



FOREST HILLS NEWS

January - February 2017
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HAPPY 2017

FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BULK TRASH

January
Thursday 5 - Sunday 8
Trash pick-up starts the week of Monday 9 -
Friday

February
Thursday 9 - Sunday 12
Trash pick-up starts the week of Monday 13
- Friday

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Wednesday,
February 8 for the March/April Issue

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, we've wrapped up another solid year in our neighborhood and along the way, have come closer together as a community. As with every year, there are always twists and turns, but I think that we as neighbors have stepped up our investment in listening to each other and as a result have become more unified

as a group. So, with the prospect of a new year upon us, I'd like to use the rest of this letter to share some thoughts on setting New Year's resolutions.

New Year's resolutions were introduced concept was originally religious in bountiful blessings or paying forward positive return. Over time, New Year's more reflective of the individual and capacity. With this in mind, I hope year to clean the slate and commit your In sharing on this front, I'll offer have is to increase communication neighborhood. I understand that neighborhood may sound somewhat the idea that if someone were to a small following of 15-20 volunteers that be more impactful then simply neighborhood that's growing and evolving and many residents are already active in Dallas, so why not combine forces and do it as a concerted effort for our own neighborhood?



CHRIS MCCAULEY

to society several thousand years ago. The nature and focused on repaying the gods for certain items as an investment with hope of resolutions have morphed to be one that is oriented toward self-improvement in some you've been able to take the start of a new time to something that's meaningful. that the Forest Hills NA resolution that I of the various activities occurring in the making a commitment or resolution to your silly, but I'd challenge that thought by offering volunteer to lead a FH outreach role and built to assist various groups in Dallas, wouldn't doing it by yourself? We have a very dynamic

Okay, so I realize some of this letter is aspirational in nature, but that's the point of a New Year's resolution, you have to dream big and make an effort. With this groundwork laid, I'd like to ask for your help in fulfilling the vision of a bigger and more active Forest Hills neighborhood. We will take event volunteers, new initiative leaders, and are open to new roles you might suggest that can make a difference. Since it's the New Year, I'd like to call on all the people the Board and I have met at our Spring, Fall, and various other events who've noted they'd like to help and get involved, but then don't sign up or reach out to get things in motion. To help resolve this last point, look for a simple volunteer sign up page & e-mail coming soon to allow you to join fellow neighbors and get involved.

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ALLURE OF THE ARBORETUM

Dallas Blooms, the magnificent spring blooming flower display at the Dallas Arboretum, is truly one of the most breathtaking events of the year. Featuring daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, irises, pansies, violas, poppies, azaleas and more, it is the largest floral festival in the Southwest and a draw for thousands of tourists each year. Don't miss the chance to prance among the posies during this year's exhibit from February 25 through April 9. Buy tickets at the garden or online at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/admission-tickets>.

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, the Arboretum will host its first ever **Food and Wine Festival** set against the gorgeous and colorful backdrop of its annual Dallas Blooms spring exhibit. The festival was inspired by the work being done on A Tasteful Place - a food and herb potager garden that is set to open at the Dallas Arboretum in fall of 2017. The event will feature fine wine and craft beer tastings as well as delicious bites from renowned Dallas area chefs and restaurants. Five types of regional cuisine including American Bistro, Mediterranean, Pan Asian, South American and globally influenced desserts will be the focus of the evening. Guests will be treated to a special concert with dessert and coffee to wind up the evening. Both general admission and VIP tickets are available for purchase. For more information on this premier event, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/education/adult-programs/food-and-wine-festival>.

If your kiddo loves the great outdoors, consider a **summer camp at the Arboretum** to nurture their love of nature. Campers ages Pre-K through 7th grade can choose from a wide variety of themes from checking out creepy crawlies to science. Kids love the activities and parents report feeling very good about the experience their children gained at camp. Keep an eye out for the 2017 complete summer camp listings that are expected to come out in March at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/education/summer-camps/summer>.

