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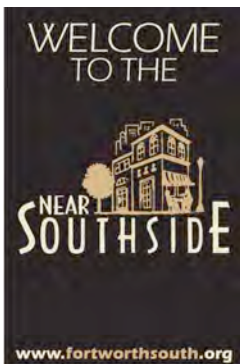
MAY 2008

BRANDING CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF...

Look for Near Southside Signs – The City’s Traffic Services Division has begun installing Near Southside signs at 50 intersections throughout the district, thanks to an anonymous donation from a FWSI member. On behalf of all FWSI members, we would like to say “Thank You!” to the generous donor. We’ve seen how these signs bring recognition to neighborhoods throughout the city, and they will be an important part of the district’s new branding campaign, along with streets banners along Magnolia and at other significant locations throughout the district.



District street sign



Street banner

Magnolia Facelift This Summer – The Near Southside’s signature street will soon look much better. On May 15, the Board of Directors for the Southside Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District approved funding for the first phase of streetscape repairs. The project includes replacement of rotting bench slats with more durable wood, removal of weeds and dead trees, planting of new trees in empty tree wells, and a 5-year maintenance plan. The first phase also includes 30 “Welcome to the Near Southside” banners (left) to line Magnolia between 8th and Jennings, the first location for our street banner program. The facelift’s 2nd phase should begin late ’08 and will repair all damaged sidewalks and could also include better looking trash cans. In addition, FWSI plans to work with the City and business owners to explore a re-striping proposal that would transform Magnolia into the district’s first “complete street.” Complete streets provide facilities for all users: cars, bicyclists, transit vehicles, and pedestrians. The most significant change would be the addition of dedicated bike lanes. More soon!

DEVELOPMENT OLD AND NEW...

Southside Historic Resources Survey – The Near Southside might have the largest concentration of historic buildings in Fort Worth, providing a competitive advantage in attracting residents and businesses. Historic Fort Worth, Inc. has just completed an effort to increase awareness of the district’s history and to promote the reuse of those buildings. The *Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey: Phase III, Fort Worth’s Southside* is now available electronically at www.historicfortworth.org through a generous gift from the Ryan Foundation. We encourage you to browse this well-researched and user-friendly catalog of Southside landmarks.



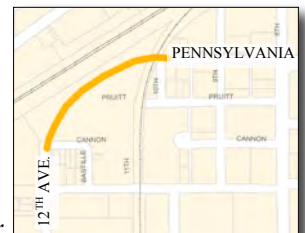
Southside historic survey entry



Oleander Place

Oleander Place Townhomes – Located along Oleander Walk, these four 3-story units provide great views with roof top decks and optional roof top spa and kitchen. Homes range from 1,750 to 2,700 sq ft and start at \$263,000. Updated historic brownstone architecture, brick and stucco façade, bay windows, gourmet kitchens, custom Shaker cabinetry, large pantry and granite counter tops. Authentic oak hardwood floors installed, and finished on-site. For information: Chris Faulkner, 817-975-3300 or chris.faulkner@cbdfw.com.

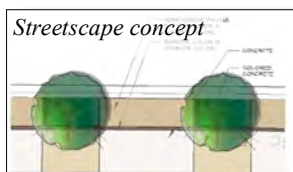
Pennsylvania/12th Ave. Connection – The \$150 million City bond package approved by voters this month included a new street connection between Pennsylvania and 12th Avenue. This will expand travel choices and improve circulation by providing another connection to the area located between 8th Ave. and the FW&W railroad.



Pennsylvania/12th Ave. connector

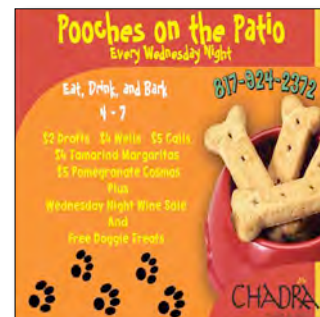
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS...

Fort Worth Sound – Fort Worth’s platinum-selling rock band the Toadies completed the recording of their long-awaited third album *No Deliverance* this month at Fort Worth Sound, 306 S. Main St. (www.fortworthsound.com). The session is already bringing a lot of attention to the Near Southside studio and should help engineer Bart Rose book other national recording artists. Congratulations to Bart and Fort Worth Sound, and best of luck to the Toadies on a successful album and tour. *No Deliverance* will be released August 19.



Hemphill Streetscape Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 pm at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, 800 W. Magnolia. Those interested in the effort to install trees, lights and other streetscape improvements along Hemphill between Allen and Terrell should attend this important meeting to review the proposed design. The proposed concept should provide wider sidewalks and calm traffic through Magnolia Village.

Chadra Mezza & Grill “Pooches on the Patio” – Every Wednesday evening now has “Pooches on the Patio” so bring your dog to visit with others. They just ask that your pet be well behaved. Patio dining is now available at Chadra Mezza & Grill, 1622 Park Place, in the back of the restaurant.



Fort Worth Life Sciences Coalition at Arts 5th Avenue – The local American Chemical Society and Fort Worth Life Sciences Coalition are co-hosting a Science Café Event at Arts Fifth Avenue: "MRSA and Beyond: Drug resistant and hospital-acquired infections and what we can do about them." Refreshments & music included. Wednesday, June 4, 7:30–10:30 pm, 1628 Fifth Avenue, \$10, students \$5. Respond by June 2nd to info@fwlsc.org.

Fort Worth Urban Living (formally Urban Realty Resources) – Will sponsor "The Cost of Living in Urban Areas" Saturday, June 14, 12-2pm. Lunch will be provided, to reserve your spot call 817-920-0700.

FWSI EVENTS...

Members Breakfast: Wednesday, June 4, 8 am – Scarborough Specialties, 1404 W. Magnolia Ave. Don't miss seeing all the things Scarborough offers to promote your business. July 2nd breakfast will be hosted by Beck Group, 810 Hemphill. We have dates open for hosts, contact Michel at michel@fortworthsouth.org or 817-923-1343.

Member Host Happy Hour: Fort Worth Urban Living at 1240 College Ave. will host our Happy Hour on Thursday, June 26th, 5:30 till 7:30 pm. Please contact michel@fortworthsouth.org if you are interested in hosting.

THANK YOU...

Quorum for hosting May Breakfast, and **Tray Chic** for hosting our May Happy Hour!

HAVE/WANT...

For Lease – Newly remodeled bungalow at 806 Ingram in Historic Fairmount. 2-1½, washer/dryer hook-up, available May 15. For more information: Keith at 817-319-7069.

For Lease – 4 office suites at 301 College Ave. 188-265 sq ft, 834 sq ft total. Total rent \$1,735/month includes utilities. For information call Chris Hatch 817-332-3320.

For Sale & Lease Book – If you have property for sale or lease, bring a picture and all pertinent information to our office and we will add it to our book. We have people in the office looking for property almost every day.



MEMBERSHIP...

There are now **332 funding members** of Fort Worth South, Inc. New Members:

Fain	825 Vickery	Larry Frazier
Jen Meyer Photography	1020 W. Magnolia Ave	Jen Meyer
W.A. Powers Co. Inc.	125 S. Main St	Jack W. Powers

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