

MISTLETOE EXPRESS

A FRONT PORCH COMMUNITY IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT

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April/May 2022

Letter From the MHA President

by Mark Philpot



Mark Philpot, President, and family meetings soon and preparing for an in-person July 4th (see details from Corey Bearden below).

Although this will come out after Mother's Day, I'm typing and thinking of mothers this weekend ... and investing in relationships. Investing in our children, neighbors, neighborhoods, teachers daily serving, and often being unsung. The daily pouring out in the most mundane ways yields such growth over the long term.

Thank you to the Pressleys for once again running with the Easter Egg Hunt and bringing it back to Newby Park after a

Neighbors,

We're already halfway through the year, and I'm grateful for the ways we've been able to step back into a little more normalcy as we jump into summer! We'll be starting in-person neighborhood

two-year hiatus! We had around 80 drop off, but I bet closer to 100 kids, and lots of parents and grandparents ... it was such a great time to be together again!! Please tell them thank you as you see them in the 'hood.

Last, and certainly not least, the officers and neighborhood want to give a HUGE thank you to Chloe Stern for serving as the newsletter editor for the past three years. She and Ted, and now little Ellie, have been such a gift to the neighborhood, and she's been a joy to work with and we'll miss them dearly as they hop over 8th to Fairmount. I told them they can't get rid of us that easily! Keep going by Panther City Vinyl to support their store! Chloe, thank you from all of us — your willingness to serve in this capacity has been a real gift!

As you prepare for summer, spray for mosquitos, deal with the heat (after 20 years, it always feels worse than I think!), plan vacations, and remember to be a good neighbor — check in, look around, and keep making Mistletoe the best place to live in Fort Worth!

Best,
Mark Philpot

Editor Chloe Stern's note: Thank you so much Mark! Getting more involved in the neighborhood has been such a great experience, and I'll miss everyone!

Hey Mistletoe Heights! It's time for our Annual Independence Day Celebration!

We will celebrate at the Triangle beginning at 10:30 AM on Monday, July 4th. We'll have a bike parade, free snow cones, patriotic music, and games for kids and adults. Prizes will be awarded for the most decorated bikes in three age groups, 0-8, 9-18, and 18+. Come for the parade, the fun, the celebration, and to connect with neighbors in our awesome community. Hope to see you there! — Cory Bearden



Historic overlay helps preserve character of the neighborhood

Mistletoe Heights is a historic neighborhood, dating from the 1910s.

Wishing to preserve its architectural heritage and identity, most of the neighborhood is included in a historic overlay.

Any alterations or additions to the structures should be submitted to the neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee and must be approved by the city of Fort Worth's Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC).

Neighborhood Historic Preservation Committee: Brad Shuffield, 972-989-0247.

Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission: Murray Miller, 817-392-8574, or Justin Newhart, 817-392-8037. The commission meets the second Monday of the month.

For further information, please refer to the Mistletoe Heights website, www.mistletoeheights.org, and click on Historic Guidelines.

April Yard of the Month

By Claudia Camp and Amy Smith

Congratulations to **Susan and Jerry Heaton, at 2224 Weatherbee** for their April Yard of the Month. Amy loved the pots filled with beautiful annuals and the blooming perennials in the beds, as well as the pretty young Magnolia tree in the middle of the lawn. I was excited, too, about what will be showing up later this month and into next.

Susan's many and varied pots grace the wide front steps and the porch wall, as well as in front of the small patio just off the porch on the left side of the house. Those on the front steps

sport red and white Geraniums, white Candytuft, yellow Yarrow, lemon lime Sedum, purple Sweet Potato Vine, and Lavender, while the urns on either side of the door contain Ferns. There are two large black rectangular pots on the porch wall, with Ferns hanging above them, and a couple of smaller clay pots tucked between. The black pots contain a riot of bright colors provided by yellow Tickseed, orange and pink Petunias, and purple Sweet Potato Vine, while the smaller ones hold the greenery of a Mosquito plant and an Autumn Joy Sedum.

