



# Mistletoe Express

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April 2012

## COMMUTER RAIL STOP

### Hearings with The T continue April 10

Get involved! Know what is happening in your neighborhood! 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 Public hearings at St. Stephen Church, 2700 McPherson Ave.

**Special Mistletoe Heights meeting**  
(to vote on train) April 24  
Location: To be announced

## MISTLETOE HEIGHTS GARAGE SALE | APRIL 21-22

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#### How to Obtain a Garage Sale Permit

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- The sale shall be confined to the garage, patio and/or yard of the premises.
- The duration of each such sale shall not exceed three (3) consecutive calendar days.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



**Send your Easter Egg Hunt photos to the newsletter**  
Send to Cynthia Wahl, [cunninghamwahl@yahoo.com](mailto:cunninghamwahl@yahoo.com) or 2306 Harrison Ave.

### Hop on over to Newby Park April 7!

Get your baskets ready and hop on over to the Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt at Newby Park. This year the egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. To participate, deliver 2 dozen candy or toy filled plastic eggs to 2341 W. Magnolia Ave. by Thursday, April 5.

Be sure to put your child's age, name, and phone number on the bag. Remember to bring your Easter basket and camera on Saturday. Rumor has it that the Easter

Bunny will be making an appearance!

Coffee, juice, and bagels will be provided compliments of the Neighborhood Association.

For more information, call Susan Pressley at 817-923-6061 or 817-308-1484.

If it rains, we will hold it at 2:00 that same day, and if it is still raining the hunt will be cancelled and your eggs can be picked up at 2341 W. Magnolia.

**Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association meeting, Lily B. Clayton, 6:45 p.m. April 17**

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YARD OF THE MONTH | APRIL 2012

## 2208 Weatherbee



April's Yard of the Month recipients are Scott and Susan Harwell of 2208 Weatherbee Street. The Harwells have lived in Mistletoe Heights for almost 20 years and have been street reps for almost as many. Susan stated that their most recent yard efforts have been in their backyard, such as a beautiful arbor and a pond where they spend most their time. In the front yard, they will be planting summer annuals and deep red and white caladiums in their pots on the front porch.

The most recognizable aspect of their yard is on the front street corner- a tall stand of yaupon holly, trimmed into a mushroom shape, surrounded by five smaller rounded yaupons. This includes a bed of irises, pink and white peonies and chrysanthemums. Purple cone flowers, salvia and ivy are in the bed on the opposite side of the front yard.

The Harwell's hope their struggling flowering crabapple will recover from last summer's heat and drought. The far west side of the yard is lined with Indian hawthorns with a taller privet hedge behind it as a border dividing their yard from the neighbor's yard.

Pink tea roses, dusty miller and Nellie Stevens hollies divide the front yard from the back yard. The flowering shrubs and plants are budding and should be in full bloom in April.

A weeping yaupon tree anchors the corner of the expansive front porch. Purple oxalis, pink and purple larkspur, red poppies and more Indian hawthorne shrubs fill the beds in front of the porch. Little Gem magnolias, Japanese yews, liriope, Mexican petunias, Texas clematis vines and pyracanthas are on the east side of the fence on the Jerome St. side.

Thanks to the Harwells for providing a well maintained attractive yard. For their efforts, they will receive a Calloway's gift certificate.

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# Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Covered Dish Dinner

6:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
Lily B. Clayton Cafeteria  
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Round up your family and your neighbors and bring a tasty appetizer, entree, salad or dessert to our neighborhood covered dish dinner. This is a great time to see neighbors you may not have seen lately and also to meet new neighbors.

There will be a very short meeting while you eat.

Maya and Austin Jourde have graciously offered to bring the dishes and drinks. Austin will also bring some goodies from Central Market, where he is the manager!

For more information, call Rose Lynn Scott at 817-807-6748.



## Upcoming Mistletoe Events

■ **Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social**, Triangle Park, 7 pm  
*We need a host for this event... maybe YOU?*

Host would be responsible for bringing the popsicles and handing them out. MHA would reimburse expenses

■ **Fall Covered Dish Dinner**  
Lily B. Clayton cafeteria, date TBA  
*We need a host for this event... maybe YOU?*

Host would be responsible for bringing dishes, utensils and tea/ice and water. MHA would reimburse expenses.

■ **Bow-tying Party for our Street Light Decorations**, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 3 p.m. 2237 Irwin - Hosted by Susan and Gary Willis

■ **Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Holiday Party**, December 2, 2012

*We need a host for this event... maybe YOU?*

Host would open their home to the neighborhood and provide dishes, utensils and non-alcoholic drinks. MHA would reimburse expenses.

