

Fort Worth South, Inc.

Report to Members & Partners

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*Nonna Tata
on Magnolia*

Nonna Tata to Cater February 24 FWSI Banquet! – Yet another compelling reason to reserve your table or seat today for our 8th annual banquet to be held at the **Masonic Temple**, 1100 Henderson St. the evening of Tuesday, February 24. Sponsor tables and individual tickets are still available. Reserve a seat by contacting Michel at 817-923-1343 or michel@fortworthsouth.org. Reception 6pm, Dinner & Program 7:15pm, Theme: Making a Difference! The banquet is our only fundraising event, and it's always a good time for a good cause.

Group Ad Opportunities for FWSI Members – We are expanding our marketing efforts with new group advertisements in local publications. We've started with single and double-page ads in the Downtown FW magazine published monthly by the FW Weekly. The magazine is read by thousands of residents and visitors and is found in businesses and hotels throughout the central city. The ads are a great value and a unique opportunity for coordinated marketing. If you are interested in participating, please contact Michel at 817-923-4113 or michel@fortworthsouth.org. This opportunity is reserved for FWSI members.



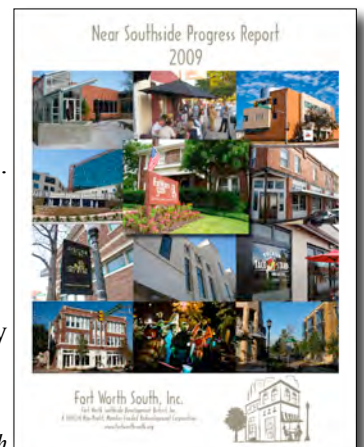
*January's Downtown FW
magazine with the double-
page Near Southside ad.*



Tree Planting with TCU Neeley Fellows: First Phase Planting Week of Feb 16 – Last year FWSI kicked off a partnership with the TCU Neeley Fellows program to establish a street tree program for the Near Southside. The students' hard work will be visible to all this month as the first phase (35 trees) is planted. Thanks to all of the students and their program director Dr. Beata Jones, and special appreciation to the Wachovia Foundation for a generous grant that allows us to water the trees regularly for two years until they are established. Watering will be provided by Camp Bowie District, Inc.'s watering truck through a contract with FWSI. Thanks to all involved in this great community partnership!

2009 Near Southside Progress Report – We have revamped our annual report publication, and we will publish the new 2009 Near Southside Progress Report later this month. Copies will be distributed to all banquet attendees on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Special thanks to FWSI's technology consultant John Belknap and Steve Smith from Starr Tincup for their assistance in assembling the document, and to Branch-Smith for printing services.

Magnolia Re-Striping Approved – Funding for the re-striping of Magnolia between Hemphill and 8th Ave. was approved Jan. 29 by Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District #4. Ideally the re-striping will be completed before our spring ArtsGoggle, scheduled for Friday, March 27 (see announcement on back.) The City requested additional time to study the feasibility of a second major component of Magnolia's facelift: the installation of tree lights. We are very encouraged by the City's positive response to the idea and appreciate their efforts in solving some technical challenges. *2009 Progress Report: Out later this month*



TIF Approves Design Funding for Mid-Block Crossing at Samaritan House – At meetings on the Hemphill streetscape project, a common concern focused on unsafe conditions for those walking from Samaritan Village apartments on the west of Hemphill to facilities on the east side of the high-speed street. Good news: The TIF approved design funding for a safe mid-block crossing and associated traffic calming elements. Thanks to the City for responding!

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

1st Friday on the Green Returns Next Month! – We kick off the 2009 series on Friday, March 6 so make plans now to enjoy live music and great food with your family and friends at Magnolia Green. The 1st Friday series is fully funded by Fort Worth South, Inc. membership dues, so let's give a big Thank You! to all FWSI members and fellow lead sponsor Fort Worth Weekly. Bands for March 6 will be announced soon.



SAVE THE DATE! Spring ArtsGoggle, Friday, March 27 – Once again the next ArtsGoggle will be the biggest yet! More venues, artists, music, and two types of convenient transportation. Pedicabs and a trolley make it easy to park your car and visit venues throughout the district. Anyone interested in being a venue, artist, musician, or volunteer, there is still time to sign up on our website, www.fortworthsouth.org.

New Business: Tracey Autem Photography – Tracey's popular photo studio is moving to South Main Village, relocating to 106 E. Daggett in the ground floor of the historic Sawyer Grocery building. The bridal photo to the right was taken a block away from her studio in the historic Miller Manufacturing Building at 311 Bryan, currently being renovated by VKR Construction for conversion to loft apartments. Stop by and check out Tracey's studio!



Tower 55 Public Meetings – Find out the latest on alternatives to alleviate severe rail congestion at the northeast end of the district: Wednesday, February 18, 12 noon (brown bag) and 6:30 pm, Intermodal Transportation Center, 1001 Jones St.

Welcome New Fort Worth South, Inc. Board Members – Welcome and thank you to the following new members of the Fort Worth South, Inc. Board of Directors:



1. Marilyn Ackmann, Atmos Energy
2. Andrew Blake, Presidio, LLC
3. Sam Buchanan, UNT Health Science Ctr.
4. Ames Fender, Ames Fender Architecture
5. Bob Hampton, Impart Financial
6. Jay Hedges, AUI Contractors
7. Brad Hensarling, Chat Room & The Usual
8. Jim Johnson, Fairmount Homes
9. Fran McCarthy, South Main Developers
10. Terry Montesi, Trademark
11. Jason Needham, State Farm Insurance
12. Joe Self, Firm 817
13. Tom Turner, Turner Consulting

FWSI EVENTS...

Members Breakfast: Fortress Youth Development Center, 712 Stella, Wednesday, March 4, 8 am – We have 2009 dates open for hosts; contact michel@fortworthsouth.org if you're interested. Breakfast attendance has been impressive over the last few months so this is a great way to showcase your business or development!

Happy Hour – February 24 banquet fills in for the happy hour this month. See you there!

Thank you to Joe Frank and JPF Homes for hosting our January Breakfast in his beautiful new bungalow at 1317 College Ave., and to **William T. Fitzgerald, PC** for hosting our January Happy Hour – what an incredible office!



HAVE/WANT...

Office Space – 1412 W. Magnolia, 2,500 sq ft, recently renovated loft-style space in historic bldg, 3rd floor with elevator. Formerly North American Title, lots of windows with great views. Contact Dwight Mitchell 817-921-2212.

Job Opportunity – Courage & Renewal North Texas: Administrative Assistant position, 30-32 hrs/wk, experience working in an office setting handling multiple tasks. Submit resume to info@couragenorthtexas.org.

MEMBERSHIP... There are now **322 members** of FWSI. Applications at fortworthsouth.org. New members:

Design For Living	101 S. Jennings Ave., Suite 200	David Goodroe
FortWorthology	1500 6 th Ave.	Kevin Buchanan
Rahr & Sons Brewing Co.	701 Galveston Ave.	Tony Formby
Sipes Promotion	6711 Bluffview Dr.	Kathy Sipes
Old Home Supply	1801 College Ave.	Ralph Watterson
Tracy Autem Photography	106 E. Daggett Ave.	Tracy Autem

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