The pots highlighting the patio at the end of the porch are particularly striking. A wide bowl on a wrought iron stand is covered in



the same colorful blooms as on the porch wall, as is a black pot just behind it. Two cerulean blue pots hold golden Lantana and Autumn Joy Sedum, while a bird bath sparkles in their midst. And I won't turn attention away from this area before mentioning the wide swath of ferny-leaved, brighter-than-bright green Yarrow plants that fill the bed in front of the patio under a Crepe Myrtle. Susan was given a small sprig of this Yarrow two years ago from a friend who passed away shortly thereafter. Her now-favorite plant of the garden has clearly loved its new home and we can anticipate its blanket of white flowers later in the spring and into summer.



Susan reports that the hard freeze a couple winters ago pretty much wiped out much of what had been a lovely garden (a Yard of the Month four years ago!), leaving her to start over with some new plants that are beginning to fill the main bed in front of the porch wall. This bed is lined at the front with a sweeping curve of limestone blocks that extends past the end of the house and toward the front walk. At the back of the

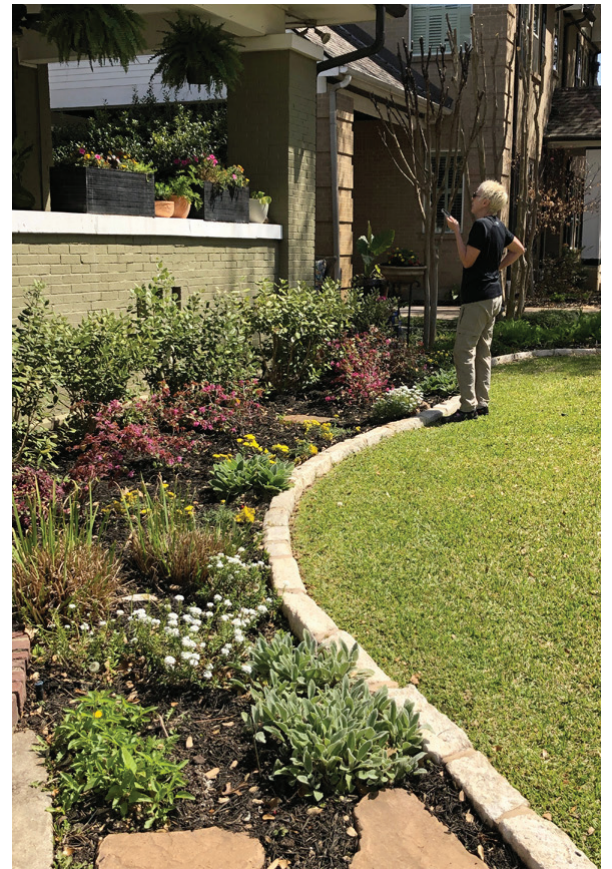
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bed, right along the porch wall, is a row of Pineapple Guava Shrubs. I have to admit, this was a new one to me! As I've learned, these evergreen bushes should fill in to make a nice greenish-gray hedge. Later in the spring, they'll feature pretty, edible, tropical-looking flowers which will turn into edible Guava-like fruits!

But we don't have to wait for flowers on about a half dozen Chinese Fringeflowers in front of the Guavas; their purplish-pink display is always one of our earliest blooms. In front of the shrubs is a variety of smaller perennials, including Lambs Ear, Candytuft,

gold Yarrow. A couple nice clumps of Siberian Iris are beginning to put up their spiky new leaves, and will flower a bit later. Also in the "coming soon" department is a bed on the far side of the driveway, which holds a stand of Iris, a number of Knock-Out Roses, and a Crepe Myrtle, all of which will



bloom a bit later: first the Iris, then the Roses, then the Crepes.

Thanks, Susan, for staying strong through these hard winters and keeping your lovely garden going.



Easter Egg Hunt Success!

A few photos from the Mistletoe Heights Easter Egg Hunt's return to Newby Park. Thanks to Susan and Brent Pressley for organizing this annual event!





Stay Connected with Your Neighbors



Get connected. Be more engaged. Please share with us your experiences of good will in the neighborhood to newsletter@mistletoeheights.org

or to president@mistletoeheights.org. Here are some ways to find out what's going on in the neighborhood:

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mistletoeheights.nextdoor.com

Webpage

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It's always a joy to meet our new friends down the street or around the block. Please remember that we only know if someone tells us, and we LOVE welcoming our new residents with a basket from the Mistletoe Heights community. If you are living close to a new family, please send us a call or text. Get to know them and send their names and addresses our way. If YOU are a new neighbor and have never received a welcome basket, please let us hear from you. The Front Porch Community is the best place to be, and we want to visit your porch soon.