### Host an event - here's how

Hosting a neighborhood event is a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors, too. Sometimes neighbors team up and work together on these events. MHA will reimburse you for any of the supplies needed, such as dishes, utensils, drinks, etc.

These events help make Mistletoe Heights the special neighborhood it is. If you are interested in hosting one of these events, please contact Rose Lynn Scott, 817-807-6748.

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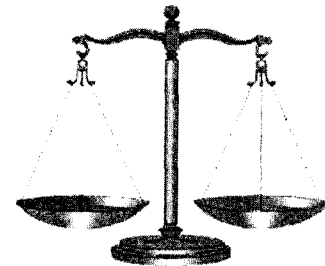


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# Mistletoe website update

Scott Ewing, Mistletoe Heights webmaster, has addressed the email problems. Seems our IP provider would only allow 250 messages to be sent per hour. We have over 250 on our email list so some members were being bumped off. Our IP provider was not very responsive to fixing this problem, so we've decided to go with someone else!

The new email list is up and running. The new address is [residents@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:residents@mistletoeheights.org). We are currently limited to sending out 8,000 emails/day. We doubt we will exceed this, but if we do, it can easily be addressed.

The same time that we made the change to the new provider, we are changing our website address to [www.mistletoeheights.org](http://www.mistletoeheights.org), as compared to .com.

We still have the .com address, and if you happen to type that in, or have it bookmarked, it will forward on to the .org address. But it would be best to change your bookmark to the updated address.

Thanks go out to Scott to getting this figured out. If you have any questions, e-mail Scott at [see@prodigy.net](mailto:see@prodigy.net).



Check out our updated website:  
[www.mistletoeheights.org](http://www.mistletoeheights.org)

## April Meetings, Dates

**April 6** Good Friday

**April 7** Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Newby Park

**April 8** Easter

**April 10** Public hearings at St. Stephen Church, 2700 McPherson Ave. 76109, 6 p.m.

**April 17** Covered Dish Party with Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., @ Lily B. Clayton Elementary School, 2000 Park Place

**April 21-22** Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Garage Sale

## Get on the Mistletoe Heights email list

To subscribe to the Mistletoe Heights Residents mailing list, go to [www.mistletoeheights.org](http://www.mistletoeheights.org), click on "Email List" and look for the section "Subscribing to Residents". Enter your email address and name and click "Subscribe". Be aware that you may need to add [residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org) to your address book so the incoming emails are not treated as spam. We're still missing lots of neighbors on the email list. If you have any questions or concerns about the email list, contact [moderator@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:moderator@mistletoeheights.org).

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# Thank you, Marjorie!

A special thank you goes out to Marjorie Day. She has been putting the newsletter together for the past five years. She is stepping down from the newsletter editor position.

Marjorie has written gardening columns that helped those of us with not-so-green thumbs acclimate to Texas drought. She was the elf who coordinated Christmas trees in Newby Park and Triangle Park. She baked pies and cookies for the winners of Fall Festival porches and Christmas Tree porches contests. Her enthusiasm and knowledge of all that is American Craftsman is contagious.

Marjorie continues as coordinator for Newby Park events and has Mistletoe Heights all set for the Easter Egg Hunt!

A heartfelt thank-you from your neighbors, Marjorie!

## That said...newsletter assistance needed

If anyone is interested in helping spread the word of what's going on in the neighborhood, the Mistletoe Express needs you!

We put out 10 issues/year - double issues for Dec/Jan and June/July.

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# Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Mike Danella.

The minutes from the February 21, 2012 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was given. Total income was \$877.24. Total Expenses were \$1,704.96. Net Income was \$827.72 Balance in the neighborhood account is \$18,727.00

**Old Business:** Next Tuesday at 6 p.m., there will be a meeting at St. Stephen's Presbyterian church to discuss the proposed train station.

Thursday, March 22, there will be a meeting with Kenneth Bahr and Joel Burns to discuss the sound barrier. The five homeowners that have a vote concerning the sound barrier will attend the meeting which will be held at the home of Rosaline Takes.

**New Business:** Norm Stemple spoke about gas drilling/leasing. He gave a history of the previous negotiations

conducted by the neighborhood gas committee with XTO. XTO has drilled a well, but has not begun to pump gas from the well. The lease continues for those homeowners who previously signed a gas lease with XTO. XTO is offering homeowners, who have not previously signed a gas lease, a \$4,000/acre signing bonus with 25% royalty. Norm Stemple can provide the contact information for those wishing to contact XTO.

