

Friends of Mandell Park 6th Annual

PLANT SALE

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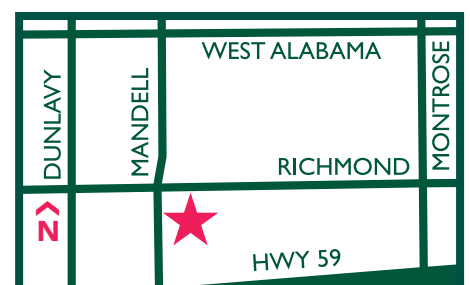


- A great selection of quality plants & flowers
- Garden tours
- Raffle for many great items
- Coffee from The Black Hole, breakfast items
- Children's corner

9 am – 1 pm
Mandell Park



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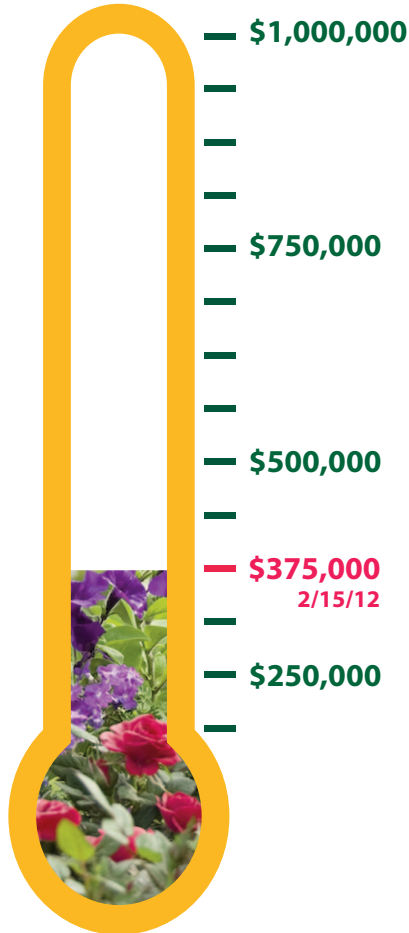
SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Planting For The Future Capital Campaign Receives Large Contribution

Thanks to a very generous gift from Kathrine McGovern/The John P. McGovern Foundation the Friends of Mandell Park's Capital Campaign, *Planting for the Future*, is now well on its way to meeting its goal of \$1,000,000. Mrs. McGovern gave \$300,000.00 to the *Planting for the Future* campaign late in 2011. This large donation has changed our focus from a dream to reality. Added to the additional monies raised since August 2010, our campaign now has over \$375,000.00 dedicated to completing our Master Plan for Mandell Park.

Our capital campaign committee is working hard to obtain the funds necessary to complete the project. Grant proposals have been sent to various local foundations trying to build upon this early donation and additional proposals will be submitted in the near future for additional funding.

I want to provide some information about our fundraising efforts since our founding in late 2004. A



total of 216 different individuals and organizations have donated to FOMP. Of these, half have contributed

mean that our goals are strongly supported by many people.

In addition to the grant from Kathrine McGovern/The John P. McGovern Foundation, Friends of Mandell Park has previously received grants from The River Oaks Garden Club, The Jacob and Terese Hershey Foundation, and The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation. Total contributions from foundations are \$318,500.00 since our inception.

I also want to acknowledge the contributions of our Board of Directors. Over the years the board, and their matching gifts, have contributed over \$47,000 to our efforts. In addition to the monetary support, the members of the board have provided hours of volunteer service in many areas. Their work has been as garden coordinator, plant sale committee chairperson, newsletter editor, fundraiser and many other necessary and important jobs. Their ideas and enthusiasm have sustained this organization and helped us get to the point where our goal appears to be in sight.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Tradition Bank — The Plaza. Thanks to their generosity the past three years, and again this year, our Spring Plant Sale has been underwritten by Tradition Bank and proven a successful fundraiser.

Skip Almoncy
President

multiple times. The total amount of money raised through these individual donations, including matching funds by employers, comes to over \$106,000. We take this number of contributors to

Naming Opportunities

Park	\$1,000,000
Meadow Hill Seating	\$300,000
Meredith Gardens Restoration Recognition	\$150,000
Green Center	\$100,000
Large Rain Garden (3)	\$50,000 ea
Smaller Rain Garden (3)	\$25,000 ea
Vine Covered Trellis (1)	\$25,000
New Meredith Garden Raised Planter Bed (2)	\$15,000 ea
Rebuilt Meredith Garden Planter Bed (6)	\$10,000 ea
Vine-Covered Garden Entry Arch (2)	\$5,000 ea
Picnic Table (4)	\$5,000 ea
Teak Bench (10)	\$2,500 ea
Shade Tree (36)	\$1,000 ea
Ornamental Tree (17)	\$500 ea
Large Art Tile (Unlimited)	\$250 ea
Small Art Tile (Unlimited)	\$100 ea
Paver (Unlimited)	\$100 ea

Mandell Park Proves to be a Park For Everyone!



If you drive by Mandell Park on any given Sunday, you can't miss the growing group of **Dagorhir**.

Dagorhir is a mock fighting game based on the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

"The participants basically adopt characters and role play out battles every Sunday," explained Merce Torres, a Dagorhir enthusiast. "It is a nationwide sport, though it is virtually unknown in the southern states."

"Since Dagorhir was founded in Pennsylvania, few Texas chapters ever get past more than ten members," said Torres. "However, we have recently been very fortunate to recruit some exceptional people into our realm thanks to Mandell Park and its central location. We are now the largest chapter in Texas [over 70] with about 25 members participating each week."

"The goal of the Dagorhir realm is to offer like-minded players an opportunity to participate in a group activity. Not only is it a free and fun way to exercise and enjoy fresh air but it is also an environment for people to flex their creative muscles as well. Playing Dagorhir can include sewing costumes, writing stories, crafting weapons, a venue for bardic performances."

The Dagorhir members range in age from 12 to 40, come from as far away as Brennan and Katy, and are everything from dwarves to elves!

"We all adore Mandell Park because of what this venue has been able to add to our lives. The elves particularly adore the gardens," concluded Torres.

For more information, please stop by Mandell Park any Sunday from 1:30 to dark. You won't be disappointed.

Meredith Gardens Welcomes New Coordinator



Elani Hantel, Meredith Gardens Volunteer Coordinator

Master gardener Elani Hantel has volunteered to coordinate all the Meredith Gardens volunteers just in time for the busy spring planting season. Elani is uniquely qualified for this position as she combines her green thumb with vast experience in managing oil field crews, in addition to raising three kids!

We greatly appreciate Elani and all the Boulevard Oaks Ladies Club (BOLC) members who have already made an impact on the park.

And we are especially pleased that with a new coordinator in place, Meredith Gardens can now support several new and/or experienced gardeners.

If you are interested in learning more about Meredith Gardens volunteer opportunities, please contact FoMandellPark@aol.com.

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