All the best,
Kathy Jo Rogers 1101 Clara, 817.688.0905

WELCOME
to the
neighborhood

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Do you know anyone connected with a business on Park Place, Forest Park Boulevard, Eighth Avenue, Mistletoe Boulevard, Rosedale Street, Magnolia Avenue or Park Hill?

The Mistletoe Express is looking for someone to contact local businesses to advertise in our newsletter. Over the past few years, the number of advertisers has dwindled, and we need new advertisers to break even on the cost of the newsletter.

Having an advertising manager for the newsletter would be ideal. The position would require a time commitment of only a few hours a month. Until we have one, if any individual neighbor has a contact with a business proprietor and would be willing to speak directly to that person about advertising in the Mistletoe Express, that would be helpful.

If you are interested and able to help, contact Treasurer, Jeri Jo Blackmon, for details about ad specifications, deadlines and pricing, or just look on the back page of the newsletter ... You know you know somebody!

Jeri Jo Blackmon Professional Tax Services

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Support Our Advertisers

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 businesses also make this publication possible. Without them we would not be able to provide printed newsletters to every household in the neighborhood free of charge.

Advertising Submission Process

All ads must be paid for by the end of the month prior to the month in which the ad will appear. Artwork for all ads should also be submitted by the end of the month prior. Artwork should be emailed to: advertise@mistletoeheights.org. Should you have any questions, please email advertise@mistletoeheights.org



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CORNER ROSS
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972-707-7241

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3326 W 7th St
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DISTRICT
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How to Reach the Mistletoe Heights Officers:

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Join the Mistletoe Heights Email List


To subscribe to the Mistletoe Heights Residents mailing list, go to mistletoeheights.org, click on "Email List" and look for "Subscribing to Residents." Enter your name and email address, and then click "Subscribe."




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In the City

Police non-emergency number: 817-392-4222

Crime updates are available to citizens at any time: fortworthpd.com. Go to crime information, then crime mapping.

Community engagement liaison: For our neighborhood, contact Tabitha Butler, 817-392-2045.
tabitha.butler@fortworthtexas.gov

Link to city online pothole reporting form:
<https://cityoffortworth.wufoo.com/forms/pothole.report>

Link to code compliance issues and to report graffiti:
fortworthtexas.gov/codecompliance/myFtWorth

Link to garbage related issues: www.fortworthtexas.gov.
Click on "Garbage and Recycling."
Bulk trash pickup for our neighborhood is the week of the fourth Monday of the month.

Link to report animal issues, control, adoption:
fortworthtexas.gov; or call 817-392-1234.

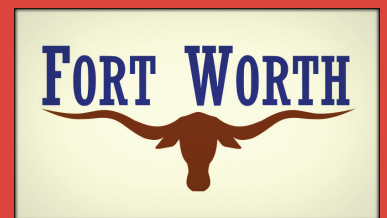
Link to request permit for garage sale:
Fortworthtexas.gov; or call 817-392-2222.

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817-321-4707

Fort Worth leash law:
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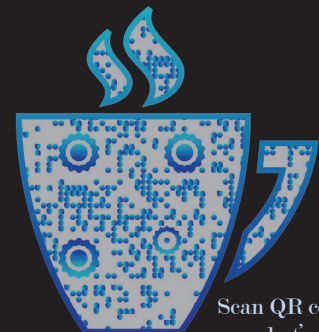
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1. Paint your front door and plant bulbs now that will bloom all spring.
2. Update paint colors (we have lots of suggestions!)
3. Update flooring in high traffic areas.
4. Replace light fixtures with a more modern style.
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JW'S DETAILING SERVICES

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PIANO LESSONS

Lessons for beginners through intermediate levels, children and adults. "I've been a resident in Mistletoe Heights since 2008 and teaching piano since 1990. Please give me a call and leave a message at 817-927-8876. Thank you." Mary C. Smith • 2300 W. Magnolia Ave.

