

Mistletoe Express

A Front Porch Community In A Historic District

April/May 2024

Letter From the MHA President

by Graham Brizendine



Graham Brizendine
President, and family

Neighbors,

Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. We have a lot of exciting things coming up in the neighborhood, most exciting is the reopening of the Forest Park Pool. I hope you all can join us on May 24 at 6:30 pm for the official ribbon cutting. First swim will be May 25 at noon. The work done

on the pool and surroundings was substantial and brings this

historic pool location up to modern par. Additionally, we have our May MHA meeting at WineHaus coming up on May 21 at 6:30 pm. Councilwoman Elizabeth Beck will be our guest speaker, updating us on city progress and taking questions from residents. I hope to see all of you there. Our MHA mug sales have been booming, but we have plenty still available. I will have more available at the May meeting.

And lastly, thank you to all of our great neighborhood volunteers who help keep the MHA running. If you are not currently involved, but would like to be, please reach out to any of our officers and we will help find a place to plug you in.

Best,
Graham Brizendine

Social Coordinator Needed

Mistletoe Heights is in need of a Social Coordinator. The coordinator would be an officer of the Association. Duties would include recruiting volunteers to help organize neighborhood social events. The organizer of each social event would either take photos of the event he or she is organizing, or find someone who is willing to take photos. They would then forward them to the newsletter officer, Elisa Rode, for publication.

It's Easy to Donate to Mistletoe Heights

Click below to access PayPal in order to donate to the neighborhood! Your donations fund several special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletters, and other activities.

<https://mistletoeheights.org>

Online Neighborhood Directory

Use these helpful links to access and/or update your information today!

Need to update your contact information? New to the neighborhood? Click here for the form to update:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdir2022>

Want to contact your neighbor? Click here for the directory:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdirectory2022>

Mark Your Calendar



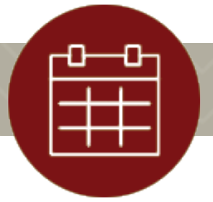
Please take note of these important dates coming up.

Mistletoe Heights Association Meetings for 2024 will be held at 6:30 pm at WineHaus on Park Place on the following dates:

- **May 21** — Guest Speaker: District 9 Council Representative, Elizabeth Beck
- **August 20**
- **November 12**

Forest Park Pool Official Ribbon Cutting: May 24 at 6:30 pm
First Swim: May 25 at noon

Deadline for submitting information or ads for the June/July newsletter:
June 15, 2024.



Activities For the Whole Family

Local Farmers' Market

The Clearfork Farmers' Market
4801 Edwards Ranch Rd
Opens 8 AM Sat

Fort Worth Public Library

Events for Adults:

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/library/programs/adults>

Events for Kids & Teens:

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/library/programs/yts>

Rooftop Cinema Club Downtown Fort Worth

Presented By: Rooftop Cinema Club
Address: 235 Throckmorton, Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: (310) 343-8750
<https://rooftopcinemaclub.com/fort-worth/venue/rooftop-cinema-club-downtown-ft-worth/>

Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo

Presented By: PBR
May 18, June 15, August 17th
Location: Cowtown Coliseum
Address: 121 E Exchange Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76164
Time: 1:30pm and 7:30pm
<https://www.billpickettrodeo.com/>



Fort Worth South: Friday's on the Green

FRIDAY, MAY 12
FRIDAY, JUNE 9
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Kimbell Art Museum

3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard
Fort Worth, Texas
<https://kimbellart.org/>

Amon Carter Museum

Second Thursdays at the Carter: Connect with art through cocktails, conversations, creativity, food, fun, and friends!
<https://www.cartermuseum.org/>



FW Museum of Science and History

<https://www.fwmuseum.org/>

FW Modern Art Museum

Art Camps — Children 5 and under
Through June
<https://www.themodern.org/programs>



Dinners with Tom ...



Tom Richey shares tips and information about restaurants in and around our neighborhood.