Did you know that over 3,000 volunteers donate almost 80,000 hours of their time annually to assist with various Arboretum duties and needs? Volunteers are a key element in the Arboretum's ability to provide guests with an excellent experience at the garden. Their enthusiasm and excitement for the success of the garden aids its excellent staff with any number of projects. **If you are looking for volunteer opportunities** and share a love for the Dallas Arboretum, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/volunteer> to find an opportunity that matches you!





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Spotlight On:

The Jorgensen Family, Our New Neighbors on Santa Clara!

By: Nicole Bosworth

Brian, Allison, Jake (11), and James (9) Jorgensen moved to Forest Hills in May 2016, when their newly built Austin home was complete. The Jorgensen's have lived in the Dallas area for twenty years, most recently in Lakewood. Brian is originally from Arlington where he grew up watching his dad play for the Texas Rangers. They relocated to St. Louis when Brian was in college (where he, too, played baseball), and at the University of Missouri he met Allison, originally from California.

When Brian and Allison were married, they decided to relocate back to Texas so Brian could attend law school. Brian is now a partner at JonesDay and specializes in labor and employment law, while Allison teaches Physical Education at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, where Jake and James attend.

The Jorgensen's were looking for a neighborhood with a strong sense of community, friendly neighbors, and large lots with room for the boys and dogs to roam and run. They settled on Forest Hills and fellow Forest Hills neighbor Mark Thornhill built their current home.

When they are not shuttling between games and cheering on Jake and James in their various sports (football, basketball, and family favorite baseball), the Jorgensen's enjoy spending time in their new home with friends and family. They are thrilled to be a part of the Forest Hills Community, which quickly felt like home.



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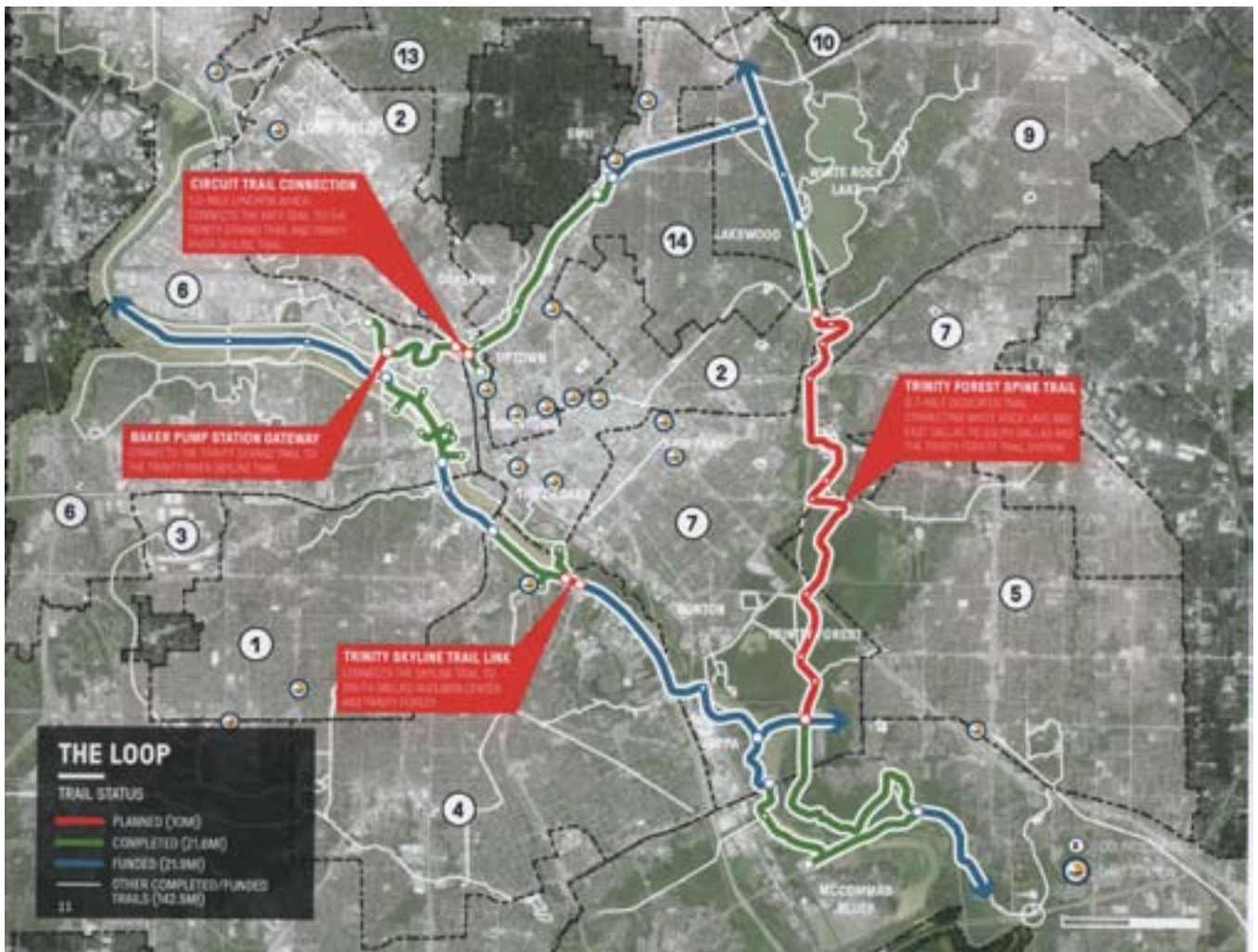
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Proposed Additions to the Dallas Trail System

