

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Josh Lindsay

Sometimes I get eye rolls or apologies when I introduce myself as president of the Mistletoe Heights Association.



Lets face it, Mistletoe Heights has a reputation of having an active, vocal and sometimes contentious membership group.

That same characteristic that gets an occasional negative reaction is the very reason I agreed to volunteer for this position.

I knew that it would put me in contact with a bunch of thoughtful people whom I hadn't yet met. Interesting people get involved, and with about 500 residences, Mistletoe Heights has no shortage of new people to meet.

When we moved here 13 years ago as newlyweds, my wife, Lili, and I walked in to our first Mistletoe Heights Christmas party not knowing anyone. Somehow we latched on to a very well-traveled couple, Jim and Mary Ellen Peipert, and we haven't let go of them since.

On Feb. 17, I managed to get through my first MHA meeting as president right in the Peiperts' living room. The Peiperts were just the first in a long line of rewarding neighborhood relationships.

In February, I was especially lucky in this respect.

I had the privilege of meeting a family whose members in the most tragic of circumstances delivered a message of hope and love that will stay with me forever.

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Down-to-the-studs renovation was not quite the nightmare it could have been

By Ashley Hedrick

Last year, our family took on an exciting project when we decided to purchase and renovate the 1919 Craftsman-style house next-door to our own home on Irwin Street. This is the story of what turned out to be quite an enjoyable experience!

After more than 30 years in our neighborhood, our wonderful neighbors, Sue and Duncan Duvall, told us that they would be moving to Washington State.

I feared we would be lost without Sue's watchful eye and was sure all my plants would die without her expert



Renovated home at 2305 Irwin St.

knowledge of all things botanical. And the absence of Duncan's American flag bandana and hummable classic rock tunes wafting over the fence as he worked in his garage would take some color out of our Saturdays.

Once we accepted the fact that we would be on our own, we spent a few late nights contemplating the family budget and decided to make our friends an offer on their house. We quickly reached an agreement.

Hoping that my degrees in architecture and interior design would serve me well, I began planning updates – a large, open kitchen with an attached family room and a larger master bedroom – added in ways that would preserve the house's historic charm in accord with the Mistletoe Heights Historical and Cultural District guidelines.

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What's Up in the Neighborhood



A blanket of white in Mistletoe Heights

Photos By Jim Peipert

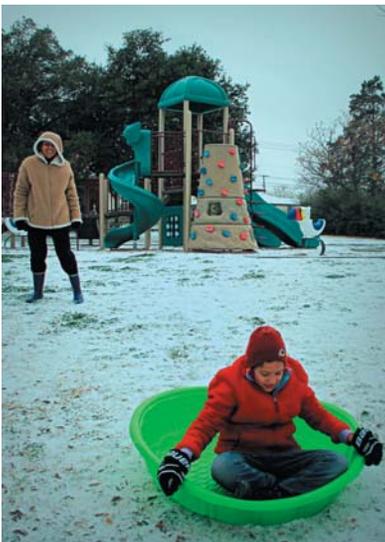
After a spate of deliciously warm days in February, winter decided it wasn't quite ready to let go of North Texas.

After a day of steady rain on Sunday, Feb. 22, sleet began to cover the ground in the early morning hours of Monday, Feb. 23.

The Fort Worth school district and others in the area announced that schools would be closed because of icy roads, and many local companies urged employees to try to work from home.

Mail was delivered normally. But the city reported that the collection of trash and recycling materials was canceled in Fort Worth on Monday and that pickup services would be delayed by one day.

Despite the weather, a few hardy souls – parents and kids – ventured out to walk dogs or play in Newby Park.



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I also had the privilege of meeting a longtime Mistletoe Heights resident who used her own time and money to go through the complex process of rezoning a piece of property to better fit in with the current neighborhood standards.

Both encounters left me deeply grateful for the experience. I look forward to meeting more of you at upcoming events.

If you wish to contact me, here is my information.

—**Josh Lindsay, MHA president**
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Get connected. Be more engaging. Please share with us your experiences of good will in the neighborhood to newsletter@mistletoeheights.org and write me at president@mistletoeheights.org. Here are some ways to find out what's going on in the neighborhood.

