



# Mistletoe Express

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March 2011

## Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Garage Sale

# April 16

Rain date: April 23

### How to Obtain a Garage Sale Permit

Garage sale permits can be obtained online at

Fortworthgov.org or by calling 817-392-2222 or by applying in-person by visiting the Development Department Permit Desk, 1000 Throckmorton, Fort Worth, Texas.



### Why is a Garage Sale Permit Needed?

Code Compliance Department, 817-871-6320, regulates garage sales. Garage sales are permitted within the city limits of Fort Worth under the following rules:

- There are not more than two sales, in number, on the same premises in any one calendar year.
- The sales are held by a person who does not hold himself out as engaging in, or does not habitually engage in, the business of selling such property at retail
- The sale shall be confined to the garage, patio and/or yard of the premises. No new merchandise acquired solely for the purpose of resale on the premises shall be sold at such occasional sale.
- The duration of each such sale shall not exceed three (3) consecutive calendar days.

Estate Sales are treated the same as garage sales

### Garage Sale Signs

Only one (1) sign shall be permitted, not to exceed two square feet in area, upon the premises where and when the sale is taking place. All other signs relating to the sale, either on or off the premises, shall be violations of this ordinance.

### How Much Does a Garage Sale Permit Cost?

There is no fee to obtain a garage sale permit.

## GARDENING

# Harmony in the landscape

By Marjorie Day

Creating a harmonious landscape with native and adapted plants to suit your historic home and your personal tastes is a wonderfully creative experience. Gardening is an investment in your neighborhood and in your own life at home.

Consider your home's architectural style and details, try a new historic exterior color scheme on your home to go along with planned changes in the garden. Remember to create the garden to suit the existing home and terrain.

Use colors in the garden like you would in your home. Think on how you can connect your home to the landscape and connect these two elements to neighboring homes and landscapes.

Choose a simple color palate of plants and flowers and use the variety of textures, forms and the overall sizes of your plant selections to be the garden's variations. It's easier to add than to subtract. Repeating colors and shapes in the landscape, will create unity and balance to the garden.

Use focal points to guide the eye to interesting features in the garden.

Art, pots, wind chimes, and outdoor furnishings should all work together. Less is best, so be thoughtful about your color and style choices. Look for items that are simple in form, and connect to your overall garden and home's style.

You can hire a local landscape  
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Photo by Rodger Mallison

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## New folks, new friends join our neighborhood

Welcoming baskets were delivered in February to three new households. One to **Dave Hallum** and **Gail Lee**, who've moved in on Buck Avenue and two on Clara, one to **Amy Beussink** and another to **Sally Sledge**.

A special thanks to you folks out there for passing on who's new in the neighborhood so we can extend a friendly Mistletoe Heights hello. We appreciate your being our eyes and ears. (Also, a reminder that along with the new people's names and addresses, it's extra helpful when we have a phone number.)

Please contact either Meralen Tyson ([meralen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meralen@sbcglobal.net)) or Beth Krugler ([beth@bethkrugler.com](mailto:beth@bethkrugler.com)) with that information, and you can consider it done!



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## Yard of the month: 2300 Irwin St.

Yard of the Month for March is awarded to Trudy and John Stafford at 2300 Irwin Street. They raised their family in Houston, then moved to Pittsburg briefly before moving to Fort Worth in April 2010. The Staffords have meticulously maintained the yard.

The Staffords' garden is a beautiful composition of several flower beds lining the front walk and driveway of varying in height, color and texture. The stone path lined with rows of tulips, purple hyacinth, and liriopie welcome you to enter the property from the street. From there the winding front walkway warmly welcomes you thorough the meandering path lined with nandina, Indian hawthorne, and Chinese fringe plants to set foot on the couples charming front porch. The garden is accented with dusty miller throughout, and all the beds are neatly edged with Liriopie. Crepe Myrtles rise from either side of the walkway and a red oak, among several mature trees on the property, provides much needed shade form the Texas sun for the street and sidewalk. The summer blooming Wisteria trails the fence so be sure and stop by for a second look.