**Feral cats:** Rose Lynn Scott Spoke concerning the trap, neuter, release program for feral cats. Previously the neighborhood has trapped and sterilized approximately 100 cats. Rose Lynn has 4 humane traps that can be borrowed if you wish to trap and spay/neuter feral cats near your home. The Humane Society offers sterilization for \$15.00 on certain days of the month. Contact the Humane Society or Rose Lynn Scott for

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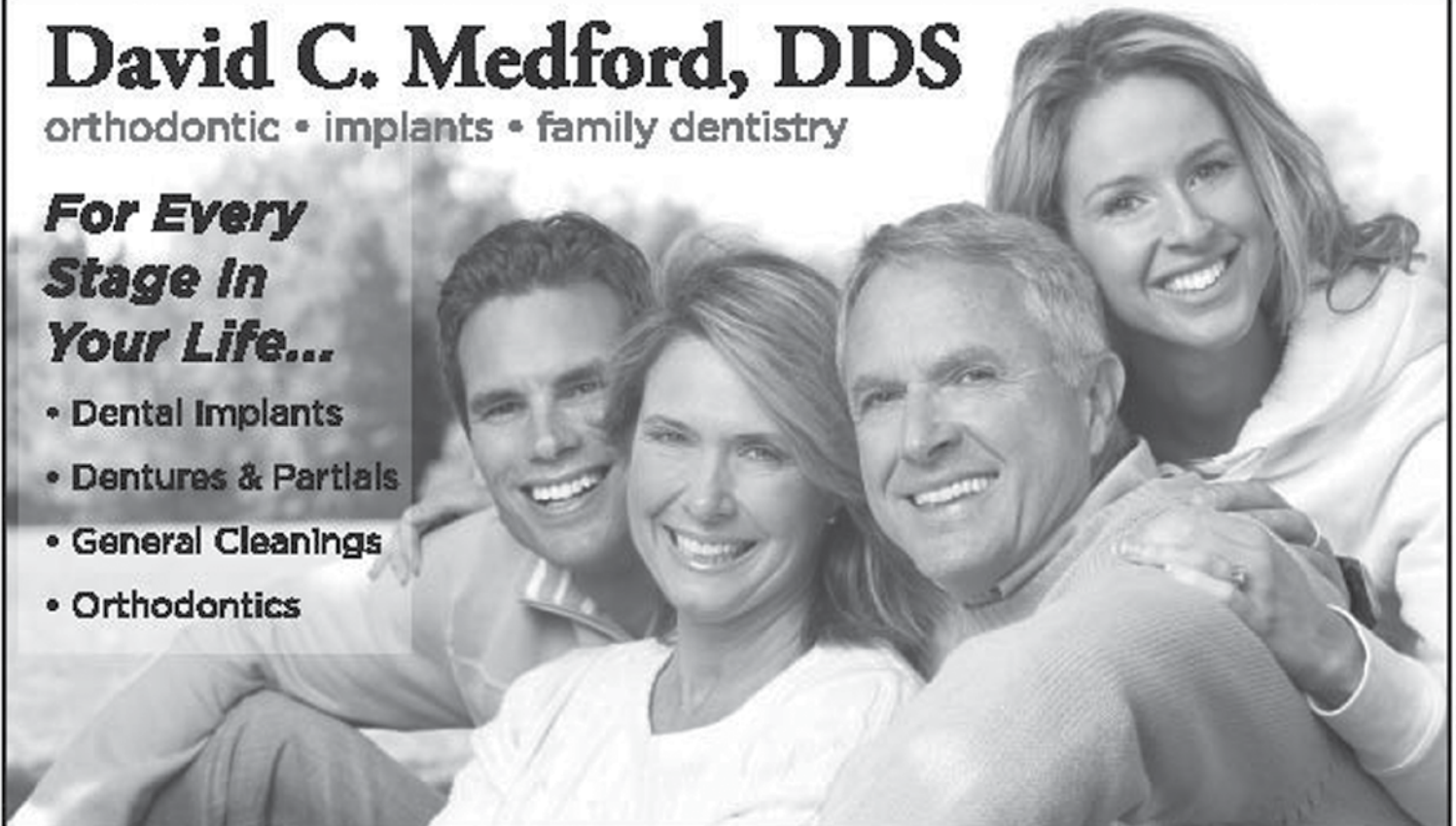
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# Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Meeting March 13, 2012

more information.