With the goal of making Dallas a more livable, pedestrian friendly city, miles of urban trail have been constructed around Dallas over the past ten years. As a number of trail segments have been funded and completed, the city is now looking to realize that vision by adding four key connector trails that will complete The Loop trail system.

The largest of these connector trails (and the one closest in proximity to our beloved Forest Hills) would unite White Rock Lake and East Dallas with South Dallas and the Trinity Forest Trail. The Trinity Forest Spine Trail, as they are calling it, would be a dedicated 8.7 mile trail at a cost of \$18 million. When it and the three shorter connectors are complete, The Loop would offer more than 50 miles of contiguous hike and bike trails. In addition to recreational use, The Loop would provide a safe, green, healthy option linking neighborhoods to transportation hubs and economic centers.

The Circuit Trail Conservancy is an umbrella organization that will lead fundraising and outreach efforts in support of The Loop. If you'd like to get involved or learn more about proposed plans for The Loop, visit www.theloopdallas.org.



Winter Weather Tips

for your four-legged friends!

It's a common belief that dogs and cats are resistant to people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia.

- 1. Keep Pets Inside**
Longer haired and thick coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dog breeds for outdoor climates, are more tolerant of cold weather, but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below freezing weather.
- 2. Provide Choices**
Just like you, pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth. Give them some safe options to allow them to vary their sleeping place to adjust to their needs.
- 3. Make Some NOISE!**
A warm water engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, being on the hood, and back the tires before starting the engine to encourage feral feline friends to abandon their roost under the hood.
- 4. Play Dress Up!**
If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat. Have several on-hand, as you can mix & dry sweater or coat with time your dog goes outside. Wet sweaters or coats can actually make your dog colder. Some pet owners also use booties to protect their dog's feet. If you choose to use them, make sure they fit properly.
- 5. Provide Shelter**
We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if you are unable to bring your dog inside during weather, provide them with a warm, dry, cold weather animal. If you're able to, consider providing shelter for stray cats in the neighborhood.
- 6. Be Prepared**
Cold weather also brings the risk of severe winter weather, blizzards, and power outages. Prepare a disaster emergency kit, and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications) as well as leashes and flea/tick preventatives on-hand to get through at least 3 days.