Trudy and John will receive a generous gift certificate from Calloway's Nursery in gratitude for their care and pride in their home.

### Garden Tip of the Month

- Late March and early April is a good time to transplant shrubs and trees. As soon as the soil is workable, but before buds have swelled or broken open, you can move shrubs and trees.
- Fertilize shrubs and trees if this wasn't done in February. Use an acid type rhododendron fertilizer to feed evergreens, conifers, broad leaf evergreens, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Use an all-purpose fertilizer to feed roses and other deciduous trees and shrubs. If you use granular type fertilizers, be sure to water it in thoroughly.
- Finish pruning fruit trees this month - before the buds swell.

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Residents should bring sturdy bags or other containers, shovels and work gloves. Please remember to cover your load if using a pickup or trailer. Employees are not available to aid in bagging and loading of mulch.

## Registration open for 2011 Cowtown Great American Cleanup

Join in the nation's single largest community improvement program and register for the 26th annual Cowtown Great American Cleanup, 9 a.m. to noon April 2.

Put a group together, pick a spot to cleanup and sign up online through the Keep Fort Worth Beautiful website. The first 3,000 volunteers registered by March 17 will receive a T-shirt, gloves and trash bags.

More than 4,700 volunteers collected 86,000 pounds of litter and debris in 2010, and organizers are hoping to top that this year.

Participants can choose their own spots to cleanup or choose a cleanup organized by Keep Fort Worth Beautiful:

Marine Creek Ranch 5403 Paloma Blanca

Hazel Harvey Peace Center 818 Missouri Ave.

As an added bonus, groups that complete the entire registration process online will be eligible for prizes, which will be given away at random.

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# Southwest Parkway update

Construction work on the Southwest Parkway project requires lane closures on West Vickery Boulevard, which began in February. The southbound Hulen Street ramp to West Vickery also will be closed.

Crews are scheduled to close one lane in each direction on West Vickery Boulevard immediately west of Hulen Street. The lanes are expected to remain closed through May.



The closures are necessary so crews can relocate water and sanitary sewer main lines west of the Hulen Street Bridge in Union Pacific Railroad's Davidson Rail Yard.

Southwest Parkway is a 27.6-mile tollway that will extend from Fort Worth's Central Business District at I-30 through southwest Fort Worth to its southern Chisholm Trail extension at U.S. 67 in Cleburne. Proposed completion date is 2013.

To learn more, visit the North Texas Tollway Authority website at <http://ntta.org/>.

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# Minutes from MH meeting

Taken by Mecca Givens

The quarterly meeting of the Mistletoe Heights Association convened at 7 p.m. February 15, 2011, at the residence of MHA President Jeff Davis.

Order of Business:

- Treasurer's report - It was noted that in the financial department MHNA is doing pretty good. A thank you was given to Marjorie Day for increasing the advertising. Keep the dues coming!
- Chesapeake - Drilling should begin across the river near Old South in June or July and last about 3 weeks.
- Midtown - Jeff Davis stated that ground breaking should be in March or April. The plan thus far is that the development will include a bank, two hotels, retail and medical.
- Crime - Crime was down after Christmas. It is very important for all neighbors to keep anything of value out of the vehicles to help deter burglaries.
- Historic Committee - The committee meets the first Monday of the month. All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Kathy McReynolds pointed out that

all historic rules are enforced by the HCLC and the MH Historic Committee has been put in place to try to help neighbors navigate this process.

- Sound Barrier - There was discussion regarding the type of sound barrier that will potentially be used on the berm to block noise from the new highway. Southwest Parkway will go just north of our neighborhood. It is important to the neighborhood as a whole that we have the best possible sound barriers. It was brought up that there is an alternative to the standard concrete barriers that TX Dot currently uses that are twice as effective at blocking sound, cost approximately 2/3 less, and have a much smaller impact on the environment.
- MH Directories - It is time to update the directory. We are looking for someone to volunteer time towards this project. Please contact Wendy Blanton if you would be willing to help in any capacity. It takes the help of neighbors to make things happen.
- Neighborhood Repairs - Steve McReynolds repaired a bench at the Triangle. Thank you Steve!

