

Families and friends at First Friday



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Report to Members & Partners

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Giant Jenga at ArtsGoggle

Weekend to Remember – We're not sure of the best description to use.....Tipping point? Watershed moment? All we know is last weekend was something special! Here at FWSI we often think about that hypothetical moment in the future



Salon Upstairs

when all the collective efforts finally push the Near Southside over the hump and the area becomes the success story we've always envisioned. Well, last weekend had that feel didn't it? Beautiful weather and fantastic music from Telegraph Canyon and Whiskey Folk Ramblers drew the largest crowd ever to First Friday on the Green for a perfect finale to our second full year of the concert series. Then on Saturday night, our fall ArtsGoggle became the

biggest street party this area's ever seen, with thousands of visitors enjoying another beautiful night strolling the streets, chatting with old neighbors, meeting new friends, and checking out the art in the 65 participating venues. Perhaps the



South Main's Better Block Project

most remarkable scene was on South Main Street where a group of business owners and their friends created the type of vibrant urban streetscape that South Main hasn't witnessed in over a half century. For that night the street was filled with cafe tables, food and coffee vendors, live music, art tents, bike racks, children's games, and visitors from all over. And cars and Molly the Trolley moved through it all, slowly and safely. Thanks to all who made this

such a great weekend, with a special thanks to Michel Stebbins from FWSI for coordinating everything, Sally Birthisel and the FW Music Co-Op for booking the bands, Creative Magma for their outstanding ArtsGoggle branding work, Rahr & Sons and Coors Distributing for the ArtsGoggle donations, and FW Weekly and our other First Friday partners. And thanks to Kevin Buchanan for shooting photos that capture the weekend's magic.



Live music at SiNaCa



Magnolia Avenue crowds

ArtsGoggle Limited-Edition T-Shirts – Still available, very nice all cotton T featuring the signature goggles logo for only \$15! Email michel@fortworthsouth.org, call 817-923-14343, or stop by 1606 Mistletoe Blvd. Sizes S-XXL.



Recommended alignment

Modern Streetcar Recommended to Connect Near Southside, Downtown, and Trinity Uptown

Last Tuesday the City Council received the long-awaited recommendation from HDR Engineering for the first phase of a modern streetcar system in the central city. The line would travel north-south along South Main from Magnolia to Vickery, east-west on Vickery to Jennings, and via Jennings to Downtown, where it would connect to the Intermodal Transportation Center and northward through Sundance Square to the planned Trinity Uptown area north of the river. HDR's study predicts extensive redevelopment along the route. The next step is a detailed business plan for financing the streetcar's construction and operations, due to the Council on November 16. Southside Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District #4 is proposed as a primary funding source for our district's portion, and last week the TIF #4 Board approved a resolution to make TIF funds eligible for consideration.

Rahr 5k – The first annual Rahr & Sons Oktoberfest 5K was a huge success, even in a downpour. The after party moved inside, with plenty of food and award-winning beer for runners after the jaunt through the Near Southside. Congratulations to Fritz & Erin and the Rahr team and also to DFW Runs for a well-organized and entertaining event.



Wet run & good times



AWARDS & RECOGNITION...

FW Weekly Best Of 2010 – Our area did great again in the annual Best Of issue, with 39 awards going to the Near Southside. As in the last several years, this year's issue honored past winners and a batch of newcomers. Congratulations to all and thanks to everyone who voted!



Donatella Wins Fort Worth's Top Chef Challenge – Congratulations to Donatella Trotti for her amazing victory in *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine's Top Chef Challenge! We're not surprised that the chef responsible for Nonna Tata's remarkable success came out on top, but the three round competition among Fort Worth's top 10 chefs showed just how good she is. Donatella's competition included top chefs from Del Frisco's, Reata, Grace, Eddie V's, Michaels, Chef Point Cafe, and Lanny's Alta Cocina Mexicana. Stop by for lunch or dinner at Nonna Tata and see for yourself why Donatella's the best!



Most Improved Neighborhood – The work of FWSI and all of our members, partners and friends working to make the Near Southside great received some recognition by *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine. We won both the readers' and staff's choice for the Most Improved Neighborhood!



Paris Coffee Shop in Bon Appetit – Joining Ellerbe Fine Foods in attracting attention from the nation's top food magazine, the Paris Coffee Shop was also recognized among the best in the country by *Bon Appetit*. Mike Smith's popular diner at Magnolia and Hemphill was listed among the Top 10 Best Places for Pie. Congratulations to Mike and his team for the well-deserved honor!



809 at Vickery – An original venue for parties, rehearsal dinners, weddings and receptions, charity and corporate events, cocktail parties, lectures, photo shoots and more. Use your own caterer and furnish the bar your way. 817-291-4249.

Courage & Renewal-North Texas – FREE information session about their Leader Connection for Nonprofit Leaders meeting series, October 15, 1-3pm at The Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods, 818 Missouri Ave. For more information call 817-882-8222.

Stage West Theater – Presents *The Miser* by Moliere, Oct 28-Nov 28. Arguably the greatest classic comedy of the Western world. Conflict between a controlling skinflint and his grown children is uproariously entertaining.



FWSI EVENTS...

Member Breakfast, Wednesday, November 3rd, 8am – Cowtown Marathon Inc., 1612 Park Place Check out their new headquarters, their Cowtown running gear, and hear about their children's fitness program.

Happy Hour, Thursday, October 28th, 5:30pm – All Needz Plumbing, 710 S. Main St. Please contact Michel at mi-chel@fortworthsouth.org if you are interested in hosting a Happy Hour for 2011.

HAVE/WANT...

928 Lipscomb Loft – Call 817-734-6475. Cherry cabinets, granite countertops, high ceilings, only 1 left.

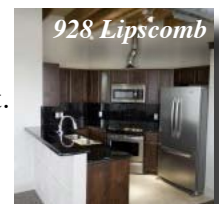
1000 St. Louis – Medical building for sale or lease, 47,944 square feet, call Jim Sager 817-877-4433.

126 S. Main Street, Suite 100 – Renovated historic building, \$10.50/sf, call Gina 817-332-5014.

306 W. Broadway – Newly renovated office space, contact Rosie 817-332-8505.

320 Hemphill - Contemporary office space available on a turnkey basis, 817-810-0400.

FOR SALE – 1120 W. Magnolia Avenue, 15,025 sf land.; **1617 Park Place Avenue**, 12,880 sf. For more information contact Gary Vasseur 817-335-7575. **801 W. Cannon** medical office building 9,600 sf, 35,000 sf land, call Chris 817-335-7575.



MEMBERSHIP... There are now 287 members of FWSI. Dues support the district's revitalization! New members:

Boys & Girls Clubs Panther Branch	1500 Hemphill	Rick Moore
Historic Mehl Building	1208 W. Magnolia	Mike Dolabi, Dr. Alan Hurschman, Ray Boothe
Goodrich Postnikoff & Albertson, LLP	777 Main St. Ste. 1360	Jessica McAdams
Modern Drug Village	Magnolia Avenue	Peter Lyden

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