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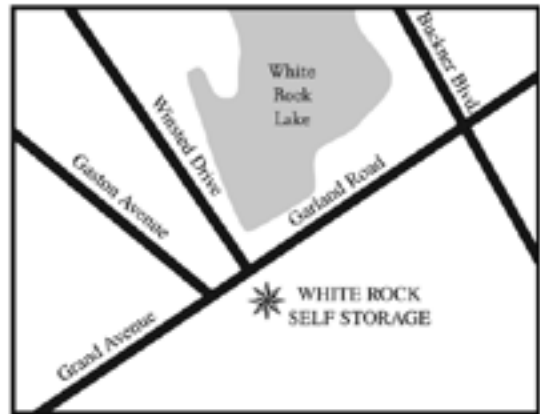
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Tree Lighting Ceremony

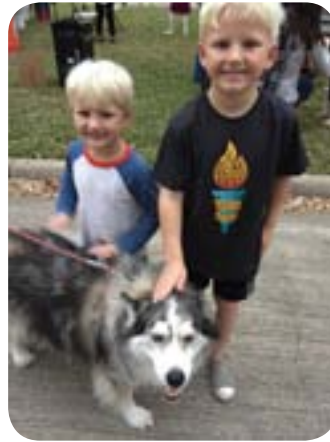
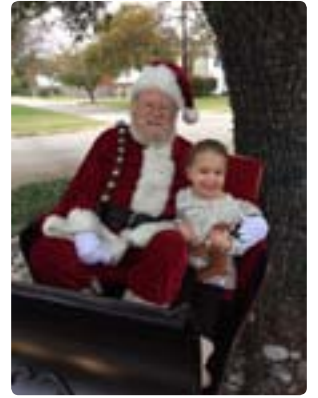
Neighbors ushered in the merriment of the holiday season at the annual Forest Hills Tree Lighting Social on the evening of Sunday, November 27th. Friends new and old mingled and reconnected, while neighborhood kids had a lot of good old-fashioned fun. The children decorated cookies, crafted ornaments out of buttons, took snapshots and shared wish lists with Santa, and rode a trackless train around and around and around again.



At 5:45 p.m., FHNA President Chris McCauley welcomed everyone before leading the kids in a countdown to flip on the lights on the neighborhood tree at the intersection of Brezewood and Forest Hills Boulevard. The twinkling glow of the lights was a festive end to a fun-filled family social.

Warm thanks to Metro Paws Animal Hospital and Dr. Sadie Fraleigh, DVM for providing cookies and cider at the event. Metro Paws Animal Hospital will be opening it's new location at 7446 East Grand Avenue soon.







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Welcome Newcomers!

If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact nicolembosworth@gmail.com with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide to Forest Hills!

Apologies if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed for remodeling or when a home is purchased directly from builder or previous owner.

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By East Dallas Veterinary Clinic

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not emergency clinic trips!

Follow these simple steps to keep the start of your New Year stress free!

Valentine's Day is all about the chocolate for us but not for your pets. Keep all chocolate and candy up and away from curious noses. Typically, chocolate is most toxic when it is darker and in solid form. If your pet happens to ingest chocolate, call Poison Control immediately. In addition to chocolate, keep all sugar-free items away from pets as well. Xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in many types of sugar-free candies and baked goods, is toxic to dogs and can cause liver failure. Like any holiday, keep all decorations out of the way of pets so ingestion is not a possibility.

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November

Dana & Bill Almquist 8359 Santa Clara

No matter the season, this well manicured yard is always a showcase with numerous flowerbeds full of seasonal color, wide variety of evergreens and numerous trees. This time of year pansies and roses are vibrant and full of character.

December

Phyllis & Stuart Biltz 8319 San Leandro Drive

This yard consists of beautiful tiered steps constructed from nature stone leading one up to the house. Flanked on each side are flowerbeds full of bright colored pansies, holly ferns and Mondo grass. This yard is a good example of saving old mature trees while constructing a new house and adding many younger ones to the landscaping.

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