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August 2012

MISTLETOE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, @ Lily B Clayton cafeteria

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sidewalk for Jerome?

I spoke with Jerry Simons - he is with the city of Fort Worth Transportation Programming. He recently distributed letters to residents of Jerome Street (from Rosedale to Park Place) soliciting their opinion of a potential sidewalk to provide a connection between Lily B. Clayton School and Newby Park. He is conducting a survey of affected property owners to determine support of this project. He said there are some funds available that can be used to construct sidewalks when schools are affected and a hazardous situation exists.

There is no guarantee that the sidewalks will be built, but a strong positive vote in favor of the sidewalk will go a long way in determining how the money will be used. Other areas in the city are in effect competing for use of the same available pot of funds.

He told me that he has received responses (either via phone or email) from 11 of the 35 affected property owners. He said he will go out again door-to-door to distribute letters again.

If you have received a letter and are in favor of a sidewalk, please either call or email Mr. Simons to let him know of your decision. It's not very often an opportunity like this comes along that money available for such a project. If you know an affected property owner that does not receive neighborhood emails, please let them know that their vote is important.

Mr. Simons can be reached at 817-392-7657 and at jerry.simons@fortworthtexasa.gov. I will keep in contact with Mr. Simons to see how this issue is progressing.

— Mike Danella, MHA President

July 4 Parade at the Triangle



See more July 4 photos, Pages 8-9



Looking for Newsletter Editor volunteer and Yard of the Month committee members

Contact Cynthia Wahl, cunninghamwahl@yahoo.com, for newsletter

Contact Anna Fuller, annahulle@hotmail.com, for Yard of the Month

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1126 Buck



Congratulations to Margaret and Walter Brady at 1126 Buck, recipients of the Mistletoe Heights Association Yard of the Month for August. After living in the house for several years, the Brady's removed all the old shrubs and edging in fall 2011, and installed a revamped landscape in spring 2012. While Walter certainly enjoys the lovely new setting, Margaret is the main gardener in the family.

Working with a friend who is a professional landscaper, Margaret laid out flower beds in graceful, undulating curves that sweep across the front of the house and outlined them with river rocks. The beds are filled with a variety of ground cover, shrubs, perennials, and annuals. A large live oak tree near the front walk shades the mid-section of the beds, the corners receive full sun, and some areas in between receive only dappled sunlight, necessitating thoughtful care when selecting and placing plants.

For shrubs, Margaret chose pink Indian hawthorn along with hollies pruned to tall, pyramidal shapes. Mondo grass, which does well in both shade and partial shade, is the dominant groundcover planted alongside variegated hostas. A Japanese maple, which must be protected from the hot Texas sun, is planted in a shady corner near the porch. Several varieties of ferns (one of Margaret's favorite plants) provide texture, and shade-loving annuals such as caladiums and impatiens provide spots of color. In areas that receive partial or full sun, Margaret planted variegated liriopse, gerbera daisies, lavender, lamb's ear, salvias, verbena, and hardy plumbago. A camellia bush near the porch is loaded with buds and should provide beautiful color in cooler months to come.

Mistletoe Heights Association expresses appreciation to Margaret and Walter for helping beautify our neighborhood. A special thanks to Calloway's Nursery for their support through the generous donation of a \$25 gift certificate to each Yard-of-the-Month recipient.

Margaret's Gardening Tip

- (1) Don't be afraid to be a "trial and error" gardener -- plants can always be moved around to find a spot that works best for the plant and for your garden.
- (2) Before discarding or giving up on a plant, observe it through more than one season. What shows little promise in spring might have qualities that make it your favorite plant in fall or winter.

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This summer, the Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Association is happy to welcome three new families into the neighborhood, including the Naders on Weatherbee, the Neuweilers on Mistletoe Drive and the Crumblishes on Mistletoe Boulevard.

To give you a better feel for who the Crumblishes are, below is a family picture taken when they were visiting their son Eamonn, a sophomore at the Naval Academy. They moved here from Dallas when Mark took a job with Lockheed Martin. Both Eamonn and Connor play ice hockey; Eamonn for Navy and Connor for the Arkansas Razorbacks. Chandler will be a senior this year at Nolan Catholic and has won 6 state titles in cross country and track. We're happy you chose our little neighborhood - and look forward to seeing you around!



