non-emergency number, (817) 335-4222, if they see anyone acting suspiciously or if a location is becoming a hazard.

Leah Wagner, our other NPO, spoke about traffic and speeding in the neighborhood. She said that the speed limit on neighborhood streets is 30 mph. Police have to see violations take place to make arrests. To curb the problem, she suggested education, monitoring and being a "good neighbor." In reporting problems, be sure to get a license plate number.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$10,168.67, with \$5,000 of that allocated for the neighborhood guidebook.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### **Historic Preservation**

New entrance — Martin Herring said he would hold a meeting at his house on Saturday, Dec. 3, for interested parties, possibly including representatives from Berkeley Place and Park Hill.

#### **City Liaison**

Rosedale project — Mike Windsor reported that the Rosedale project is on track, with the lighting and the bridge between Forest Park Boulevard and Rosedale Street to open on June 26.

Storm water utility — The city wants to impose a storm water utility tax; our neighborhood has had no problems with storm water.

Alleys — The city may deed the alleys to landowners if there is no impediment to electricity and water lines and if a super-majority of neighbors on the street sign off on it. The city could move the water meters.

Curb and sidewalk repairs — Homeowners have to make a case for repairs.

Mike Windsor planned to attend the 2005 Neighborhood Workshops hosted by the city on Dec. 3. (See his report in another part of the newsletter.)

### OLD BUSINESS:

Concrete batch plant — Two public meetings have been held; the deadline to request a contested case hearing was Nov. 9. We haven't yet heard anything and basically have been in a delay situation since January. Sunmount Corp. may move the location of the batch plant within the lot to circumvent the 440-yard requirement.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Traffic control** — The neighborhood will form a committee with Charles McClure of the Fort Worth Police Department. Meralen Tyson will host a formative

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Leslie Houston, right, the new treasurer, with Rose-Lynn Scott.

committee meeting, date and time to be announced. If interested, e-mail Jim Bradbury.

2335 W. Rosedale – Continuous complaints about parties, excessive noise and drunkenness by the resident college students have been reported at this address. The owner of the residence, Reagan Readus, apologized for the problem and said he is addressing the situation with the students and has put the house up for sale. He extended an invitation to the restaurant he manages, Frisco’s in Denton.

**Officer nominations** — Leslie Houston volunteered to be the new treasurer and to assist MHA Vice President Tom Richey. A motion was made and unanimously voted on to retain the current officers in their positions: President Jim Bradbury, Vice President Tom Richey, Secretary Jim and Mary Ellen Peipert, Treasurer (new) Leslie Houston.

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The neighborhood Christmas party** will be Sunday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of Gerry and Meralen Tyson, 1351 Mistletoe Drive. Bring an appetizer or dessert.

Tracy Smith, a Democrat, is running for Congress against Republican Rep. Kay Granger in District 12. He spoke and collected signatures for his campaign.

The association has a 40-cup coffee maker which can be borrowed. Contact Patsy Slocum at (817) 923-5510.

Friends of Newby Park are continuing to sell bricks to raise money to buy picnic tables for the park.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Peipert, secretary

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# What is a Neighborhood Police Officer?

By Debra Windsor

Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) are assigned to specific areas, wear uniforms and drive patrol cars, but they typically are not the first responders to calls to the police. If you're reporting a crime or need an immediate response from police, call 9-1-1 or the Fort Worth police non-emergency number at (817) 335-4222 and request that a patrol officer be dispatched. Do not call your NPO if you need immediate assistance because they may not be available to take your call. Our neighborhood is split between two NPOs and it's only one part of a larger area for which they're responsible. Each area of the city has only one NPO.

NPOs are essentially problem-solvers. They work with residents and neighborhood associations to address crime-related problems in the neighborhoods. For instance, if we notice a rash of porch thefts, the NPO is the person to coordinate the police response. If you do call the police to report something, it would be helpful if you could follow up with your NPO to make sure that he or she is aware of it.

NPOs receive copies of police reports generated from calls in our area, but they may not know of a call for which a report wasn't generated. For instance, if you report a suspicious person in the area and the person has disappeared when the patrol officers arrive, a report may not be generated and the NPO likely will not know that a "suspicious person" report was made.

We have two NPOs for our area. The NPO for residents east of Forest Park Boulevard is Officer Leah Wagner. Her mobile phone number is (817) 991-8473 and her e-mail is Leah.Wagner@fortworthgov.org. Officer Wagner is responsible for an area that includes Baylor-All Saints/JPS hospitals, Fairmount, Fort Worth South and the east side of Mistletoe Heights.