I must say that I'm not one for sushi, the raw fish and seaweed doesn't really appeal to me. I have tried it, believe it or not, but I decided no, it's just not for me. So, several weeks ago some friends suggested we try a new place, close by, just at the corner of University and Berry. I said of course, I'm always up for a new site to try. They said it was called Megu, and my first thought was, "Oh wait, that sounds Japanese — it's not sushi is it?" The answer intrigued me a bit and so off the four of us went.

As strange as it may sound, the restaurant has dual menus — one Japanese/Asian and the other French. You can order from either, or both, which I of course did. The owner, Peter Liang, ran a place in New York City called Megu (imagine that), sold it after receiving excellent reviews, and relocated to Fort Worth where costs are not so prohibitive. He practically runs the place alone, although he has an assistant named Crystal Richey. (Hmm, we tried to find if we might be related but could not find any commonality.) There was not a license for drinks when we were there last, so it was a BYOB operation which in reality was ok with us. White tablecloths and welcoming ambiance made for a relaxing atmosphere.

Both menus were excellent and we availed ourselves to both (actually, even me). We started with steamed buns filled with crispy duck, calamari, edamame, and before we could finish that,

Peter sent us dumplings stuffed with yellowfin tuna (which I was sure I would hate, but found them beyond

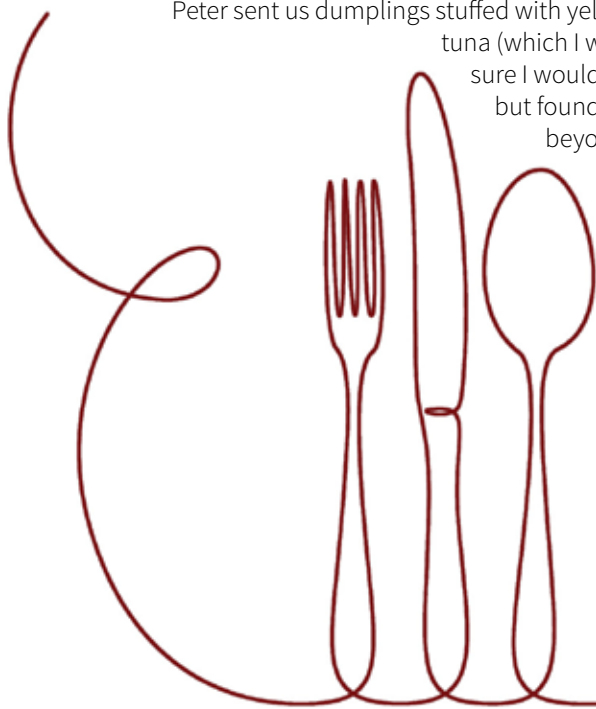


delicious). For our main course, Eileen ordered scallops in Hawaiian sauce, I opted for French onion soup, and teriyaki steak with rice. Our dining companions went for sushi of some sort but, me knowing little about it, couldn't say what it was exactly, they did proclaim it to be delicious. The menu also offered steak au poivre, pan seared ostrich, and Kobe beef carpaccio. The sushi end of things offers apple and fried oysters wrapped in soybean paper and a layered mashup of Alaskan king crab, radish sprouts, cucumber, and tempura lobster. Also, caviar Rainbow sushi roll which comes with three kinds of caviar.

As we finished, Peter sat with us for a bit and talked of his background. His father was from Hong Kong, his mother Japanese, and he essentially grew up in Hong Kong but then grew his cooking skills in Japan. He later came to the U.S. and worked at a French restaurant on the west coast where he gained expertise in French menus. Peter is a very nice guy ...

Megu is located on the bottom floor of the tower on the southeast corner of University and Berry. I certainly recommend it — it was good — both visits!

Megu
3113 South University Drive • 817-367-9078



April Yard of the Month

by Cayla Castleberry Grossman

If you haven't already checked it out, I definitely recommend you take a moment to walk, bike or drive by 2301 Mistletoe Boulevard to appreciate the beautiful yard of the Reece family, our deserving winners for April's Yard of the Month!