Upcoming Mistletoe Events

- **Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood association Meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 7**
Lily B. Clayton cafeteria, 2000 Park Place
- **Fall Covered Dish Dinner**
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- **Bow-tying Party for our Street Light Decorations,**
November 18th, 2012, 3 p.m.
2237 Irwin - Hosted by **Susan and Gary Willis**
- **Mistletoe Heights Neighborhood Holiday Party,**
December 2, 2012

Host an event - here's how

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City Council briefed on plan to reopen historic Forest Park pool

- From www.fortworthtexas.gov website:

City Council members had the first glance at a unique public/private partnership that would allow Fort Worth to reopen its oldest public pool.

Forest Park pool, located in the heart of the city, opened in 1922, but was closed at the end of the summer of 2010. It was the last of the city's seven public pools closed due to dwindling resources and high maintenance costs.

At July 24 City Council meeting, staff told councilmembers that The Radler Foundation has agreed to donate the large majority of the cost required to reopen Forest Park pool. According to the preliminary agreement, the city would match a percentage of the donation to complete the necessary work.

This public/private partnership would allow Forest Park pool to open for the 2013 swim season.

Full story at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/citynews/default.aspx?id=100046>

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Many receiving natural gas lease payments

From Aaron Shutt -

I believe it is an annual payment to hold the lease until actual production begins. The check stub indicates that it is an annual payment. Until they build a pipeline and gas prices rebound, this will be what we get. It could be some years until that happens.

From Norm Stemple -

The lease most of us signed in November 2007 had an "Initial Term of 4 years" which expired in November 2011. According to the terms of the lease "if no gas is produced for 90 days after the initial term there will be a shut-in royalty of \$25/acre paid to each lease holder". The lease does not expire since XTO has drilled a well and the well is capable of producing gas.

At this time I am trying to get an answer from XTO as to whether this payment is annual OR every 90 days.

When I get an answer I will let you know.

*Norm Stemple
Chairman, Gas lease committee*

City endorses feral cat TNR program

Fort Worth Code Compliance is endorsing a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program for feral cats, and will a proposed ordinance to City Council for consideration in the coming weeks.

The program is a mechanism to stabilize and/or reduce existing feral cat populations in Fort Worth, and comes following a community dialogue and a series of six public meetings that took place from November 2011 through July 2012. A majority of the public feedback received favored the program.

An estimated 3,000 feral cats come through the city's animal shelter annually, but currently there are no tools in place to monitor or address continued breeding and population growth of Fort Worth's feral cats.