The NPO for residents west of Forest Park Boulevard is Officer Kirk Byrom. His mobile phone number is (817) 992-0185 and his e-mail is Kirk.Byrom@fortworthgov.org. Officer Byrom is responsible for an area that includes TCU, Tanglewood, Stonegate and the west side of Mistletoe Heights.

What is Citizens on Patrol?

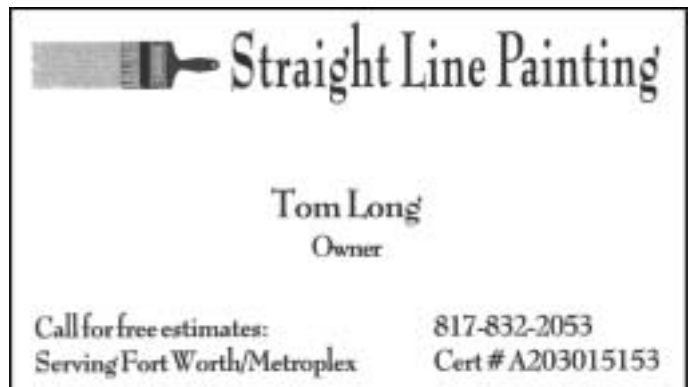
In July, several neighborhood residents attended a training session to start a Citizens on

Patrol group. Our COP group will be made up of residents interested in patrolling our neighborhood to observe and report suspicious, criminal or potentially dangerous activity. Members will have Citizens on Patrol identification and will have a magnetic sign on their car while patrolling.

Participation in the group primarily consists of patrolling and reporting. Members are encouraged to patrol in pairs. They will have a police-issued radio and will be in communication with a base station manned by other COP volunteers while they're patrolling.

The training is helpful to familiarize members of the group with applicable laws and police procedures. It also teaches members awareness of their surroundings, signs of suspicious activity and the information needed when police are called. Members of the group are not given any special powers beyond those of ordinary citizens and will NOT approach or confront suspicious persons.

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# Mistletoe Heights History

By Wyatt Teague

*Part two of a series*

With “Peter’s Colony” established, a group of men – called the “commissioners” — were selected to handle the legal affairs.

In about 1848 (I haven’t found this particular record), Ethelbert S. Harris applied for a land grant. (He lived with his family in Sherman.)

Certificate No. 355 was issued April 22, 1850, granting Ethelbert S. Harris a “section” (640 acres, or one square mile) of land, in which our neighborhood, Mistletoe Heights, is situated.

The “section” was assigned to Lemuel J. Edwards on June 21, 1852, and ownership was transferred that day. The section was not surveyed, however, until Jan. 4, 1853.

According to the field notes of record, this survey indicates the following boundaries:

Starting near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Eighth avenues, draw a line south along Eighth to about the middle of the block between West Richmond and West Arlington. That forms the eastern boundary.

Then, for the southern boundary, draw the line west to what is now University Drive. Thence, north along University Drive to the intersection of a line projected west from Pennsylvania Avenue (a point in Trinity Park). That forms the western boundary.

For the northern boundary, take the line eastward from the point in Trinity Park back to the starting point at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Eighth avenues.

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In addition to attending the training session, members of the group must also ride along with a police officer for a shift. To make this program work, we need more participation! A few hours volunteered a month would help us out.

For more information, contact Debra Windsor at [mdwindsor@charter.net](mailto:mdwindsor@charter.net), or Carrie Johnson at [redhawk\\_eagle@yahoo.com](mailto:redhawk_eagle@yahoo.com).

## **Addendum from Mike Windsor:**

Lately, our e-mail list has included several stories of people chasing, confronting or following suspected criminals. Our NPOs might have a thought on this, but I suspect that they would agree that the best thing you can do if you witness a crime is to get a very good description of the person and vehicle, and call police.

Without training, most people do poorly at describing what they’ve seen. People omit some of the best information needed to catch lawbreakers (license plate numbers, accurate vehicle descriptions, etc.) and often get information wrong (wrong color of clothes, wrong race, etc.).

The more that you can write down about what you’ve seen, the better the chance of the police finding the person. Indeed, the more effort you spend confronting, chasing or following a suspect, the less effort you can spend writing down a good

description. What struck Debra when she went on her COPS ride-along was how difficult it is to watch what’s going on, drive, listen to the police radio and keep up with the computer.