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Where does the money go?

Did you ever wonder what your Mistletoe Heights Association dues are used for?

Some of the things paid for by the voluntary donations from neighbors are the neighborhood cheer stations for such events as the Cowtown Marathon and the Mayor's Triathlon (coffee, noisemakers) and the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Newby Park (coffee, soft drinks and snacks).

Volunteers needed

We need more volunteers! Help us make this neighborhood better.

We need some people to host the next members' meetings – on

May 19, Aug. 18 and Nov. 17.

MHA is looking for four to five people to join the Historical Preservation Committee. Help us ensure the integrity of the architecture in our community.

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Mark your calendars!

Mistletoe Heights Association members' meetings are held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month. The next quarterly meeting will be on May 19, followed by meetings on Aug. 18 and Nov. 17. We are seeking hosts for the next three meetings. If you are interested, please contact President Josh Lindsay.

As of January, all Fort Worth City Council meetings are to be held in the evening, enabling more people to attend. Meetings are in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth. The meetings begin at 7 p.m.





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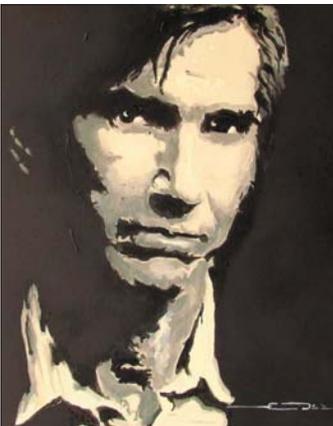
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Follow the trail to some ...

A-Maze-ing Places

The answer to this month's A-Maze-ing Place, with some information about it, can be found on Page 9.



At Arts Fifth Avenue

Townes Van Zandt & the Fort Worth Blues, a multi-media live performance exploring the life and death of Fort Worth native John Townes Van Zandt, written and compiled by Bruce Payne. Saturday, March 7 at 8 p.m. Admission \$15.

HomeTOWNES Fest, screenings of a documentary about Townes Van Zandt, *Be Here to Love Me*, and an *Austin City Limits* tribute to the music of Van Zandt, followed by a selection of local musicians performing the music of Van Zandt. Sunday, March 8, beginning at 2 p.m. \$10.

Most improved yards



1150 Clara St.



1211 Mistletoe Drive

– but she knows who she is. The lawn is always well kept; however, this last year she had formal beds created and extensive plantings put in them. There are, among the plant materials, roses. A Japanese maple is also a feature of the yard. She always keeps plants in the two large pots at the end of the sidewalk leading to the house as well. The tried-and-true liriopse and yucca next to the drive maintain the classic landscape effect. The parkways are planted with Asian jasmine and the whole package comes together as a complement to the beautiful architecture of the home.

Second is the new home at 1150 Clara St. Before this home was built, the property was a neighborhood eyesore. Again I can't cite the name of the homeowners because they're not in the directory! The yard has been sodded with Bermuda grass and there are two nice-sized specimen trees in front. The front beds have loropetalum as their main feature. There are also two spots of annual color in front. Along the side are red canna lilies and some other shrubs that have lost most of their leaves right now, so I can't identify them. The traditional landscape enhances the house's fitting well into our neighborhood.

Many thanks to both homeowners for beautifying their yards – something that all of us can enjoy.



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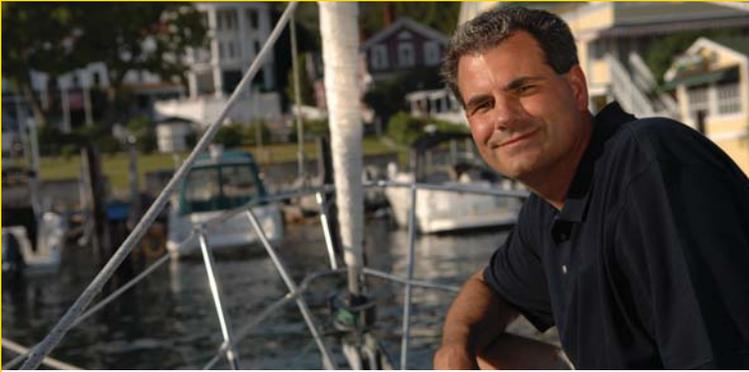
Again this space will be used for the most improved yards in Mistletoe Heights.