**Covered dish dinner:** There will be a covered dish dinner on April 17th at 6:45 p.m. in the Lily B. Clayton Cafeteria. Bring an appetizer, entree, salad, or dessert and join your neighbors. A short neighborhood meeting will also take place.

Volunteers are needed for the Fall covered dish dinner and the Christmas party.

**Zoning:** The triangle is zoned 2-family. Gaye Reed commented that the triangle is currently classified by the city as a park and therefore will not be developed.

The 2200 block of Rosedale is currently zoned e-commercial. It was recommended that the best way to change this to 2-family was through a council initiated zoning change.

## Neighborhood Beautification

### ■ Sidewalk tree planting

Additional trees have been planted on the berm. Mike Danella would like to landscape the entrance at Jerome. The city of Fort Worth will provide free trees that can be planted between the sidewalk and the street. The homeowner has to agree to water the tree for at least one year. Mike Danella will send out an interest form that homeowners can complete if they would like one of these trees. Kathleen Walker would like her fellow

neighbors to consider trees other than Live Oaks. Live Oaks are large trees that need more space than is available in an urban yard. The city of fort worth has a list of trees approved and forbidden for planting in the parkway.

### ■ Entrance Sign

A picture of a proposed new sign for the neighborhood entrance was distributed (at right). Cost estimates range from \$15,000-19,000.

**Website:** The neighborhood currently uses Mailman as our internet service provider. The problem is that this provider limits us to 250 emails per hour. Currently we have approximately 260 people on the email list. Mailman did up our limit to 275 emails per hour. The email moderator, Scott Ewing, recommends that we move to another internet service provider that does not limit the number of emails. He also makes the recommendation that we change the name of our neighborhood website to Mistletoe Heights.org because .com is associated with for-profit organizations. The change in internet service provider would require



that the neighborhood website be down for approximately 1-2 days. There is no cost for the neighborhood to make this change. A motion was made and seconded to move to the new service. The motion was approved. Norm Stemple publicly thanked Richard Yantis and Scott Ewing for their service to the neighborhood.

Scott is working to add software to the website that will allow us to add photos to the website of houses, neighborhood events, and historical references. would like to add a calendar capability, so that the neighborhood calendar could be updated in a timely manner.

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**Jan 1 - Mar 13, 12**

<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income - Newsletter	712.00
Christmas Cards	40.00
Dues Donations	125.00
Interest Income	0.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>877.24</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Maintenance - Newby, Berm, etc.	517.50
MHA Meeting Facility Rental	100.00
MHA Xmas Party - 2011	167.78
Newsletter Expenses	589.06
Water Expense - Newby	330.62
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,704.96</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-827.72</b>
<b>Bank Balance - \$18,727.76</b>	

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# Tree planting initiative for neighborhood

One of the unique characteristics of our neighborhood is the abundance of mature trees along many of our streets. As stated on the city web site "In addition to increasing property values by up to 20%, studies have shown that trees can reduce crime rates, slow the speed of traffic on residential streets, dampen noise, reduce stress and promote a feeling of wellness."

The city has a Neighborhood Tree Planting Program and we have a lack of trees along some of our streets. Here's an opportunity to fill those empty spots with new trees - and the trees are free to participants.

The available trees have all been approved by the city for placement within the street right-of-way. If you want to plant a tree not on the list, the cost and labor would be your responsibility.

This is a voluntary city program to plant trees and help beautify neighborhoods. We are responsible for digging the hole and planting the trees. Digging and planting labor may be available if you are unable to do it yourself. The trees will come in 5-gallon containers. Regular tree watering is the most important follow-up. According to the city Forestry Section, "By planting approved species, utilizing proper planting techniques, and by watering slowly and deeply rather than lightly, frequent application, the likelihood of sidewalk

damage is greatly diminished."

Here are a few basics of the program:

- Someone must act as a neighborhood coordinator—that would be me, Mike Danella.
  - Trees must be planted between the sidewalk and curb, not within the resident's yard.
  - A group of 25 to 75 residences (addresses) must commit to plant and water the trees in the parkway.
- For now, up to 75 residences can sign up. The neighborhood must plant the trees (or find volunteers to plant them).

Several species of trees will be available. Rank your preferred tree(s) on the attached sign-up sheet. There is no guarantee you will receive your preferred tree.

A waiting list is in effect, so first-come, first-served. A week or two prior to delivery, the Forestry Section will survey the neighborhood and mark optimal planting locations within the parkway (according to spacing and visibility requirements).

If you are interested, I can get you a form, either by email or regular mail. Once completed, I will coordinate with the city. I would like to get at least 25 addresses to begin the process and soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
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