A better reason not to chase, confront or even follow criminal suspects: They’re just stupid. You might think that no one would possibly pull a gun on you over patio furniture or Christmas lights, but criminals are stupid.

Traffic violations go from speeding (fine), to resisting arrest (jail or probation), to attempted capital murder (spend a nice chunk of your life in prison). Some criminal might decide to shoot at you to scare you off, miss and kill you. Before you confront a criminal suspect, ask whether the situation is worth dying over. Do you really think that it’s worth dying for a potted plant or a car?



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## E-chatter

### There was a bunch of chatter on driving in our neighborhood:

It is amazing how tempting a one block long street with no speed bumps must be to race. Last night while 5 adults observed our 7 children ages 10, 9, 8, 7, 4, 4, and 4 play kick the can on the 2300 block of Mistletoe Avenue I politely yelled at 3 cars in a 20 minute period to slow down.

Just after sunset one of the same parents came to borrow some flour and my dog had slipped out five minutes earlier. As she left she said, "Here comes Ronnie now." My dog limped in with tire track marks across his shoulder and face and multiple cuts still bleeding. He will come home from the emergency vet soon with a broken hip and foot. He will be in a sling and kenneled for several weeks. We adopted him on 9-11-2001 and he is the world's sweetest dog.

Yes, I left the gate open, he wandered no more than 30 feet away and I am grateful that it was not one of the children running after a can.

Please slow down for those who don't look both ways and whose parents are not there to warn them.

Thank you, Laura Dyson

### Also rec'd...

Please remind people to slow down on mistletoe Boulevard, too. Catching the green light is not worth injuring someone. At one time there was talk of putting in a stop sign at Mistletoe Blvd. and Buck Ave. Any news lately?

Thanks, Stephanie.

### Also rec'd

Years ago the Ft. Worth Police stationed patrol cars in the neighborhood due to the many complaints of speeding and running stop signs. What they discovered was that almost all the offenders were residents of Mistletoe Heights! I've been a Crime Watch Block Captain for many years and I get the police reports and I was made aware of this at the time. I don't know what good it does for me to tell you this, except that I thought you might like to know. Bruce Horn

P.S. Last night, while walking the dog, I saw a mature man driving a car slowly down Magnolia, west of Forest Park Blvd. He was driving a nice, maroon-colored late model car. He was going so slowly that I could easily observe him, though the dog and I were probably not easily

seen by him. He was smoking crack - complete with the glass tube-style pipe I've seen so often on COPS on television! I would not be surprised if he, too, were a neighbor! I will, however, be on the lookout for that car to see if I can identify it as a resident's car. I did not get the license plate number but I would recognize the car. I did report it to the non-emergency P.D. number, but without a

## E-Chat



plate number there was nothing they could do but take the report and send a patrol car through the neighborhood

Though we live in a great neighborhood, we have our problems - most of which are 'home grown.'

### Also rec'd...

For what it's worth, I hate speed bumps with a purple passion, but I too have seen more than one car driving way too fast on the east-west streets in MH - Forest Park Boulevard is a racetrack

some nights - I've seen motorcycles easily doing 80 mph - any suggestions to curtail this would be good...

Tom R.

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**Also rec'd...**

Dear Laura - and Neighbors

We are so sorry to hear that Ronnie was hurt. We have the same "raceway" problems on Edwin Street - the 2300 block. Many times my husband Tad has said we need speed bumps on our short little block. Cars cut through and speed all the time. We have little children and dogs on our block.

It seems we have special problems with teens - perhaps visiting teens who live here - and sometimes construction guys cutting through to Mistletoe Drive. But it's not just teens. Sometimes it's adults from here in the neighborhood. This is a BIG problem. Speed bumps are a hassle, but well worth keeping children and animals from being hurt. Thanks for the note.