The regular, monthly Yard of the Month articles will start appearing again in the April newsletter.

Please note that even the excellent photography of our neighborhood photographer can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. So photographs taken in the winter aren't revealing of what a yard looks like when it's in season!

First is 1211 Mistletoe Drive. I can't tell you the homeowner's name because it's not listed in the directory

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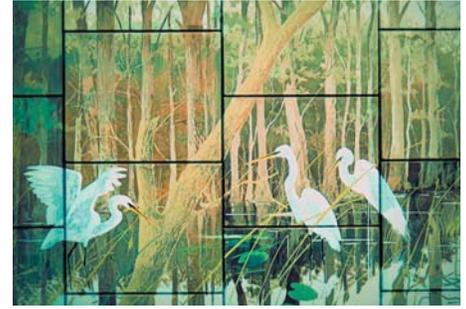
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An idea to discourage graffiti: Artistic murals in public places

By Barbara Taylor

Are we to be plagued by gonzo “artwork” that appears overnight in our public spaces? There might be a remedy for Mistletoe Heights to consider. The new underpass at Interstate 30 and Forest Park Boulevard has already been tagged several times by graffiti vandals, apparently tempted by those “blank canvases.” But here’s an idea to discourage unwanted graffiti: Mistletoe Heights could seek funding and approvals to engage the services of an experienced artist to create a series of murals for the wall surfaces beneath I-30 and along the access routes and ramps.

With the addition of lighting to highlight the beauty (and increase the visibility) of the murals, this creation could bring an artistic identity to our area. It also might discourage taggers from tampering with someone else’s work.

Neighbor Jim Peipert and I recently drove over to Grand Prairie, where I wanted him to see the murals that I’d been admiring for several years. He took some wonderful photos, which accompany this article. The murals are at the underpass beneath I-30 at the intersection of Beltline Road. Perhaps the photos will prompt interest in supporting such an endeavor for our own neighborhood. If we could see this through, years from now we’d still have an artistic creation that provides an identity and recognition for our community.

Some sunny afternoon, please drive over to Grand Prairie to take a long look at the wonderful murals there. They were designed and installed in 2003-2004 and, to my knowledge, and after close examination, they seem never to have been tagged. They do have scrapes and abrasions after 12 years, but show no signs of vandalism.

Funding would have to be secured. Money for public artworks can be applied for, but the approval process can take a long time and there’s a lot of competition for such projects. Perhaps donations from the neighborhood and local businesses are possible.

The Grand Prairie art design group could be contacted for information. But there’s a mural artist in Fort Worth, Lauren Childs, daughter of a former resident of Mistletoe Heights, and surely others as well, who might be able to create the vision and execute the murals. Other readers may know a great deal more about such things than I do, and perhaps they could offer some advice. For me, it’s just an idea, based on the wonderful feeling I get every time I drive through that intersection to visit my brother and mom in Irving. I have always wished I had time to stop and absorb it all more fully. I hope others will agree, and that we might have the resources to pursue it. It seems like a good idea!