For over 13 years, the Reece family has maintained a stunning craftsman home complemented by a meticulously cared-for yard. Their choice of mostly native perennials showcase a thoughtful approach to landscaping that enhances the natural beauty of our neighborhood.

The Reece family including Kelley, Megan and their two wonderful children have taken time to ensure their yard is one that they as well as the neighbors enjoy. Megan, the primary caretaker of their lush lawn, has poured her passion into nurturing the natural beauty of their yard. Her dedication is evident in the vibrant array of colors that grace their outdoor space, showcasing the beauty of each plant in its own right.



Show Us Your Mug!

Take a picture of your neighborhood mug, or you with your mug, and tag us on Facebook or email us your photo.

Let us know what you love about living in Mistletoe Heights — we would love to highlight in our upcoming newsletters and emails.

<https://www.facebook.com/mistletoeheights>

officers@mistletoeheights.org



Don't have a mug yet?

Purchase a MH coffee mug for \$10, and the proceeds will be donated to MH to help support activities like our Easter Egg hunt, Movie nights, and more!

You can reach out to one of the officers (see page 8) to inquire about buying a mug. Or, use the MHA dues link on the website. Please note the money donated is for mugs in the notes when you make the payment.

Big Thanks!

Special thanks to **Mike Danella**, **Patrick Sheridan**, and **Merrill Jones** who helped at the Neighborhood Cleanup Event on March 23. We all appreciate you taking the time to keep Mistletoe Heights clean and beautiful!

Although we are no longer printing the newsletter, we want to thank our many Street Representatives (see page 12) for their work throughout the years in helping to distribute the printed newsletters. Also, thank you to our Street Representative Captains: **Rosaline Eastep Takes** and **Melissa Kohout**.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 30, 2024, in Newby Park. It was a beautiful, sunny day and everyone had lots of fun!



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Annual Easter Egg Hunt





4006 Clarke, Fort Worth 76107
Multiple Offers! Sold over List Price!

3 Bedrooms | 4 Baths | 3629 Square feet | 2 Blocks from River Crest CC | \$1,250,000

This stunning home had multiple offers over the list price the first week on the market! If you're interested in learning how to maximize the value of your home, contact Ruth today for your free consultation. She will guide you through the three most profitable things you can do if you're considering a move, answer your questions, and share top tips from her 20+ years of experience.

Text MOVE to 817-992-9232 to receive the most recent market report for your neighborhood. Visit our website and learn more!

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Mistletoe Heights Association Annual Dues Drive

All residents of Mistletoe Heights are members of the Mistletoe Heights Association. Dues donations are voluntary. Any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

Our Annual Dues Drive begins in March and continues through December. You will see this notice in all of our newsletters as we collect dues donations for our neighborhood. We will also recognize donors in each newsletter beginning in July with the final recognition in our December/January issue.

Levels of Giving

Mistletoe — up to \$49

Magnolia — \$100 to \$149

Holly — \$50 to \$99

Poinsettia — \$150 and up

Your dues fund several special projects as well as seasonal social gatherings, landscape maintenance, newsletters, and other activities.



Thank you for supporting your neighborhood Association.

\$25 \$75 \$100 \$150 Other _____

(Adult names only, please, of how you prefer to be listed.)

Address

Please check here if you prefer your donation to remain anonymous.

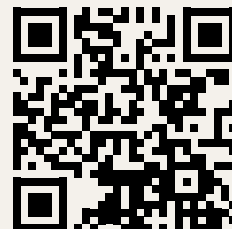
If you'd like to volunteer some time to our Association, please provide your phone number.

Phone

Either print, clip, and mail this form to:
Mistletoe Heights Association
c/o Jeri Jo Blackmon
1408 Mistletoe Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76110

OR

Use the QR code below to access PayPal in order to donate to the neighborhood!



Historic overlay helps preserve character of the neighborhood.

