

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

There are a handful of commercials that I actually look forward to seeing. One of them starts by showing a little boy seeing others kids spraying paint on a wall of a man's store. He sees the result of their actions and feels hurt. He then sees a boy at school getting bullied by another student and he again feels the hurt. Those actions cause him to want change for the world. He does one good deed, which spurs a chain of good deeds. I love this commercial because it helps to shape my own frame of mind. In the end, the boy's actions come full circle. This commercial always brings a smile to my face, and a recommitment in my heart to do good deeds. (http:// youtu.be/XtIsiKu_JUg) I've always wondered if witnessing acts of kindness has a similar effect on others as well, and apparently some researchers have had the same question.

Psychologists from a number of universities recently conducted a study where participants viewed either a neutral or uplifting video of people expressing gratitude to their mentors, which was designed to provide a burst of positive feelings. Many participants then wrote essays about what they saw, and were paid for their time. Researchers found that those who watched the uplifting clips were more likely to volunteer as subjects for future projects.



While it can be argued that those who watched pleasant and uplifting videos were more likely to participate in future studies because they found the experience more enjoyable, and more likely to repeat it, the willingness to help in the future by those who watched others display kindness can also be interpreted as a greater propensity toward helping others. The research continued. In the second part of the study, the research assistant helping with the project pretended to have trouble opening a computer file necessary for the experiment. She told everyone that they were free to leave, but asked if they would be willing to fill out a questionnaire that she described as boring.

The results of this study put a smile on my face. Participants who viewed the uplifting clip spend about twice as much time helping the assistant as did participants in either of the other groups! This means that finding the experiment enjoyable, or wanting to make additional money participating in studies, isn't what was behind people's willingness to help out. The researchers themselves concluded that "by drawing out positivity, even brief exposure to other individuals' communal behavior, motivates selflessness, thus potentially providing an avenue for increasing the general level of community in society."

This research left me with a warm, fuzzy feeling and a determination to see this in action in my own life. Will people in my community be kinder

Will they be less stressed? I intend to find out, Kyle Jensen though I expect I already know the answer.

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1312 Mistletoe Drive

Selected for the April Yard of the Month is the beautiful home of Jeff & Karen Bourland located at 1312 Mistletoe Dr. When Jeff and Karen moved into the house 10 years ago, with their four children, it was a homecoming for Jeff because this is the same house he grew up in as a child.

Impressive features of the yard are the well-manicured lawn and the precisely trimmed boxwoods that span the entire width of the house. The house sits on a one-acre lot with abundant trees that create a peaceful and serene setting.

-Dena Goetz



** A big "thank you" to Dena for taking over Yard of the Month!



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Get your Easter basket ready for the annual Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt at Newby Park on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. To participate, deliver two dozen plastic eggs filled with age appropriate candy or toys to 2341 W. Magnolia Ave by Thursday, April 17. Be sure to put your child's age, name, and a telephone number on the bag. Remember to bring your Easter basket and camera to the Egg Hunt. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance!

All neighbors are welcome to come to Newby Park Saturday morning and watch the Egg Hunt. Coffee, juice, and bagels will be provided compliments of the Neighborhood Association. For more information, call Susan Pressley at 817-308-1484.

If it rains, the Easter Egg Hunt will be rescheduled for 2:00 p.m., and if it is still raining, the hunt will be cancelled and your eggs can be picked up at 2341 W. Magnolia. www.edwardjones.com

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Welcome to the Neighborhood

We have new neighbors on Irwin Street! Erin Peick and her daughter, Anna, have recently moved in to 2205 Irwin. She has been looking for a house in Mistletoe Heights for several years and is happy to finally be here! Erin is a freelance editor and has lived in the Fort Worth area for 10 years.

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What would you like to see in the newsletter?

We want your feedback! What topics would you like to see in the newsletter? Send us your suggestions: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.



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Your Spring Garden

Here are a few vegetables to plant in your garden this spring:

Lettuces Collard Greens Kales Cabbage Radishes Broccoli Arugula Beets Carrots Onions Potatoes Spinach Herbs Turnips



Fun Runs in the Area

Run for Sarah 5K and 1 Mile Run/ Walk Saturday, April 5, 8 a.m. runontexas.com

Armageddon Ambush: The Extreme Mud Run Saturday, April 5, 8:30 am runontexas.com

18th Annual Victory Over Violence Run Saturday, April 12, 8 am runontexas.com

Tracy's Race Against Melanoma Saturday, may 17, 7:45 am runontexas.com

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Good Will

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Gardening Ideas

Your Family's Story

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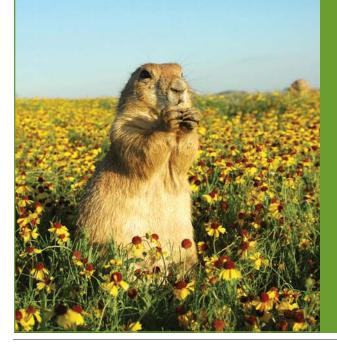
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Decorating Ideas

Special Events Come In All Varieties

Indulge your love of nature with BRIT's free family events, special exhibits and Camp BRIT.



May 3 | BRIT's Prairie Day

Join us in celebrating our unique bioregion, the Fort Worth Prairie, with family-friendly events and activities.

May 16 - July 21

Fort Worth ISD Student Teacher Art Show Come celebrate the working artists of FWISD as this joint student/teacher art show!

June 7 | First Saturday

A free family fun event featuring Saturday Science: Agents of Change, Bella's Story Time, Plant ID, and Farmers Market.