Janice Arvin Carter

**Also rec'd...**

I've read some recent e-mails complaining of people speeding through the neighborhood and have agreed that something needs to be done, but have remained silent on the issue until tonight. I live on Mistletoe Drive and have seen people drive down our street as if it were Forest Park Blvd. As we were returning home from spending Thanksgiving with family about 7pm tonight, we were about to turn into our driveway. We even had the blinker on showing we were about to make a left into the driveway. A newer model white sedan sped around us on the left. We followed the car to see if it was someone going somewhere in the neighborhood. The car drove at least 35 miles an hour down Mistletoe Drive and stopped at a house in roughly the 1100 block of Mistletoe Drive (near the intersection with Rosedale). Now that I couldn't even safely turn into my own driveway on Thanksgiving evening, I've had it with this problem. I hadn't been in favor of calling the police to start running radar in the neighborhood because I suspected that a lot of the

people getting tickets will be people who live here. I had hoped the e-mails would be enough to remind everyone of the problem and get them to slow down. I'm tired of waiting for people to change their driving habits. I don't care who gets a ticket if it will force people to slow down.

Debra Windsor

**GOT GHOSTS???**

We are a ghost investigation group called the Phantom Hunters here in the D/FW area. We have been investigating the area since 1999. We have had great outcomes on our investigations. This service is free of charge. We understand that you have or had a paranormal activity at a Mistletoe Heights home. We would love to come out and talk with someone about this and maybe set up an investigation for you. We are very professional and we keep our investigations very confidential unless we have permission to. So please let us know if this is possible. Please visit our web site at [thepantomhunters.com](http://thepantomhunters.com) or e-mail us at [phantomhunters@yahoo.com](mailto:phantomhunters@yahoo.com) or call at 817-222-1003 thank you for your time. Phantom Hunters

**Subject:** I know we don't have a crappy neighborhood ...

... but I sure could tell when I took my dogs for their post-Thanksgiving dinner walk. I'm not here all that much during daylight hours, so I was rather shocked to see 75-100 piles of said material as we walked around the neighborhood (on only 4-5 streets). Two were right in the middle of the sidewalk

on just one side of Triangle Park. I don't mind saying I was disgusted. Fort Woof (our local dog park) has far less lying around than Mistletoe Heights does. Please do your part to keep our neighborhood beautiful, healthy, and clean ... pick up after the four-legged members of your family. — Heather

**Subject: stupid Siamese cat back home...**

... finally, after 2 weeks in the wild.

My thanks to the Mistletoe e-mail group, and particularly the 'finders' — the Fershtands on Mistletoe Dr.

For two weeks Minkey lurked in the wilds where their backyard drops off into the slope down toward the zoo. That slope abuts the property of the Dreyfuses (the 2400 blk of Park Place)

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who are also former long-time Mistletoe Hts residents (decades on Harrison) and dear friends of mine.

Without the help of the Fershtands and the Dreyfuses, the rescue would not have happened. Well, first thanks goes to my friend Beth Krugler (W. Rosedale S.) who suggested posting a notice to the neighborhood e-mail.

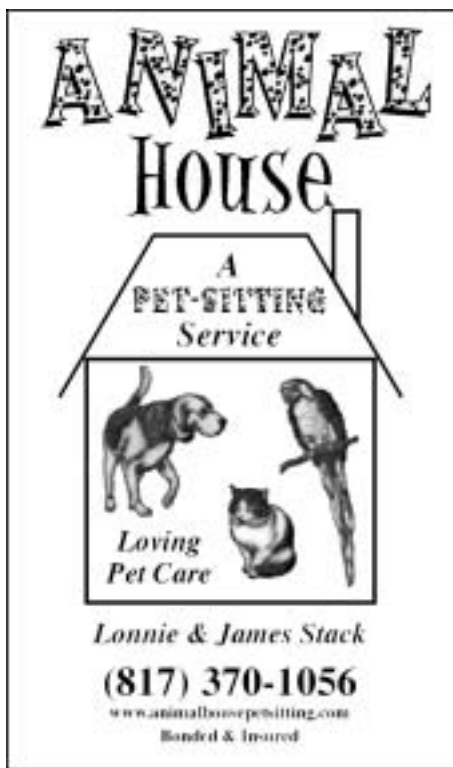
Now, if I only knew how to join this e-mail group, I might be of help to someone else... List-minder?

Any help? Please invite me, or whatever it takes, and invite Charles & Lila Dreyfus, too. They are still our neighbors.

Right now Minkey is perched on a favorite spot, atop a computer monitor. We are happy and very thankful this Thanksgiving weekend. Claudia Wilson 2225 W Magnolia.

