



# Mistletoe Express



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## President's Corner

Kyle Jensen

When we first moved into the neighborhood, we wanted to get to know our neighbors. Locating a time to introduce ourselves was up to chance because we were busy getting settled in and making that connection was important but not necessarily a priority. Knowing your neighbors, however, provides a safer, more connected community, one where people looking out for each other. You might just make some really strong, longlasting friendships.



If you ask an older member of the community what their favorite memory is, they likely will say something similar to spending time with a gathering of friends, family, and neighbors. Instead of hanging out in the backyard, why not spend more time in the front yard? Whether it's reading a book or magazine, enjoying a glass of wine, or trimming the hedge; being outdoors naturally leads to conversations with those passing by, coming home from work, or leaving for the evening. We live in a unique neighborhood that was designed for interaction with those around. Large porches in front for tolerable summer nights where you can sit and watch the neighborhood children (and your own) play. I think we need to take back our front porches and start rebuilding these social bonds that are so very important.

### Use the Front Porch or Yard

We're all very busy and getting to know people in your neighborhood does in fact take time. What I like to do is to turn the everyday activities into ones that may lead to introductions.

There was a time when facebook, video games, and the internet were not available. Talking, helping, and supporting one's local community were sources of entertainment.

If you don't have a front porch, spend time in your yard or a common area such as Newby Park or the Triangle.

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November 19, 7 pm  
Home of Cockerell Family  
1204 Mistletoe Drive

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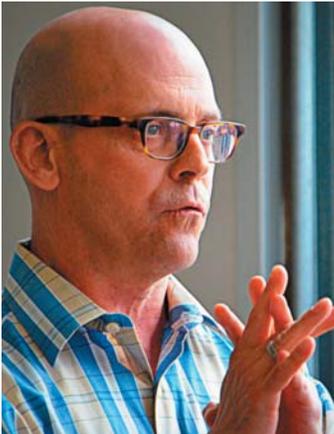
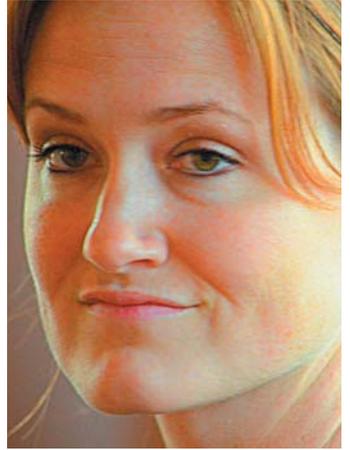
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# What's Up in the Neighborhood



## The Yard of the Month



## 2212 Mistletoe Blvd.

The September of the Yard of the Month goes to newlyweds David and Claudia Gunn at 2212 Mistletoe Blvd. David grew up in New Zealand and spent his teenage and college years in Australia before moving to England for graduate school. His career brought him to the United States (Atlanta, GA) where he eventually made his way to Fort Worth. Claudia comes from Philadelphia and has been in Fort Worth for thirty-three years. She moved to Mistletoe Heights in 1992. The couple married early this year.

The colorful orange cosmos flowers in their yard sealed the deal for the yard of the month. Other plants in the yard include lamb's ear, Jerusalem sages, and beautiful purple and white periwinkles. Like many others their biggest challenges are dealing with the heat and water restrictions.

When you are in the neighborhood be sure to tell these young newlyweds how much you enjoy their yard. If you have a neighbor you would like to nominate for yard of the month, email me at [williamtritter@yahoo.com](mailto:williamtritter@yahoo.com).

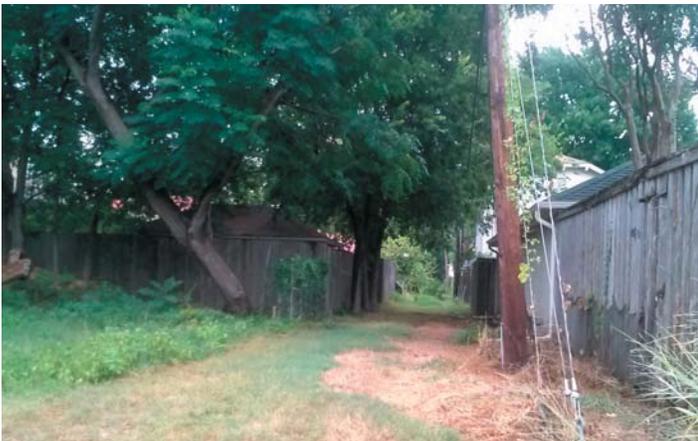
—William Ritter

## Alley Cleanup Day

There will be an Alley Cleanup Day October 19, from 8 am to noon. We need volunteers to provide labor, tools, and drinks and lunch. If there is an area in our neighborhood that you feel needs some special attention, please nominate that location and send photos and/or a list of what needs to be accomplished.

So far, we have two nominations: the alley south of Magnolia and a muddy sidewalk that is unpleasant for walkers.

There will be more information in the September and October newsletters. Please email Rosaline Eastepp Takes (secretary@mistletoeheights.org) or 817-207-9750 with nominations or to put your name on the volunteer list. If you know of a scout group that would like to volunteer, their help would be appreciated.



## We Need Your Help!

The neighborhood association is in need of volunteers!