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At-home mom who LOVES animals would love to help take care of yours! Please call Diana Brandenburg, 214-734-9140.

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My name is Seth Rogers and I am a high school senior who has been doing dog sitting/walking and lawn care since sixth grade. I would love to help you with any laborious task, odd jobs, house sitting, or dog walking. Cost to be negotiated after the parameters of the job have been discussed. Contact: 817-600-2313 or sethman37@gmail.com.

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Remember Those New Year's Resolutions?

If your New Year's resolutions were any of these: To eat healthier, lose weight, exercise more, drink more water, stop smoking, read more, etc., realize that even though the year is almost half over and those things may already be a thing of the past, it is not too late to add another resolution: To support my neighborhood association by paying my annual voluntary dues!

Remind yourself about this by picking a certain date each year.

Check a box to choose a date:

- January 1 — New Year's Day
- February 14 — Valentine's Day
- March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- April 1 — April Fool's Day
- May — Mothers' Day
- June — Fathers' Day
- July 4 — Fourth of July
- August 1 — Just a hot Texas day

- September 5 — Labor Day
- October 31 — Halloween
- November 11 — Veterans' Day
- December 25 — Christmas Day
- My/my spouse's/my child's birthday
- My wedding anniversary/graduation
- My mother's/father's birthday
- My pet's birthday
- Mark Philpot's birthday

Dues and amount are optional. See the informational flyer on page 11 of this newsletter. You can pay by check and snail mail to Jeri Jo Blackmon, Treasurer MHA, 1401 Mistletoe Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76110. Or with Pay Pal (<http://www.mistletoeheights.org/dues.html>). Be sure to add your name(s) and address. Mistletoe Heights Association supporters are recognized in the newsletter.

Mistletoe Heights Association

Annual Dues Drive

All residents of Mistletoe Heights are members of the association and dues donations are completely voluntary. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated. Your dues fund a number of special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletter and directory publications.

Our annual dues drive begins in March and continues through December. You will see this flyer in our newsletters as we collect dues donations for our neighborhood association. We will also recognize donors in each newsletter beginning with the July newsletter through December with the final recognition published in our December/January issue.



Levels of giving for this year are:

Mistletoe – up to \$49
 Holly - \$50 to \$99
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Thank you for supporting your neighborhood association. Together we can make Mistletoe Heights an even better place to live.

\$25 \$75 \$100 \$ 150+

Name(s) _____
 (As you prefer to be listed in the newsletter –
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Address: _____

Please check here if you wish your donation to remain anonymous

If you can volunteer some time to our association list your name and include a telephone number where we can reach you _____

Please return your dues donation to:
 Mistletoe Heights Association
 c/o Jeri Jo Blackmon
 1408 Mistletoe Drive
 Fort Worth, TX 76110

To donate by Pay Pal go to:
<http://www.mistletoeheights.org/dues.html>
 and be sure to add your name(s) and address

Helpful Phone Numbers, Emails, Addresses and Websites

City Information		Volunteers		2100 Weatherbee	
City Code violations	817.392.1234	Historic Preservation Committee		John Taggart	No # Provided
City of Fort Worth	817.392.2255	Susan Willis	817.924.4000	2100 Morphy	
fortworthtexas.gov		Melanie Smith	682.225.6921	Ben Connelly	No # Provided
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Garage sale permits	817.392.7851	Melissa Kohout (East side)	817.313.1419	Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
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Lily B. Clayton Elementary	817.922.6660	Welcome Baskets		2300 W. Rosedale South	
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MHA Yearly Memberships

Voluntary dues are \$15, \$25, \$50 or whatever you can afford. Your dues help pay for this newsletter, the Mistletoe Heights phone directory, and many neighborhood functions. Please make your check payable to: Mistletoe Heights Association. Mail to: Jeri Jo Blackmon, 1408 Mistletoe Drive.

Free Classified Ads

As a MH resident, you get one free classified ad. Please submit copy by the 15th of the month. Notify the editor by email: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.

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Anonymous letters will not be published. Articles may be submitted for publication, signed or unsigned, subject to approval and editing.

Contact information helps, especially if we have questions for you.

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