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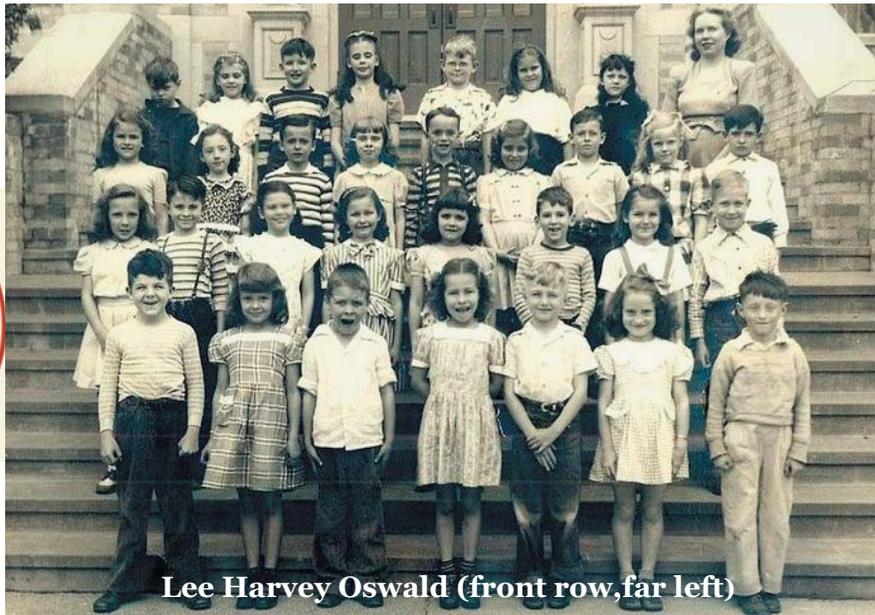
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Lee Harvey Oswald (front row, far left)



This month's A-Maze-ing Place is ...

Sweet Lily B.

Lily B. Clayton Elementary School, at 2000 Park Place, opened in February 1922 to serve the developing neighborhoods of Mistletoe Heights and Berkeley Place. It had only 79 students and three teachers when it began its life as Mistletoe Heights Elementary School. The first principal was Lulu Parker, the first woman to lead a Fort Worth school. The school was later named for another remarkable Fort Worth teacher, Lily B. Clayton, who began teaching in 1885 and continued for 50 years.

When it opened, the school was much smaller than it is now. Clad in pink brick, the school consisted of what is now the southwestern corner of the building. It was designed by Wiley G. Clarkson and constructed by Harry B. Friedman. Four classrooms were added in 1924. In 1938, the two-story wings on the south and east sides of the building were added as a part of the federal Works Progress Administration. At that time, the front facade of the original building was clad in matching yellow and orange brick. The 1938 addition consisted of six classrooms, a library, kindergarten room with a fishpond, a cafeteria and an auditorium. In addition to the yellow and orange brick, this addition included a clay tile roof and panels depicting Mother Goose rhymes. The grounds were also landscaped as a part of the WPA program. A freestanding gymnasium was constructed in 1989. In 2003, a two-story, 14-classroom addition was built; it connected the east wing with the gymnasium on the west. It was designed by Hahnfeld, Hoffer, Stanford Architects and is compatible with the earlier building and the additions.

Lily B. has a long history of civic support. During the 1970s, when Mistletoe Heights was in a state of decline, a group of parents and community leaders started an after-school childcare program. Their action successfully reversed a diminishing enrollment. Today, Lily B. Clayton serves more than 500 children from surrounding neighborhoods and transfer students from throughout the district.

Designated as a Historic and City Landmark in 1990 by then-Mayor Kay Granger and the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission, Lily B. remains a testament to the architectural style of the 1920s and a visual reminder of quality WPA projects from the 1930s. The oldest section (the fifth-grade hallway) was extended in 1936 and comprises the front entrance, auditorium and kindergarten classrooms. The beautiful wood doors are replicas of the 1922 and 1936 originals and were provided by the PTA and school district in the mid-1980s. Lily B's 2003 addition was painstakingly planned to match the style and grace of the original building. A FWISD bond program funded the resulting cafeteria, library and 14 new classrooms. In 2003 and 2005, the PTA bought and donated playground equipment for all the "Lily Bees" to enjoy. A brick marquee was added in 2004 to provide families with reminders of the many school year events.