We need one more **Historic Preservation Committee** volunteer! The committee chair is Roger Ross. Roger has graciously volunteered to head up this group. He needs one more volunteer to sit on the committee. Please contact him or Kyle if you are interested. Roger Ross: 817.372.6865, rogerlesley@me.com.

We need a **neighborhood historian!** The association is looking for someone to research the history of our neighborhood.

We need a **secretary.** The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at both officer meetings and neighborhood meetings.

We need an **advertising representative.** The ad rep is responsible for keeping track of ads for each newsletter issue and contacting advertisers to follow up on payment, ad files, and encouraging past advertisers to consider advertise with us again.

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September 6, 7–10 pm  
October 11, 7–10 pm



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## Pop-up Market

Pop-up Market is an outdoor shopping destination in the Near Southside. Shop handmade jewelry, art, collectibles and more. Dozens of artists, collectors, and crafters will setup once a month at Magnolia Green. Pop-up Market is held on Saturdays following Fort Worth South, Inc.'s Friday on the Green. Events benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Saturdays, September 7, and October 12,  
10 am–6 pm

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### Shake One Hand a Week

When we moved into the neighborhood last year, we were determined to get to know the very diverse area to which we had moved. So we set ourselves the task of shaking at least one new hand per week. We made it a priority to get more involved with the association; take on a task that we felt would benefit our area. This gave us an opportunity to introduce ourselves to new people and have a conversation. Take part in a committee (see page4), become the new historian (see page4), be part of our alley clean up day (see page3); this is a chance for you to be involved in making a difference. These are all wonderful ways to let the neighborhood know who you are.

It was becoming involved with the association that introduced me to a great neighbor who has ridden his bike across America. If I had simply waited for people to come to me, I never would've met this intelligent, energetic man. Now we spend time listening to music, making sure we keep riding, helping each other out when we need it—he is part of what makes this neighborhood great!

I highly recommend taking just 15 minutes a week to shake one new hand.

### What to Do If You Don't Have the Time or Energy

For many of us, time is so valuable that just thinking about doing any of the above suggestions is overwhelming. Getting to know someone doesn't need to be in the form of a formal get together or introduction, small gestures often go a long way to becoming more connected. We once wrote a note attached to a Ziploc bag filled with cookies and left it on a neighbor's porch. We mentioned that we live behind them and that we were there if they needed anything. It was simple and brief and in return, I found a really great friend.

You don't need to do much. Just a wave and a smile can make a big impact.

I would like to meet you. Stay Connected:

- Our Chat Room [www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors)
- On the back of your newsletter (drop us an email)
- Our webpage [www.mistletoeheights.org/contact](http://www.mistletoeheights.org/contact)
- Our next members meeting (Nov 19 @ 7:00 pm)

Join us as we make an effort to clean up our neighborhood and improve the quality of life for all those that live here.

— Kyle Jensen, MHA President

## Join the Mistletoe Heights Email List!

To subscribe to the Mistletoe Heights Residents mailing list, go to [mistletoeheights.org](http://mistletoeheights.org), click on "Email list" and look for "Subscribing to Residents." Enter your name and email address, and then click "Subscribe." Note: You may need to add [residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:residents-bounces@mistletoeheights.org) to your address book to receive emails. If you have questions or concerns, contact [moderator@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:moderator@mistletoeheights.org).

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When was the last time you visited the neighborhood website ([www.mistletoeheights.org](http://www.mistletoeheights.org))? Our neighborhood volunteers have been working to update information on the site. The "Our History" link has been updated to include additional information researched by Wyatt Teague and originally published in the Mistletoe Express Newsletter. The "Map Mistletoe Heights" link has been updated to include various map views of Mistletoe Heights from the early 1900s. What was the name of your street 100 years ago? Finally, a new link called "Gallery" has been added. This is a collection of photographs from the neighborhood that you might enjoy seeing. Our neighbor Jim Peipert (and others) have provided us with photos of virtually every house in the neighborhood. We are also working to obtain historical photographs to add to the collection. Do you have any old photos that your neighbors might find interesting? You can register and add the photos yourself or contact me and I will be glad to add them for you. If you only have original prints, we can scan them and save them to the site—not a problem!

Are you interested in helping with website content? Did you find an error that needs to be corrected? Let me hear from you.

Sincerely, Scott Ewing, [webmaster@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:webmaster@mistletoeheights.org) or [see@prodigy.net](mailto:see@prodigy.net)



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Our annual dues drive begins in April and continues through October. You will see this flyer in our newsletter each of those months as we collect dues donations for our neighborhood association. New this year -- we will recognize donors in EVERY newsletter through October with the final recognition published in our December issue.



Levels of giving for this year are:

Mistletoe – up to \$25

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As of August 24, 2013

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There is still time to get your dues in to be included in next month's donation list. We put your funds to use through neighborhood activities, newsletters and other activities. Please join us! See the flyer in this month's newsletter for information on how to donate.

### 2013 Levels of Giving

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2100 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2200 Mistletoe Ave.	
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2100/2200 Edwin	
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2300 Irwin	
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2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
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1100 Clara	
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1200 Clara	
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1100 Buck	
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Mistletoe Drive	
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