# Gardening

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designer to come to your home and create a landscape suited to your use and family. If you have the money, that's great. For the budget minded, Rome wasn't built in a day. Budget one element at a time with an overall plan in mind.

Draw attention to a focal point, art, fountains, pergolas, seating areas, path destinations, doorways, fire-pits, and garden pottery all make great focal points. Keep it simple. A focal point can be a reading chair in the garden painted in a bold color. Color is often used in focal points. Blues and greens recede a focal point while reds and yellows move a focal point forward. Have fun deciding.

Low maintenance means native and adapted plants, evergreens and lots of mulch. Check out [Texassmartscape.com](http://Texassmartscape.com) to see what plants work best.

Frame your garden with natural wood and stone fencing that reflects the architecture of your home, and or combine native shrubbery and trees both evergreen and deciduous. The idea of enclosure in a garden is an important element. Framing your garden creates intimacy and a backdrop for your plants.

Reduce lawn areas in favor of easily maintained plantings. Turf has a place but reduce your lawn to what makes sense. If you never use it, lose it in favor of native plants.

### Vegetables

Find a place to grow some produce; even a pot with some tomatoes can really change your relationship to the garden. Growing your own organic produce is a money saver to be sure but who doesn't want to have a friend over to share a perfect homegrown tomato?

### Noise pollution

Try a reel mower on a small yard, reduce the noise of your tools and add trees both evergreen and deciduous to your planting plans. Trees reduce the effect of noise pollution.

The Garden Process A garden should never be finished but changing and evolving just like we all do. Be patient.

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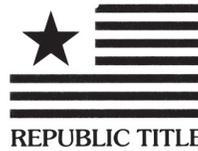
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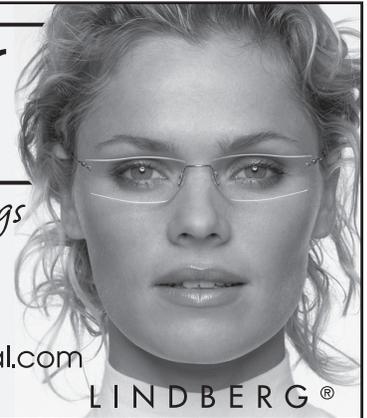
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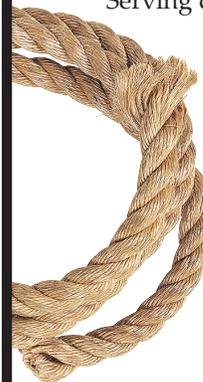


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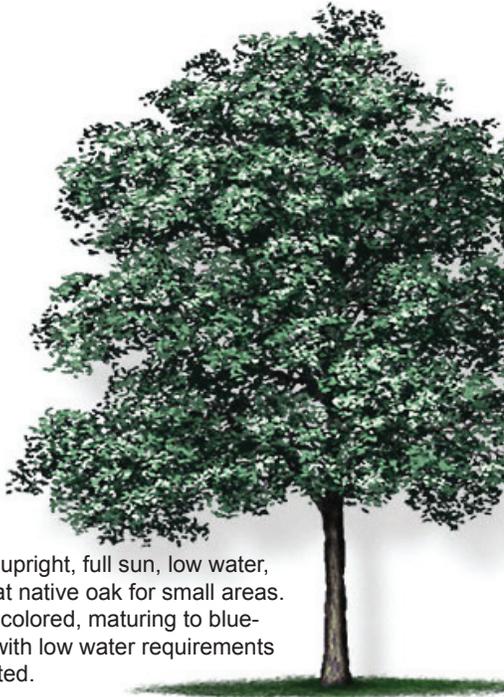
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