A bit of Lily B. trivia that some neighbors may not be aware of is that Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, was in second grade at the school – from Sept. 9, 1947, to March 18, 1948. His connection with Lily B. was duly noted in the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination. Phil Vinson, a former reporter at the *Star-Telegram*, recalled memories of Oswald as his second-grade classmate in an Oct. 19, 2013, *Star-Telegram* story by Anna M. Tinsley. Vinson remembered that Oswald was a little bigger, taller and more muscular than the other second-grade boys, making him much in demand during recess. "Everyone kind of looked up to him," said Vinson, 73 at the time. "He was admired to some extent. ... [Some] thought he was kind of cool, kind of rough and tough, a muscular and well-developed kid for the second grade. "One boy ... said he asked Oswald one time, 'How did you get so big and strong?' He said Oswald said, 'Because I eats me spinach,'" said Vinson, who, after his time at the *Star-Telegram*, became a professor at the University of Texas at Arlington and a freelance writer. Vinson said he didn't see or think about Oswald for years – until he was among the group of *Star-Telegram* reporters in Dallas covering the assassination. He wrote a small first-person story that ran in the paper with his class photo.

Hop on over to the Easter Egg Hunt



Susan Pressley with the Easter Bunny at the 2013 hunt

Get your Easter basket ready for the annual Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt at Newby Park on Saturday, April 4, 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 2.

Be sure to put your child's age, name and 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 p.m. If the rain hasn't stopped by then, the hunt will be canceled and your eggs can be picked up at 2341 W. Magnolia.

-- Susan Pressley

In the city

- Don't miss the kickoff to the Near Southside's next transformative project, a South Main Street "complete street" project that extends from Vickery Boulevard to Magnolia Avenue. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., March 2, at 120 S. Main St. (the Amphibian Stage Productions parking lot).

The project will include a new concrete roadway; wider sidewalks linked with trees and historic lamp posts; upgraded water, sewer and stormwater utilities; protected parallel parking for adjacent businesses; dedicated lanes for bicyclists; and distinctive sidewalk sculptures by artist Benito Huerta.

- Mayor Betsy Price's State of the City address, 11:30 a.m., March 4, Grand Ballroom, Fort Worth Convention Center.

- Also check out the Blue Zones Project, which kicked off Feb. 21 to make Fort Worth a happier and healthier community. <https://communities.bluezonesproject.com>

In the Cultural District



Amon Carter Museum of American Art

American Still Life, Feb. 14-Aug. 1

Audubon's Beasts, Jan. 15-Aug. 2

Benito Huerta: Axis Mundi, Feb. 25-May 17

Like Father, Like Son: Edward and Brett Weston, Feb. 21-Aug. 23

Lone Star Portraits through May 17

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Down-to-the-studs renovation was not quite the nightmare it could have been

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The first things that we discovered were that the house needed new plumbing and electrical wiring, on top of the central air conditioning that we knew we had to add, and that the old hardwood floor was too thin to be re-sanded one more time.

We decided to take the house down to the studs. This did provide me with a blank slate, making it easier to remove walls and create the open floor plan.

Finally, we decided to add a laundry room off the kitchen and a new master bedroom over the first-story den that had been added to the back of the house in the 1970s.

As with any project, there were some bumps along the way. I will mention just two that took us by surprise and required some last-minute adjustments.

First, a good-natured permit inspector informed us that we had to add 12 inches of headspace to the stairs. This necessitated the addition of a strangely angled wedge between the wall and floor upstairs, jutting into the already small Jack-and-Jill bathroom above.

After moving from panic to despair, we decided to cover this new, unsightly and useless wedge with a bench. The bench in the bathroom provides a place to sit while bathing a child or to lay clothes while showering. But, best of all, it hides the wedge!

Second, the city denied our initial request to close off a window on the side of the house to add kitchen storage. In hindsight, it was all for the best, both from a historic preservation and economic perspective.

At the suggestion of the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission, we left the window visible from the outside and boarded it over on the inside.

We placed blinds in the window before adding insulation and drywall so that from the street it still looks like a functional window and maintains the original look of the house from the outside.

If you would like to hear more about the bumps we encountered or any of the other things that we learned along the way, feel free to swing by or stop us as we stroll with (or chase after) our two young boys on the neighborhood's sidewalks!