How to Reach the Mistletoe Heights Officers:



President:
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Elisa Rode:
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Secretary:
Val Ewing: secretary@mistletoeheights.org

PLEASE DON'T FENCE ME IN

In case you didn't know, I'm more than just a Mistletoe Heights' area Realtor—I represent buyers and sellers all over Fort Worth, Tarrant County and beyond.



Call me with all your real estate needs & questions.

Gaye Reed



817-688-1952
gaye.reed@cbfw.com



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 Teresa Magaña Leach, 817-392-2043 or teresa.magaña@fortworthtexas.org.

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.

For travel health information and inoculations, call Tarrant County Public Health Department, Travel Health Services, 1101 S. Main St., Fort Worth, TX 76104. 817-321-4707

Fort Worth leash law:
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/animals/laws>

Fort Woof Dog Park:
<http://fortwoof.org>

Smart phone app: myFtWorth



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Please take a moment and take our short survey. Your feedback will help us improve our newsletter.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y8BTRN> or use the QR code at right to take the survey. Thanks!



Take care of your neighborhood!

Please 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 his publication possible. Without them, we would not be able to provide this newsletter free of charge.

Advertising Submission Process

Would you like to submit an ad in our newsletter? Artwork for all ads should also be submitted by the 15th of the month prior (April, June, August, October, and December). Artwork should be emailed to: advertise@mistletoeheights.org.

Should you have any questions, please email advertise@mistletoeheights.org.

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We can talk through your financial goals and find the option that works best for you.



Jessica Davis, CFP® , AAMS™, CRPC™
Financial Advisor

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817-337-0723

Let's Give Them A Hand!

Do you know a Mistletoe Heights neighbor who has accomplished something great? We'd like to hear about it!

officers@mistletoeheights.org



Stay in touch with the latest news and information from your neighbors!



Be sure to join our Facebook Group!



Sign up for our emails!



Access information and resources on our website!



Reminder!

Since our newsletter is now digital, please share with others to be sure to sign up for email and social media, to continue to get our newsletter digitally!

Welcome New Neighbors!

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 text or give us a call. 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

Free Classifieds

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.

TUTOR

I am a public/private school educator with 27 years of experience. I currently teach kindergarten at The Oakridge School and have also taught 4th grade. I would love to help your child with reading, writing, or general Pre k-8th grade studies, and also 9-12 grade writing. Cost is \$60 per hour. Contact me, Kathy Jo Rogers, at 817.688.0905 or krogers@theoakridgeschool.org.

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

Attorney Thomas McCracken offers affordable will/trust preparation and other estate planning with personal, neighborly service. Call/text 214-862-5612 or e-mail tlmccracken@utexas.edu.

THE SAMINATOR

Need any laminating done? Let "The Saminator" take care of your order for small projects like insurance cards or keepsakes — anything 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller. Just text my mom at 817.688.0905 and I will promptly pick up and deliver. Thank you! Samuel Rogers, 1101 Clara St.

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My name is Seth Rogers and I am a junior in college who has been doing dog sitting/walking and lawn care since sixth grade. I would love to help you with any laborious task, house sitting, odd jobs, or dog walking during spring break, summer, or Christmas break. 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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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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Hello! My name is Gideon Meade, and I sell delicious homemade fudge through my small business, Gideon's Goodies. Place orders on my website: Gideonsgoodies.wordpress.com. Contact Gideon's Goodies at gideonsgoodies@gmail.com or call (682) 207-8352 for more information.

CAR DETAILING

My name is Joshua Wedemeyer, and I am a high school Sophomore at Paschal. I have been detailing cars around Fort Worth for over a year now. If you are in need of a vehicle detailing, I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at (817) 682-2941 to discuss price and specifics.

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Mistletoe Heights is a historic and excellent example of middle- to upper-class neighborhood dating from the 1910s. Wishing to preserve its architectural heritage and identity, most of the neighborhood was included in a historic overlay in 2002. Any alterations including but not limited to window replacement/repair, foundation repair or additions to the structures within the overlay must be approved by the city of Fort Worth's Historic Preservation Office and/or the Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC). Please contact staff to discuss the correct process for your project.

