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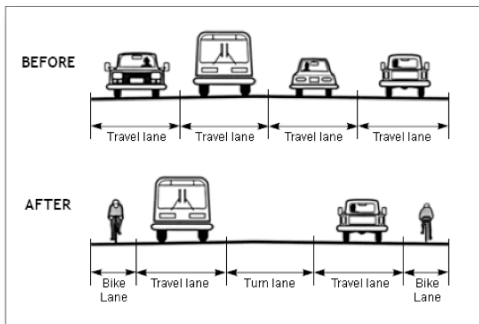
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Finally Here, and Bigger Than Ever!! ArtsGoggle, Friday, Sept. 5, 5-10 PM

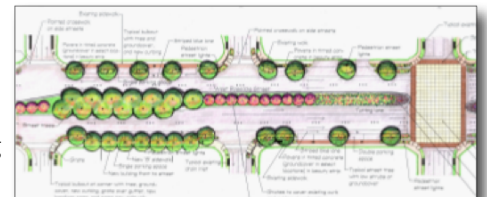
Friday's ArtsGoggle features more venues, artists, music, and, for the first time, free and convenient transportation! An ArtsGoggle circulator bus will pass through all the Goggle clusters, so park your car, enjoy the ride, and visit venues throughout the district. Plus, courtesy of *Go Green Taxi*, we will have free (tips only) pedi-cabs for a pleasant open-air ride to your next destination. For a map of Goggle venues visit www.fortworthsouth.org. Full program should be posted by the end of the day Thursday.



Proposed 3-lane + bike lanes re-striping concept for Magnolia

Strong Support for “Complete Street” Conversion of West Magnolia Several dozen business owners and residents attended the community meeting last Wednesday to discuss the proposed re-striping of Magnolia between Jennings and 8th Avenue. Channel 8 followed up with a story on Sunday night's newscast ([see story and video](#)). A clear majority of attendees strongly supported the plan to re-stripe that section of Magnolia as a 3-lane roadway with striped bike lanes in each direction. Several attendees expressed concern about possible congestion, but traffic engineering studies show similar conversions have been implemented on streets with much heavier traffic than Magnolia's without causing congestion. In response to the community's support, FWSI will recommend the project to Councilmember Joel Burns and City staff. The project could receive funding later this year through Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District #4.

Funding Progress for West Rosedale Streetscape Improvements – Last month the Regional Transportation Council appropriated funds for streetscape improvements along Rosedale between Forest Park Blvd. and I-35W. A special thank you to Council Members Kathleen Hicks and Joel Burns and the staff of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for their leadership in securing this piece of the Rosedale funding puzzle. Funding to date also includes contributions from the City and NCTCOG's Sustainable Development program. The TIF Board is expected to consider the final request in October.



Proposed median and roadside landscaping along Rosedale

Vote Today for Near Southside Destinations in FW Weekly's Best Of 2008 – Time is running out, so get your votes in by next Friday, September 12 to make sure the Near Southside is well represented in the annual FW Weekly “Best Of” Awards. Their [online ballot](#) makes it simple!



FortWorthology Features Near Southside in Online Photography Exhibit – Last month photojournalist Kevin Buchanan's website FortWorthology.com featured dozens of photos of buildings and spaces on the Near Southside, ranging from Fairmount bungalows to major landmarks such as Broadway Baptist Church. Kevin used a special high dynamic range (HDR) technique that he describes in the post. A [must see](#).



Friday on the Green, October 3, 6-9 PM – As mentioned last month, the first “Friday on the Green” event at Magnolia Green Park is scheduled for Friday, October 3. It will be an Oktoberfest in partnership with Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. Look forward to a great band, Rahr's Oktoberfest beer, German food, & more. Bring your children and chairs or blankets for this fun event.

Yucatan Taco Stand Now Open – 909 W. Magnolia Ave., located in the former BJ Keefers spot on Magnolia at Alston, is now open and already getting rave reviews. The inside is beautifully renovated to include a mix of seating options and a large bar, and you can also enjoy patio dining under one of their large red umbrellas. If you are a tequila fan this is the spot for you – they have over 100 different brands! Please stop by and welcome them to the neighborhood.



ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Julie Lazarus Studio, 1617 Park Place Ave. – Learn to paint and appreciate art through childrens and adult art lessons available this fall. Beginning oil painting for ages 10-14 on Saturdays, starting September 13th, for eight weeks. Julie is a painter, printmaker, and glass artist. She has a B.A. in elementary education as well. For more information, Julie can be reached at julielazarus18@hotmail.com or 817-927-8787 studio or 817-919-0752 cell.

Historic Fort Worth, Inc. – “Preservation is the Art of the City” reception with the artists, Thursday, September 4, 6:30-9:30 pm. View and purchase art before show opens September 5. \$75 for HFW members, \$100 for non-members. For reservations call 817-336-2344 or visit www.historicfortworth.org. Free public art show and sale, September 5-27: Monday – Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm. Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy.

Finn MacCool’s First Annual Rocktoberfest, Friday, October 17th – Earlier this year Finn MacCool’s put on a great outdoor party for St. Patrick’s Day and they’ll do it again for their first annual Rocktoberfest. Save the date!

Annual Fort Worth Jazz & Heritage Festival, September 26-28 – Free admission, children’s play zone, and plenty of music and food at the future home of the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame, 3520 E. Berry. Visit www.renaissanceculturalcenter.org for more information.

FWSI EVENTS...

Members Breakfast: Wednesday, October 1, 8 am – Oak Timbers, 308 E. Terrell. Oak Timbers is the district’s new luxurious apartment complex for older adults, offering a beautiful community center and a wide variety of other amenities. Stop by and see for yourself. We have 2009 dates open for hosts. Please contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org or 817-923-1343.

Member Host Happy Hour: Thursday, October 9, 5:30-7:30 pm, 1208 Magnolia Ave. Stop by and see Fran McCarthy’s restoration of the former Catholic Charities building just west of his historic Mehl Building project. Please note that we are rescheduling the happy hour from September 25 to October 9 to avoid a conflict with the City’s “Let’s Talk Fort Worth” event. Please contact michel@fortworthsouth.org if you are interested in hosting a Happy Hour. We have the October 23rd date available.

THANK YOU...

Scampi’s for hosting our August Breakfast, and **Jen Meyer Photography** for hosting our August Happy Hour!

Brian Henderson of Creative Magma for donating his time and expertise for the wonderful ad he created for Downtown Fort Worth magazine’s Urban Living issue.

HAVE/WANT...

For Lease Northeast corner of Hemphill & Pennsylvania Ave, \$18 triple net lease rate, 7,500 RSF available, conference/training rooms for tenant use, available January 2009. For more information call Tyler Trahant or Ted St. Clair Jr. 817-335-5600.

For Sale 1025 S. Jennings (corner of Rosedale & S. Jennings), 4-story office bldg, 15,806 sq. ft., extra lot across street for parking, list price \$950,000. More info call Jim Austin 817-923-9305.

MEMBERSHIP...

There are now **323 funding members** of Fort Worth South, Inc. New member:

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Membership forms available at www.fortworthsouth.org. Dues support redevelopment and promotion of the district.

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