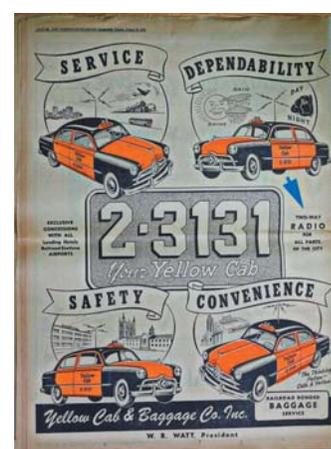
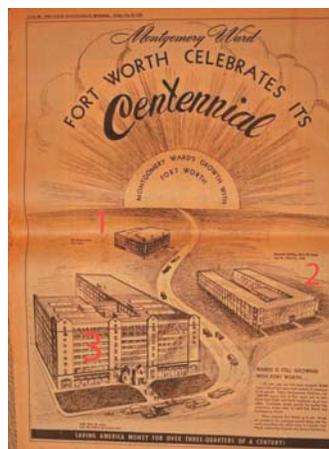
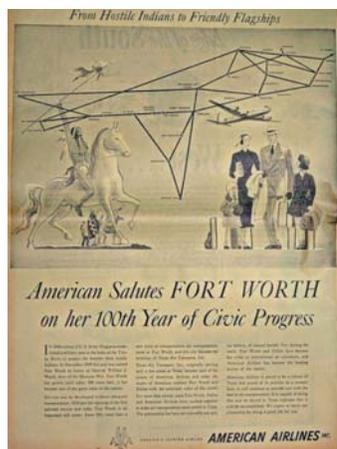
As I write this article in early February, almost two years and about 30 trips to the Old Home Supply in Fairmount after the purchase, the house is on the market and I feel a great sense of relief that it is completed.

However, I am even more excited for the new family that will hopefully call 2305 Irwin home and begin to enjoy our wonderful neighborhood!



Photos by Ashley Hedrick

A nostalgic look back to 1949



By Jim Peipert

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Fort Worth by Maj. Ripley Arnold in 1849, the *Star-Telegram* published on Oct. 30, 1949, a special edition containing stories on 100 years of the city's history and many full-page ads.

Fort Worth photographer Brian Luenser, who regularly posts his stunning images of the city on his Facebook page, recently acquired a copy of that mammoth, 480-page edition and scanned and posted some of the full-page ads, as shown on this page.

Some older residents of Mistletoe Heights might still remember that *Star-Telegram* edition and the businesses advertised therein.

American Airlines, of course, is still around. Born in 1930 as a result of a merger of Southern Air Transport and Texas Airways, American Airlines had its corporate headquarters in New York until 1979, when it moved to Fort Worth.

After its merger with US Airways in 2013, American Airlines became the world's largest air carrier. It is one of Fort Worth's biggest employers, with current and former employees living in Mistletoe Heights.

The Yellow Cab Co. is also still around. Founded in Chicago in 1915 by John D. Hertz, who also founded the Hertz Corp., the company now operates nationwide. Its distinctive yellow cabs can be found at such locations as the Omni Hotel downtown.

I couldn't find anything recent on Boswell Dairies, described in the ad as founded in Saginaw and "a Fort Worth institution since 1900." Perhaps some longtime residents of Mistletoe Heights might remember milk being delivered by trucks from Boswell Dairies.

The huge Montgomery Ward building on West Seventh Street no longer exists as a regional distribution center for what was once a flourishing mail-order business for the company. The building was one of nine U.S. regional centers constructed by Montgomery Ward between 1926 and 1929.

Built in 1928 to replace the previous operation in a former Chevrolet assembly plant across West Seventh Street, the building survived the great Fort Worth flood in May 1949 and a direct hit by a tornado in 2000. In early 2001, Montgomery Ward got out of the mail-order business, closing the Fort Worth facility and leaving the property vacant.

On July 29, 2004, a group of developers broke ground for an urban shopping center at the location. The iconic, eight-story Montgomery Ward building is now the centerpiece of the mixed-use development. Called Montgomery Plaza, it contains a Super Target, as well as many shops, offices, restaurants and loft apartments.

Many Fort Worth residents may recall the 1949 flood through a photograph of the Montgomery Ward building, which showed water from the Trinity River lapping at the second story.