June - Aug<u>ust | Camp BRIT™</u>

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June 14 - August 16

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	Sold Price/ SF Range	Sold Price Range
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Mistletoe	\$130 - \$205	\$222K - \$840K
Ryan Place	\$110 - \$173	\$212K - 565K
Fairmount	\$105 - \$143	\$200K - \$332K

The low inventory of existing homes is pushing prices up in many neighborhoods and producing a strong sellers market!



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Thank You!

To Carol Zuber-Mallison for our new logos!

Fort Worth Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale!

Saturday, April 5 9 am to 2 pm

THE BANK NEXT DOOR

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Check out our website: mistletoeheights.org Join us on Facebook: facebook.com/mistletoeheights

Next Neighborhood Meeting

May 20, 7 pm At the home of Robert and Stefanie Piwetz 2217 Irwin



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Chisholm Trail Parkway Update

This information is from: www.ntta.org.

The North Texas Tollway Authority's Chisholm Trail Parkway is anticipated to open to traffic in the month of May 2014. The toll road extends 27.6 miles from west of Fort Worth's business district south to U.S. 67 in Cleburne. The north-south toll road provides motorists with an alternative to Interstate 35W.

The project is a collaboration between the NTTA, Texas Department of Transportation and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Tarrant and Johnson counties, the cities of Burleson, Cleburne and Fort Worth, and the Union Pacific Railroad and the Fort Worth and Western Railroad.

Chisholm Trail Parkway is an all-electronic, or cashless, tolling road, meaning no tollbooths. Electronic tolling systems assess tolls for motorists as they travel. TollTag customers have the lowest rates; ZipCash, the pay-by-mail system, are assessed at a higher rate.

The following speed limits will be posted on the Chisholm Trail Parkway at its opening:

- From downtown Fort Worth to north of State Highway 183: 50 mph
- From SH 183 to Altamesa Boulevard: 60 mph
- From Altamesa Boulevard to U.S. 67: 70 mph

The NTTA will announce an exact date for the Chisholm Trail Parkway opening in the coming weeks. For more information on the Parkway, visit the NTTA website, contact us via email or call 817-202-9384 in Johnson County and 817-916-5105 in Tarrant County.

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The officers of the Mistletoe Heights Association encourage you to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter. These organizations pay to be in our newsletter and support our neighborhood. Their business also makes this publication possible; without them we would not be able to provide printed newsletters to every household in the neighborhood free of charge.





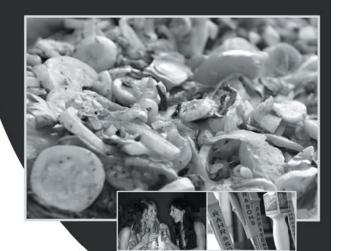
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Kimbell Art Museum

Permanent Collection Samurai: Armor from the Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Collection through August 17

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth David Bates through May 11

President's Corner

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How will you use this story in your own life? Share your experiences with us in next month's newsletter. We plan to start a page that is designated for anything you want to contribute to the neighborhood. Share a story; send us your favorite recipe; say thank you; or share your arts and crafts projects, whatever you choose to share, we will include it. Write a paragraph or two of "Good Will" and send it to newsletter@mistletoeheights.org by the tenth of the month. See Page 6. Bring a smile to someone's face!

Get connected. Be more engaging. We have lots of avenues to make our community better than the way we found it.

1. Facebook Chat Room www.facebook.com/groups/mhneighbors

- 2. NextDoor page www.mistletoeheights.nextdoor.com
- 3. Webpage www.mistletoeheights.org/contact
- 4. Next neighborhood meeting

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5. The back of the newsletter

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

Sidewalk for Jerome

If you could do one small thing to improve Mistletoe Heights, would you take the time to do it? What if it made a REAL difference and it only took a couple of minutes?

Hello Neighbors! A group of volunteers has formed a committee to get continuous sidewalks installed on Jerome. Jerome has some of the heaviest traffic in the neighborhood, but it's also a major thoroughfare for pedestrians. Families with small children walk along Jerome to get to Lily B. and Newby Park. It's also a preferred route for joggers and dog walkers. The lack of continuous sidewalks means that people are forced to walk in the street with traffic, creating a potentially dangerous situation. We believe the city should complete the sidewalks on Jerome to make our neighborhood a safer and more livable community. It's a relatively easy and inexpensive project that would have a big impact on our neighborhood.

We are asking you to take a few minutes to write to Councilman Joel Burns and TPW Director, Doug Wiersig. Tell them the completion of sidewalks on Jerome is an important safety project that should be done as soon as possible. The city needs to know this matters to us! The more people that they hear from, the more likely we are to get sidewalks.

We know that when we work together as a neighborhood we can accomplish our goals. Please write to Councilman Burns and Director Wiersig today. We can do this; we just need your help.

Councilman Joel Burns Joel.burns@fortworthtexas.gov **Director Doug Wiersig** Doug.wiersig@fortworthtexas.gov

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City Code violations	817.392.1234	East of Forest Park		Voluntary dues are \$15,
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Police-nonemergency	817.335.4222	2200 Irwin		this newsletter, the Mistletoe
Garage sale permits	817.392.7851	Gary Willis	817.924.4000	Heights phone directory and
Graffiti abatement	817.212.2700	2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd		
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schools.fwisd.org/clayton		2100/2200 West Magnolia	a	Please make your check
Paschal High School	817.814000	Colleen Shutt	214.455.9097	payable to Mistletoe Heights
paschalhs.org		2200 Harrison		Association. Mail to: Jeri Jo
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Roger Ross	817.372.6865	Marc & Kathy Jo Rogers	817.923.3304	
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