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Thanks to The T for convenient trolley service during ArtsGoggle!

Kevin Buchanan

Only at ArtsGoggle: Beautiful artwork and a live show by The Theater Fire at Sundance Scooters

It was great to see how popular FW South's two signature events have become. Burning Hotels and The Campaign attracted the largest 1st Friday crowd yet, and Saturday's ArtsGoggle filled the streets throughout the afternoon and evening as visitors enjoyed great art and music at the 64(!) participating venues. Special thanks to all venues, artists, musicians, and especially Michel Stebbins and the ArtsGoggle committee!

Don't Miss the Last 1st Friday of 2009 – Friday, November 6th we'll have the Orbans and Luke Wade and possibly a third band to be announced soon. Bring family and friends to help us celebrate our first full year of 1st Fridays on the Green! As evidenced by the event's two Best of 2009 awards (see below), we're

proud to say that this event has quickly become a one-of-a-kind, extremely popular outdoor music party that's now regularly drawing crowds of over 500! As always, we ask that you please not bring beer, wine, and food so that we can continue to present this event free of charge. We'll see you again on November 6th!

A New Record! 50 Near Southside Winners in Fort Worth Weekly's Best Of 2009 – And we thought the district did well last year with 27 winners! Clearly FW Weekly readers and critics are finding even more of their favorite places on the Near Southside. [This year's issue](#) honored past winners and a batch of newcomers, and we were also happy to see Fort Worth South's recognition for best Urban Development/Smart Growth. This year's winners:

• Arts Fifth Avenue	• Fort Worth South, Inc.	• Paco & John
• Kevin Buchanan, Fort Worthology	• Gallery Art Café	• Panther City Bicycles
• Benito's (3 awards)	• James Johnston	• Paris Coffee Shop (2)
• Broadway Baptist Church	• King Tut	• Rainbow Lounge (2)
• Copa Cabana	• Lili's Bistro (5)	• Ella Mae Shamblee Library
• Councilmember Joel Burns (2)	• Magnolia Avenue Restaurants	• Spiral Diner (2)
• Chadra Mezza & Grill (3)	• Massey's	• Stage West
• The Chat Room Pub (3)	• 311 Bryan, Miller Lofts	• Dana Schultes, Stage West
• Ellerbe Fine Foods	• Modern Streetcar Plan	• Jim Covault, Stage West
• Fairmount Neighborhood Assoc.	• Nonna Tata	• Yucatan Taco Stand
• Finn MacCools	• Old Neighborhood Grill	• Byrd Williams IV
• First Friday on the Green (2)		



The Usual gave ArtsGoggle visitors a special preview last Saturday

The Usual: Opening this Month – We hear that the waiting will only last a few more weeks for the much anticipated opening of Magnolia Avenue's newest watering hole: The Usual at 1408 W. Magnolia Ave. If the size of the crowd that toured the unfinished bar during ArtsGoggle is any indication, The Usual promises to be an extremely popular addition to Near Southside nightlife. The interior has been completely remodeled with custom light fixtures, built-in booths, a restored fireplace, and a beautiful new bar. Coming soon: a tiered outdoor patio with built-in bench seating similar in design to the interior booths. Congratulations to owners Brad Hensarling and Sarah Harper, contractor Bill Smith, and designer Kara Keith. Stay tuned for grand opening announcements!



Save the Date: *Tracks to the Future: Rail & Economic Development in North Texas* – Since 2003, FWSI and a coalition of community groups have presented a series of conferences to address pressing development and transportation issues. The most recent was the successful *Design for Density* in October 2007. We're proud to announce the fourth conference to be held **Friday, December 11th**. *Tracks to the Future* will bring neighborhood groups, business leaders, and public officials together to discuss the future of rail transit in the Metroplex and to confront important questions head-on. How do we pay for it? Who is leading the effort? How do we make it happen? What can I do to make a difference? The conference will feature keynote speaker Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory and multiple panel discussions with local, regional, and state officials. More information on location and times next month!

FREE Green Cinema Series: Hosted by Urban Green Build, 1244 College – As announced last month, this week kicks off another monthly Near Southside event: Urban Green Build's rooftop screenings, 2nd Thursdays at 7 pm, BYOB.

October 8: *Trashed* – A provocative portrait of the garbage industry.

November 12: *11th Hour* – The moment for action has arrived. Featuring Stephen Hawking, William McDonough, and other experts.

December 10: *Food, Inc.* – Surprising and shocking truths about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here.

January 14: *Portland: A Passion for Sustainability* – See how business leaders adopted a framework for sustainability.

URBAN GREEN BUILD

FWSI EVENTS...

Member Breakfast: Scampi's, 1057 W. Magnolia Ave., Wednesday, October 7th, 8 am – Enjoy delicious food while checking out the redesigned interior and outdoor seating at Scampi's, a long-time favorite on Magnolia. The November 4th host is The Alband Firm, 1130 S. Henderson.

Contact Michel michel@fortworthsouth.org if you'd like to host a Member Breakfast.



Happy Hour: Magnolia Avenue Salon, 711 W. Magnolia Ave., Thursday, October 22nd, 5:30 pm

Located within the Modern Drug Village redevelopment project at Magnolia and Hemphill, this popular salon always provides great service and high quality work in a fun and friendly atmosphere. See their cool space in the historic mixed-use building and meet others working to revitalize the district. Contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org if you're interested in hosting a Happy Hour.

Thank you to the Tarrant County Medical Society for our September Breakfast and to **Robert Kelly Architect** for our September Happy Hour!

HAVE/WANT...

311 Bryan in South Main Village – Warehouse lofts for lease, with large windows, concrete floors, granite countertops, stainless appliances, claw foot tubs, 16-foot ceilings, gated parking, and views of Downtown. For true urban living don't miss this opportunity. 700-1,700 sq ft, \$850-\$1,400. Call Susie at 214-850-3408.

511 Bryan

1208-1214 S. Main Office Space – 5,400 sq ft total or four separate offices with 1,350 sq ft each, dedicated utilities, ample parking, \$14 per sq ft. Offered by Kline & Co. call Tom Reynolds 817-336-8005.

207 S. Main Street – Great ground floor space within newly renovated historic Sawyer Grocery Building. Be the next business to join this energized urban village. 2,100 sq ft, call Tom Reynolds 817-336-8005.

MEMBERSHIP... There are now **304 members** of FWSI. Membership dues support the Near Southside's revitalization! Applications at www.fortworthsouth.org. New members:

Eagle Audio Recording	911 S. Main	Jerry Hudson, Jeff Ward, Clay Anderson
Infrared Diagnostics, LLC	5900 Lakeside Dr.	Bill Johnson
MPI Protective Services Corp.	P.O. Box 155608	George S. Birch
Newman & Summers, P.C.	601 Penn St.	Frank Newman Jr.
Panther City Bicycles	1306 W. Magnolia Ave.	Jason Magby
PRIM Construction	2800 F Shamrock Ave.	Davis Christie
The Alband Firm	1130 S. Henderson	Navid Alband
The Blind Solution	2311 6th Avenue	Gary Guess