



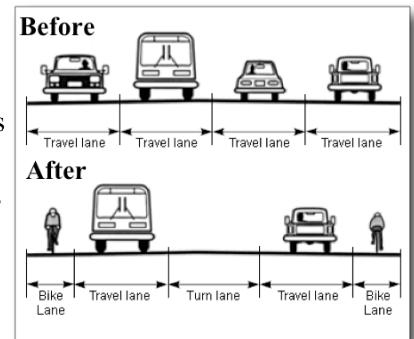
Fort Worth South, Inc.

Report to Members & Partners
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DECEMBER 2008



2nd Community Meeting on "Complete Street" Proposal for W. Magnolia – Monday, December 8, 5:30 pm, Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, 800 W. Magnolia. FWSI will host a second meeting to discuss the detailed design proposal for the conversion of W. Magnolia Ave. from a 4-lane road to a 3-lane plus bike lanes between Hemphill and 8th Ave. At our August 27 meeting, the majority of attendees strongly supported the proposal. Since that meeting, FWSI has worked with the City, The T, and delivery truck drivers to refine the design and address concerns expressed by several Magnolia business owners. Refinements include the addition of several designated loading/delivery zones as well as a dedicated bus pull-off near the Hemphill intersection. We encourage business owners and residents to attend!



Freight congestion at Tower 55

Tower 55: What to do about the nation's most congested rail intersection? – The most congested freight rail intersection *in the country* is located at the northern edge of our district, and proposals to alleviate congestion could have a dramatic impact on the Near Southside. Preliminary alternatives include an east-west "flyover" railroad bridge that is at least 50 ft. tall and might require the demolition of buildings on the north side of W. Vickery Blvd.; or a north-south, 2-mile trench that could require a new tunnel for Vickery beginning at S. Main and traveling east under I-35W. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is leading a study of short and long-term alternatives; public meetings should begin in February. There are no easy or cheap solutions, and involvement from Near Southside stakeholders is important. Stay tuned for meeting notices, and check www.nctcog.org for the latest information.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AND NEWS...

Historic Fort Worth, Inc. Presents Quality Hill Holidays – Imagine it is winter in the early 1900s. You are invited to two holiday parties, so you take a horse-drawn carriage to *A Cattle Baron's Christmas* (Thistle Hill, 1509 Pennsylvania Ave.) and then back in your carriage to the next gala, *Hanukkah: Yesterday & Today* (Mitchell-Schooner House, 600 8th Ave.). Visit Ole Saint Nick, enjoy dreidel games, musicians, choirs, storytellers, traditional refreshments and more on Sunday, December 14th, 2:00 till 10:00 pm. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$7, cherubs 5 and under free, Press Pass 50% discount on 2 adult tickets. Bring your cameras – this is an event you don't want to miss. For more information visit www.historicfortworth.org.



holiday traditions past & present
Quality Hill Holidays



A Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place, Inc. – The Majestic Homes of Elizabeth Boulevard Historic District, 25th Annual Home Tour, Friday, December 5th 6:00 till 10:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday, December 6th & 7th, 2:00 till 10:00 pm. \$20 per person, advanced \$15 per person (adult and child), for groups of 20 or more \$12 per person. Tickets available from Old Home Supply, Butler's Antiques, and Old Neighborhood Grill. For more information visit www.historicryanplace.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Fort South Worth, Inc.'s 8th Annual Banquet, Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – Masonic Temple, 1100 Henderson St. Sponsor tables and individual tickets now available. Reserve your spot today by contacting Michel at 817-923-1343 or michel@fortworthsouth.org. Reception 6 pm, Dinner & Program 7:15 pm.

Santa Claus Coming to Fairmount this Saturday! – Santa will arrive Saturday afternoon, December 6th, 3:30pm at Fairmount Park. He will be making his list until 5pm. The event is FREE and open to all children (and friendly dogs too). Bring your camera! No long lines like at the malls! Light refreshments provided by College Avenue Baptist Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1st Friday on the Green – Another great time and a bigger crowd last month!! With two successful events under our belt, we'll start it up again in the spring. Thanks again to our fellow sponsors and partners: FW Weekly, Chadra Mezza & Grill, Miller Lite, Coors, Fort Worth Urban Living, and Red Oak Realty! Thanks also to the Josh Weathers Band and JZ & Dirty Pool for the great music. We'll take a break through the winter and come back strong with five events next year in March, April, June, October, and November. Help us spread the word about 1st Fridays!

Lili's Bistro New Dinner Menu, 1310 W. Magnolia – New wine flights and nightly specials such as Onion-Crusted Tilapia, Poached Sea Bass, and Rack of Lamb. New dinner menu now offers popular items from Lili's lunch menu. Large plates start at \$11, with grill items and small plates ranging from \$8 to \$12. Visit www.lilibistro.com or call 817-877-0700.



*1st Friday on the Green
Photos by Kevin Buchanan*

Modern Streetcar: Near Southside Route Recommended for Starter System! – The City's Modern Streetcar Study Committee has completed their work in analyzing the feasibility of a modern streetcar system for the central city and will forward recommendations to the City Council this month. Great news for our district: The recommended starter system includes a north-south loop in Downtown, a line to the Cultural District, and a Near Southside line, running primarily along S. Main St. and W. Magnolia Ave. This recommendation is a significant milestone, so stay tuned!

FWSI EVENTS...

Members Breakfast: Thistle Hill, 1509 Pennsylvania Ave., Wednesday, December 3, 8 am – Start off your holidays with a visit to the beautifully restored and decorated Thistle Hill, a Historic Fort Worth-owned property originally constructed in 1904. Thistle Hill graced the crest of Summit Avenue in the fashionable residential district known as Quality Hill. Visit www.historicfortworth.org for Thistle Hill tour and event information.

Happy Hour: The Fairmount, Wed., December 10, 5:30-7:30 pm, 600 Magnolia Ave. Stop by and see the impressive renovation that utilized reclaimed lumber, and stick around afterward for live music. The Fairmount features live music 7 nights a week; visit www.thefairmountlive.com for their calendar of shows. Please contact michel@fortworthsouth.org if you're interested in hosting a 2009 Happy Hour.



THE FAIRMOUNT

Thank you to Ronald McDonald House for hosting our November Breakfast, and to **Courage & Renewal North Texas** for hosting our November Happy Hour!

HAVE/WANT...

Office space: Tarrant County Medical Society Building, NE corner of Hemphill and Pennsylvania, 6,700 sq ft or less, will finish out. Beautiful views of the Downtown skyline. For more information contact rsloane@tcms.org.

For Sale: 1921 Henderson St., 3-2 1/2, guest quarters over garage, built in 2007. Call Julie Mathis 817-731-8466.

For Lease: 814 Pennsylvania Ave, 900 sf loft apartment, for lease January 1. Call 817-737-0404 for appointment.

MEMBERSHIP...

There are now **311 funding members** of Fort Worth South, Inc. Applications at fortworthsouth.org. New member:
Kroh & Associates 814 Pennsylvania Ave. #100 Karen M. Kroh

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