The flood of 1949 is considered the worst in Fort Worth's history. It began on Monday, May 16, when the skies opened up and dumped as much as a foot of rain on some parts of the city.

Already swollen by spring rains, the Clear and West forks of the Trinity overflowed their banks, inundating the north and west sides of the city. Water surged through streets and yards, carrying away people, houses, pets, livestock, furniture, cars and anything else that floated.

The water was 12 feet deep on Forest Park Drive. Liberator Village, near the Convair bomber plant, was destroyed. Businesses and homes along North Main Street were evacuated, and a 10-foot torrent swept over the Van Zandt Viaduct on West Seventh.

The federal Reconstruction Finance Corp. declared Fort Worth a disaster area and authorized emergency loans for cleanup, repairs and rebuilding. The flooding took the lives of 10 people, left an estimated 13,000 homeless and caused an estimated \$12 million in damage.

During its heyday, journalist Ernie Pyle, who was killed working as a war correspondent during World War II, visited the Montgomery Ward distribution center and wrote in a dispatch dated April 13, 1939:

"... Montgomery Ward & Co. has an immense store in Fort Worth. When it was opened seven or eight years ago, the Chicago headquarters sent down half a carload of skis. The local manager sent the skis back. The Chicago office was sore, and wanted to know why. The answer was: 'First, no mountains here; second, no snow.'"

But there was plenty of water in 1949. I wonder if the company sold canoes.

Minutes of the Feb. 17 MHA quarterly business meeting

By Rosaline Eastepp Takes

The meeting was held at the home of Jim and Mary Ellen Peipert. MHA President Josh Lindsay called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Andrieka Lockett, neighborhood education specialist in the City Manager's Office, was the first guest speaker. Andrieka's contact information is andrieka.lockett@fortworthtexas.gov. Along with a little spiral notebooks with attached pens made from recycled materials, several informative handouts were passed out. The handouts dealt with such topics as the Fort Worth Library's Performers Showcase, the Chasing Leaks 5K Run/Walk, Top 10 Answers to Your Recycling Questions, YardSmart Seminars, BRIT's Residential Rain Barrels, 30th Cowtown Cleanup and a business card with important Fort Worth government numbers. Andrieka is one of several neighborhood specialists with the City Manager's Office. More than 300 neighborhoods are registered with the city and Andrieka serves more than 50 of them. She regularly sends out informative emails regarding such events as Neighborhood University and often attends neighborhood association meetings. She sends reports to the city manager about neighborhood concerns and issues. Andrieka serves as a resource for such issues as zoning and variance requests and often gives presentation to schools about recycling and storm-water runoff. At our meeting, Andrieka wanted to remind us of the importance of recycling. Currently, citywide, only 20 percent of our trash is recycled. She also reminded us of the Neighborhood University held Feb. 21. Other than email, Andrieka can be made aware of neighborhood issues through NextDoor (<https://nextdoor.com/>). One of the issues we asked for the city manager to be made aware of is the need for streetlights along the berm.



Andrieka Lockett (standing, left)

The second guest speaker was Detra Call (Detra.Call@fortworthtexas.gov), who works with the Graffiti Abatement Program of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services. Detra also came bearing gifts – a cool pen that looks like a paint brush with the numbers for the Graffiti Abatement Program, a brochure called “Wipe Out Graffiti” and a blank form to send to the city asking for permission to remove graffiti. If there is graffiti or tagging on your property, file a police report. This can be done online at <http://www.fortworthpd.com/online/coplogic-start-report.aspx>. Graffiti or tagging on public property should be reported to graffiti@fortworthtexas.gov or Detra.Call@fortworthtexas.gov. TxDOT is responsible for removing graffiti on the state and federal roadway systems. Detra's office works closely with TxDOT and will pass along the graffiti reports to the necessary points of contact. The easiest way to report graffiti is with a free app, My Fort Worth, available on such smart phones as the iPhone and Android. The app permits smart phone users to tell City Hall about graffiti problems within a few moments. The My Fort Worth app can be used to report everything from gang signs and graffiti to trash piles and even stray dogs. Users simply type up a message and send in a photo. The city is working on developing a similar program for Blackberries. When the GPS function is turned on, the GPS tag tells the Abatement Program the exact location of the graffiti. If you are an artist and are interested in helping repair the murals near the river, please contact Detra.