### Found Petz

We have found a beautiful Siamese calico cat — dusty color with a black side on its face . It has a hurt leg and will not let us touch it — we are feeding her. Please call 817-924-3838 Simone Scott



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### Homeless (to our NPO)

Earlier today my son & his wife took their son to ride the little zoo train. They told me that as they went by the Mistletoe Heights area that there was a homeless woman wearing what looked like a “graduation gown” (maybe the same person that we’ve been seeing for the last several weeks) on the river edge & as the train went by she moved up towards the bluff, through a wooded area and what looked like through the fence and then went out of sight into one of the backyards. They said that it was approximately one house to the north of the pink Mediterranean style house (the Mediterranean house would be 1208 Mistletoe Drive, one north would be 1206 Mistletoe Drive). They had the impression that she was camped up in there somewhere. Also, on Friday as I crossed the intersection of Forest Park & I30, there was a guy asleep in the little median on the Southwest side - I would have called but didn’t have the PD number in that phone. I think this is a never-ending battle...

Tom R.

### FYI (from our NPO)

You were right. I walked down the river today and found her camp. Her name is Stacey Dixon. She had someone’s recycle bin and trash bin. The bins were used to store her junk. I took the bins and hauled them up the hill (more work than I thought it would be) and asked the nearby neighbors if they knew whose they were. A few minutes later I received a call from my sector asking if I took the bins Ms. Dixon had called in to report a theft against me. I had left my card

at the camp. I met Ms. Dixon and explained to her that trespassing, theft, and loitering was not going to be accepted in this area. ... I directed her out of the neighborhood and to a shelter. I told her she could remove her property from the bins but to leave the bins. I will contact Jim to e-mail everyone reference the bins. If she returns please contact me.

Also note that if anyone is missing a Recycle and Trash bin, they are currently at the corner of Mistletoe Drive & West Rosedale South.

### Vandalism

Sometime during the night, vandals struck at Newby Park. There are vehicle tracks leading to the pavilion, the 3 large engraved stones were taken from the flower beds and rolled out into the park, and 3 plants were pulled up.

Tom Hale and I have replaced the stones and I reset the plants and watered in.

I have called the police department to make a report. The lights are on all night, so maybe someone saw them in the process and will come forward to identify the vandals.

Patsy Slocum

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## Yard of the Month: 2320 Mistletoe Drive

By Jack and Lorri Kendrick



The yard of the month for December is at the home of Robert and Lisa Bonilla at 2320 Mistletoe Drive. The front yard is dominated by several majestic live oak trees, each with an ornamental circling of shade-loving plants and decorative grasses around the trunks. Pansies, winter kale and more native grasses spill down toward the curb in curving stone-lined decorative beds, with Japanese maples and century plants providing a variety of textures and points of visual interest. The landscaping is further punctuated by numerous potted plants. The highlight is an entryway featuring two square sculptural pots adorned with carved lions flanking the wrought-iron archway through which you approach the house.

## GOT EXTRA TRASH?

The City of Fort Worth has opened its first permanent drop-off station at 2400 Brennan Ave. The newly reconstructed Brennan Drop-off Station is more user friendly and also accepts electronic waste.

Got extra trash, brush or recyclables? Take it to any Fort Worth drop-off station for free. A recent water bill or drivers' license is required to prove Fort Worth residency. No commercial waste is accepted. A second, temporary drop-off station at 3244 Yuma Ave. remains open while the second permanent location is being constructed. Since Yuma is a temporary site and is closing in the fall, computer equipment will not be accepted at this site.

Drop-off stations are open six days/week for your convenience: Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. & Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Locations: **Brennan Drop-off Station**-2400 Brennan Ave., 76106. West of I-35W off North Side Drive and Cold Springs Road (Mapsco 63E); **Southeast Drop-off Station**-5100 MLK Freeway, 76119. Village Creek exit off Hwy 287 (Mapsco 93F) Opens fall 2005 after construction is completed; **Yuma Temporary Drop-off Station**-3224 Yuma Avenue off East Berry Street closes permanently fall 2005

### How To Use a Drop-off Station:

Secure items in vehicle to prevent litter during transport. Show proof of Fort Worth residency such as a driver's license or recent water bill. Drop-off stations are self-serve. City staff cannot assist residents with unloading or loading. Children younger than 12 and pets are not allowed outside vehicles.

### Or, visit the Swap Shop.

In order to reduce waste sent to the landfill, an area known as The Swap Shop has been created for residents to drop off reusable items such as lumber or usable appliances. Staff will direct drop-off station users to this area if their items are deemed acceptable. Residents also are welcome to pick up items for free. Items are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. City staff cannot hold items for later pickup. No donation is required to pick up an item.

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