

# Fort Worth South, Inc.

Report to Members & Partners

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**Don't Miss 1st Friday on the Green!** – This Friday, March 6th kicks off our 2009 event series at Magnolia Green with a lineup that you won't want to miss. White Ghost Shivers from Austin has gained a large following with a unique sound and show that blends western swing and ragtime and always gets the crowd moving. In addition to the headliners, the bill features a special surprise with an opening solo set from C. Johnson of local favorites and South by Southwest invitee Telegraph Canyon. Food by Chadra Mezza & Grill. Bring blankets, chairs, family, friends, and a donation for the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Thanks to sponsors FW Weekly, the Chat Room, The Fairmount, and Yucatan Taco Stand.

**ArtsGoggle, Friday, March 27, 5-10 pm** – Spring ArtsGoggle is almost here! 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. For businesses and artists interested in participating, it's not too late. Sign up on our website, [www.fortworthsouth.org](http://www.fortworthsouth.org), or contact Michel at 817-923-1343 or [michel@fortworthsouth.org](mailto:michel@fortworthsouth.org).



**Joe's Run, Saturday, March 28, 8 am** – What better way to rebound from ArtsGoggle than a jog the next morning? The 12th Annual Joe's Run brings some exciting changes, including the addition of a 10K run to the popular 5K run/walk. The run benefits Samaritan House at 929 Hemphill, a residential facility for men and women living with HIV/AIDS. This year Joe's Run has teamed up with undergraduate fellows from TCU's Neeley School of Business to expand promotional efforts and increase awareness of the event. Don't miss a fun event for a great cause!

**8th Annual Banquet** – Thanks to the 300+ that celebrated how FWSI is "Making a Difference" at the February 24 banquet. Special thanks to FWSI's Michel Stebbins and her Banquet Committee, Nonna Tata, Rahr & Sons, businesses that gave door prizes, and all of our table sponsors. Congratulations to Councilmember Joel Burns, this year's Kline-Watts Award winner, and MVP winners Eddie Vanston and Sallie Mitchell.

**Urbanism Seminar with FortWorthology's Kevin Buchanan, Saturday, March 21** – [FortWorthology.com](http://FortWorthology.com) has become the website of choice for those interested in following and discussing urban redevelopment in Fort Worth. On the site, photojournalist and blogger Kevin Buchanan posts his analysis of local projects and examples from across the country to promote the type of walkable urbanism that we're working to restore on the Near Southside. Join Kevin for a presentation titled "Discovering Urbanism: An Introduction to Walkable, Livable Communities" on Saturday, March 21 at 1pm. We'll follow up with an email with the location.



**Paco & John Mexican Diner, 1116 8th Ave.** – Last week the former Shamrock station on 8th Ave. just south of Rosedale became home to Paco & John Mexican Diner, a fantastic little restaurant that's already created quite a buzz. It's now open for breakfast and lunch. Choose from real tacos, fresh fish and shrimp, roasted chicken, tortas and sandwiches, and sit-down specialties such as cochinita pibil or trout with two salsas. And it's BYOB for now so feel free to bring your own wine or beer until their license is approved. Visit [www.pacoandjohn.com](http://www.pacoandjohn.com) for the full menu.

**TREES!** – Exciting tree initiatives moved forward in February. The Near Southside street tree program kicked off with a planting ceremony with Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Hicks on February 18. This program was made possible through the hard work of the TCU Neeley Fellows, a generous grant from the Wachovia Foundation, donated trees from the City, and a partnership with Camp Bowie District's watering truck. Tree planting is also underway on Magnolia Ave., where FWSI is planting 26 trees to fill in empty tree wells and replace dying ones. And although some of Magnolia's trees haven't fared well, some from the 1980s streetscape project have thrived, and those deserve some recognition, right? We think they do, so FWSI has nominated four trees in front of Modern Drug Village at Hemphill and one by JJ Robb Real Estate for Heritage Tree designations through the City's Forestry division. Visit this [website](#) to nominate a tree or learn more about the program.



Heritage Tree nominee on Magnolia



**Coming Soon: Near Southside Pint Glass Specials** – The take home souvenir from the annual banquet will soon become your ticket to exclusive specials at Near Southside pubs and restaurants. And don't worry if you missed the banquet; you'll be able to buy the pint glasses from the restaurants and pubs that participate. So far we've received interest from the Chat Room, The Fairmount, Yucatan Taco Stand, and Chadra Mezza & Grill, but this opportunity is open to all FWSI-member restaurants & pubs, so contact Michel at 817-923-1343 or [michel@fortworthsouth.org](mailto:michel@fortworthsouth.org) to participate.

**Caregiver Class at Southside Church of Christ, 2101 Hemphill Street** – If you provide care for someone who cannot fully care for themselves, you are a Caregiver. Caregivers carry burdens emotionally, physically, financially, and spiritually – and finding support or answers can be difficult. The church offers a Caregiver Class every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Meet other caregivers, share experiences, and find support. For more information, call 817-923-8276.

**Another Award for Rahr & Sons!** – Rahr's reputation for excellence grows as they bring home another prestigious award. Iron Thistle, a special batch beer available on draft only, has been named National Grand Champion at the 15th United States Beer Tasting Championships! **IRON THISTLE**

**Fort Worth Business Press: Group advertising for FWSI Members** – Near Southside group ads are a great deal compared to solo ads. Those interested in participating contact Michel at 817-923-1343 or [michel@fortworthsouth.org](mailto:michel@fortworthsouth.org).

**Herringbone Home, 1628 Park Place** – This new shop will feature antiques, home furnishings, and interior design services in Jack Kendrick's former space next to Chadra Mezza & Grill on Park Place. Should be open by ArtsGoggle!

**Zio Carlo Italian Brew Pub Survey** – We mentioned last month that Zio Carlo will be moving into the former Gunn's Cleaners building. Take a survey at [www.gr8ale.com](http://www.gr8ale.com) to let owner Carlo Galotto know you'd like to see at his new pub.

**Gallery Art Café** – Starting March 19, new evening hours for coffee & pastries: Th 5-10p, Fri & Sat 5-11p, Sun 5-10p.

**Sports Rehabilitation Specialists, 1901 Cooper St.** – Pilates starts March 23, 5:30-6:30p, \$10 per class, 817-877-8977.

#### 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](mailto:michel@fortworthsouth.org) if you're interested.

**Happy Hour** – March 27 ArtsGoggle fills in for the happy hour this month. See you there!

**Thank you to Jim Austin** for hosting our February Breakfast at his Fort Worth Event Center.

#### HAVE/WANT...

**Office Spaces** – 1412 W. Magnolia, 2,500 sq ft of recently renovated loft-style space, 3rd floor with elevator. Formerly North American Title, lots of windows with stunning views. For information contact Dwight Mitchell 817-921-2212. Also available: 1508 W. Magnolia, 1,500 sq ft. Great location at 7th Ave intersection. Call Marvin 817-929-0669.

**MEMBERSHIP...** There are now **318 members** of FWSI. Applications at [fortworthsouth.org](http://fortworthsouth.org). New members:

CMIT Solutions, Cowtown

650 W. Vickery Ste 100

Shirley Peterson

Zio Carlo Italian Brew Pub

1001 W. Magnolia Ave

Carlo Galotto