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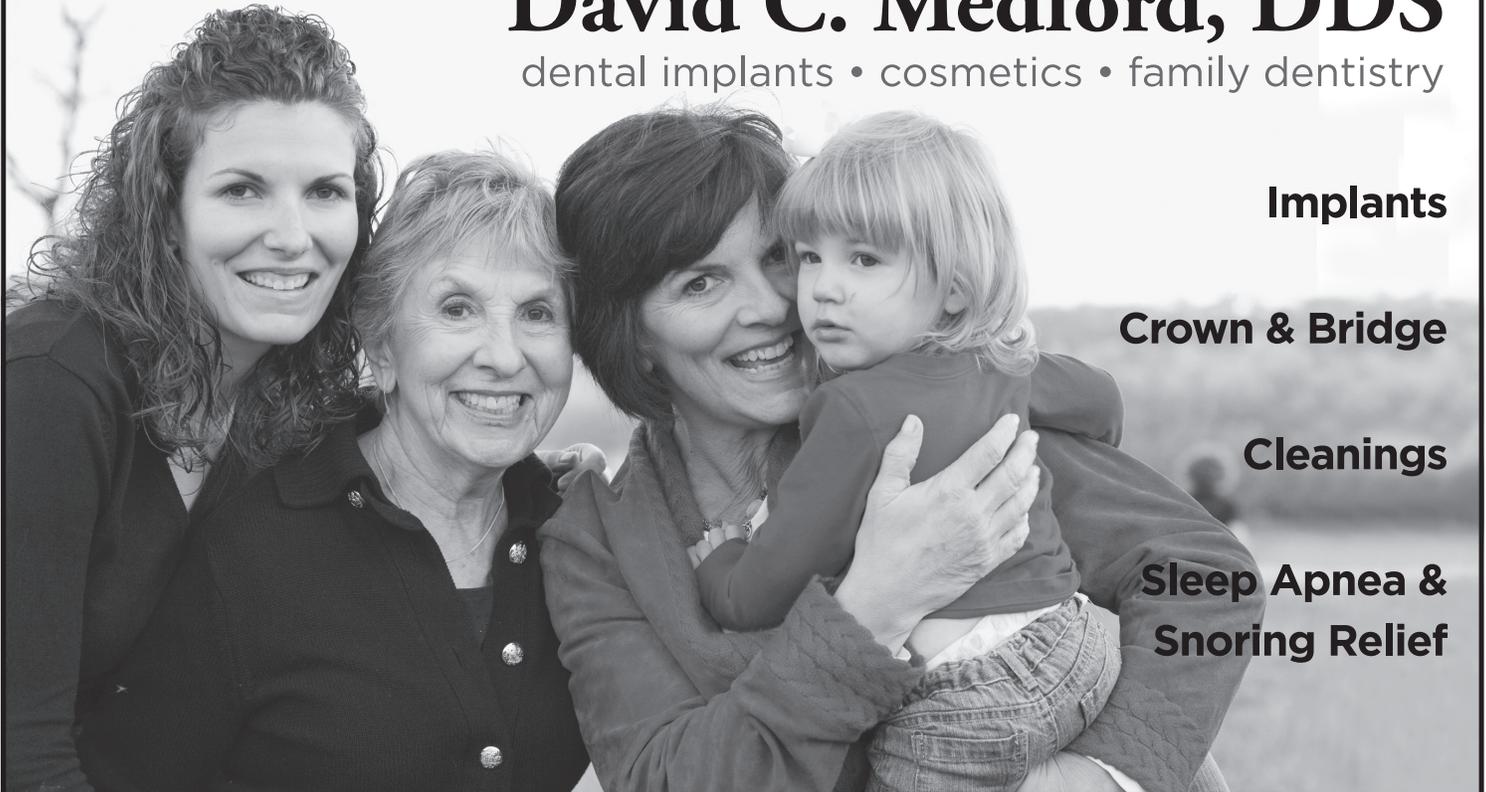
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We will conclude our dues drive in the Fall. Various levels of giving will be recognized in upcoming newsletters with the final recognition for the year being published in our November newsletter if received before October 15th.



Levels of giving for this year are:

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Dues Donations	1,106.00
Interest Income	0.66
Total Income	4,805.66

Expense

Easter Egg Hunt	222.77
Flag Program - Triangle	120.00
Maintenance - Newby, Berm, etc.	1,035.00
MHA Entrance	193.45
MHA Meeting Facility Rental	200.00
MHA Xmas Party - 2011	167.78
Newsletter Expenses	2,907.02
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Trinity River Bridge

By Rosaline Eastepp Takes

Jim Peipert, Suzanne Gill and I attended the Streams & Valleys, the City of Fort Worth, the Texas Department of Transportation-Fort Worth District and the North Texas Tollway Authority Community Meeting to learn more about the Chisholm Trail Parkway and related projects in the area.

The MH Bike Trail Access at Mistletoe Drive and West Rosedale South will have a pedestrian bridge crossing the Trinity (located near the current miniature train bridge), information kiosks, benches, bike racks and signage. A path will be extended on the east side of the river. This is scheduled for July 2013. There will be no parking lot or public restrooms at this location. There are plans to brightly light beneath the overpasses and bridges in this location.

Other trail heads will have additional accommodations such as restrooms and improved parking.

There will be a bike and pedestrian lane on the Vickery Bridge, as well as the new W. 7th street bridge. The W. 7th St. bridge is scheduled to begin construction Feb. 2013 and have a Thanksgiving 2013 opening. The Downtown Bike Patrol will be extended to other parts of the bike trail.

<http://streamsandvalleys.org/fw-trinity-river/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/CPT-Impact-Map.pdf>

Looking for cleanup volunteers

Adelaide Leavens, Executive Director of Streams & Valleys, is looking for volunteers to have a cleanup of the Trinity oxbow, the old channel of the Trinity River before it was channelized, sometime in September. For those unfamiliar with the river, the oxbow is located near the zoo between the Trinity and Mistletoe Heights.

There are some photos of the oxbow at this location: <http://www.guynesome.com/forestparkphotos.htm>

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