Helpful Contact information:

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

Fort Worth's Historic Preservation Officer: Lorelei Willett, 817-392-8000,

DesignReview@fortworthtexas.gov

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/preservation-urban-design/historic-preservation/mistletoe-heights>

The HCLC meets the second Monday of the month. For further information, please refer to the City of Fort Worth's Preservation Guidelines, Mistletoe Heights website, www.mistletoeheights.org, and click on Historic Guidelines.



Historic overlay helps preserve character of the neighborhood

Helpful Phone Numbers, Emails, Addresses and Websites

City Information

City Code violations	817.392.1234
City of Fort Worth	817.392.2255
fortworthtexas.gov	
Police — nonemergency	817.392.4222
Graffiti Abatement	817.212.2700
Lily B. Clayton Elementary	817.922.6660
schools.fwisd.org/clayton	
Paschal High School	817.814.5000
paschalhs.org	
Historical Preservation — Justin Newhart	817.392.8037
justin.newhart@fortworthtexas.gov	
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southsidepreservation.com	
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the-t.com	
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trinityrailwayexpress.org	
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Yard of the Month — Cayla Grossman	No # Provided

Street Reps (Listed by Blocks) East of Forest Park

2200 W. Rosedale South — Bridget Wensel	No # Provided
2200 Irwin — Gary Willis	817.797.7654
2100/2200 Mistletoe Blvd. — Claudia Camp	817.924.5193
2100/2200 West Magnolia — Jason Lovelady	817.690.0289
2200 Harrison — Mary Ellen Peipert	817.614.9794
2100 Harrison Ave. — Jason and Carla Hurst	817.228.1456
2100 Mistletoe Ave. — Pat Hale	817.271.2099
2200 Mistletoe Ave. — Richard & Christi Yantis	817.924.2857
2100/2200 Edwin — Katrina Pittman	817.921.2221
2100 Weatherbee — John Taggart	817.946.0901

2200 Weatherbee — Street Rep Needed	
2100 West Morphy — Ben Connelly	817.229.615

West of Forest Park

Forest Park Blvd. — Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
2300 W. Rosedale South — Collin Wright	No # Provided
2300 Irwin — Steve McReynolds	817.926.7955
2300 West Magnolia — Susan Pressley	817.923.6061
2300/2400 Harrison — Robert DeVargas	817.923.9393
2300 Edwin — Janis Arvin Carter	817.300.3708
Betty Arvin	No # Provided
1100 Clara — Marc & Kathy Jo Rogers	817.688.0905
1200 Clara — Bryce & Allison Docker	817.223.2980
1100 Buck — Martin Herring	817.923.3843
1200/1300 Buck — Nickie Aubry	No # Provided
2300 Mistletoe Ave./225 Forest Park — Gutierrez Family	No # Provided
1100 Mistletoe Drive — Mark and Kellye Neuweiller	No # Provided
1200-1400 Mistletoe Drive & Stonebridge Place — Gutierrez Family	No # Provided
2300 Mistletoe Drive — Chris Fershtand	817.923.8422
2300 Mistletoe Blvd. — Samuel Rogers	817-923-330
Neighborhood Police Officer Juan Villagomez	682-319-761

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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.

Editorial Policy

Articles and letters to the editor are welcomed. To be published as written, letters must be addressed to the editor, signed, and include a phone number. 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. Letters to the editor are limited to a half-page (approximately 350 words). Please send email to: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.

Advertising Information

To place an ad or for questions, please email: newsletter@mistletoeheights.org . Business-card size: \$25 • 1/4 page: \$50 Half page: \$100 • Full Page: \$200 Deadline for payment and artwork is the 15th of the month.

Online Neighborhood Directory

Form for Directory Updates:

<https://tinyurl.com/mhdir2022>

Link to Directory:

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