Josh Lindsay reported on two zoning issues relevant to Mistletoe Heights. The owner of multiple lots on Stonebridge Place requested those lots be rezoned from B (multiple family/duplex) to A-5 (single family) to keep future owners from building multifamily units on these lots. The zoning board approved this change and the City Council was to vote on the issue March 3. Multiple sections of Mistletoe Heights are currently zoned B. If a group of homeowners would like to have their single-family properties rezoned to A-5 (to prevent future owners from turning a house into a duplex), there is a relative easy process to do so. The second zoning issue pertains to properties along the railroad tracks that pass by Mistletoe Heights and Berkeley Place to the east. They are currently zoned T5-I (light industrial with buildings up to 10 stories). Fort Worth South has requested the properties be rezoned T4, which limits the buildings to three stories or up to six with mixed uses and garages. As of now, all properties meet the T4 requirements, but the property owners have yet to respond to the zoning board. The next meeting on the issue was scheduled for Feb. 24. Fort Worth South has requested this zoning change to prevent the building of large/tall complexes that would loom over Mistletoe Heights and Berkeley.

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Pertaining to zoning, questions were asked by a relative newcomer to the neighborhood about historic designations for properties in the neighborhood. It was explained that not all homes in the neighborhood are in the historic overlay. Some homes have a "delayed-demolition" designation. These homes may or may not be in the historic overlay.

Josh made other miscellaneous reports:

- Jason's Deli is have landscaping installed this spring.
- A pedestrian bridge will be built near the zoo train bridge to cross the Trinity River. Funding for the bridge was approved Jan. 27.
- Sidewalks along Jerome Street were to be laid this spring. The chairman of the committee dealing with sidewalks, Andrew Clogg, no longer resides in the neighborhood. Elizabeth Northern agreed to replace Andrew. Elizabeth expressed concern that traffic along Jerome has increased.

Josh reported that the city wants to wait until the fall to replace the sprinkler system on the berm. He also reported that the city has no plans to plant grass or trees on the berm but will donate trees from the city tree farm for the neighborhood to plant. Rosaline Takes and others expressed concern that we need the sprinkler system and grass now to prevent rain erosion and wind-blown dust during summer dry periods. Some of Josh's report did not seem to line up with the agreement the MHA-sanctioned Sound Wall Committee had with the city and the North Texas Tollway Authority. The committee will be meeting to plan future actions.

Kathy Jo Rogers reported that Denise Semple has replaced Diana Brandenburg as her partner on the Welcome Basket Committee. Thanks to Diana for her service and to Kathy Jo and Denise for their continuing service to the neighborhood. Please keep Kathy Jo and Denise informed of new residents of Mistletoe Heights.

Jeri Jo Blackmon gave the treasurer's report.

Mike Danella presented an idea for the attachment of banners on the street poles along Forest Park Boulevard highlighting Mistletoe Heights. For 12 or more banners of 4 feet by 2 feet, the cost would be \$220 each, including hardware and installation.

Jeri Jo Blackmon made a motion that Mike and Martin Herring should do more research and present their designs, along with locations and the quantity of the banners, with final cost so that the association may vote on the request at the next quarterly meeting. The motion was seconded by Gene Walker and it passed. Please contact Mike or Martin if you have a design for a banner to promote our neighborhood.

It was pointed out that the streetlight poles along Forest Park in the neighborhood need to be repainted. Rosaline Takes will research to whom in city government this should be reported.

A motion was made by Suzanne Gill and seconded by Martin Herring that the MHA issues a proclamation of support for Fort Worth South and its efforts to rezone the property along the railroad tracks from Zone T5-I to T4. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Dressing up the neighborhood

At the February meeting, former MHA President Michael Danella made a proposal to dress up our neighborhood by purchasing streetlight banners to be installed along Forest Park Boulevard.

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