



# FOREST HILLS NEWS

January - February 2013  
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## Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Every Month – Second Saturday White Rock Shoreline Spruce-up



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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

HAPPY 2013!! As we start off the new year, we are excited about a number of changes in and around our neighborhood.

✱First take a look at the area around the spillway. There is significant change taking place. The old Yacht Club will soon be a new venue.

✱The Arboretum will open the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Gardens in the Spring.

✱Lincoln Properties has purchased the Far West shopping center. (They also bought the Lakewood shopping center where the ACE hardware store is located.)

✱The YMCA is relocating across the street in the church building. We still see new construction and remodeling in Forest Hills.

Our association will be undertaking a project in 2013 to add additional entrance signage to our neighborhood on both Forest Hills at Lakeland and on San Rafael. We will also be exploring options with the City of Dallas for the green belt area between San Pedro and San Benito for use by Forest Hills residents.

Stay tuned, please volunteer, join the Neighborhood Association and our Security Program!

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## LEEANN MAKES IT TO THE TOP!



Forest Hills' Leann Hodge, a senior at DISD's Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School climbed the tallest free standing mountain in the world this past October. She and her schools' science teacher, Dana Clark were part of GLOBE'S world wide learning expedition, which included 3 guides, 5 scientists, 6 teachers, 7 students, a film crew and 100 porters! The students were studying biomes and changing glaciers on Mt Kilimanjaro to determine if the water there was from melting glaciers or from other sources. A strenuous training schedule with the crew team at White Rock Lake helped Leann brave the elements in reaching the summit of 19,000 feet

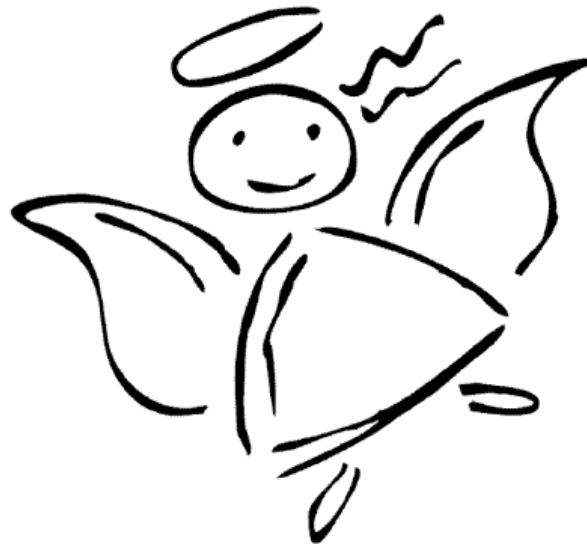
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# FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANGEL TREE

THANK YOU!!



On behalf of The Forest Hills Children's Network, I wish to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your support of our second Salvation Army Angel Tree. We took an ambitious 150 Angels, and at times I was afraid they would not all get adopted, but they did! We were helped in large part by The Children's Center, who graciously "guest hosted" our tree for two days. Special thanks to Jenny Mooney, The Grass family, The Talley family, The Hunt family, Barb Michaels and more for their support with all the behind the scenes work. I can't tell you what a joy it was to see the overwhelming generosity of the gifts that came in. Thanks to you, 150 children had bright and happy Christmas mornings that they would not have otherwise had. This truly speaks to the heart and character of Forest Hills, and I am proud to be part of such a great group. We look forward to continuing this tradition with you next year.

Gratefully,  
Amanda Johnson  
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# LOSS OF A FRIEND

Forest Hills lost long time resident, Edwin Howell this past fall.

Edwin attended Woodrow Wilson High School and graduated from UT Austin in Latin American Trade. He spent much of his working career with his family business, Persian Rug and Carpet Cleaning Company, founded in 1926. Over 40 years ago, after his parent's death, Edwin moved into their home on the 8100 block of Forest Hills Blvd. Papers found in the house showed that his parents purchased the house in 1948 for \$4,500!



Edwin's daughter, Joy Hagens is keeping the family home because it is so full of memories, where she and her siblings spent every summer with their grandparents fishing at White Rock Lake and riding their bikes all around Forest Hills. She remembers listening to stories about Garland Road flooding every time it rained before the spillway was built and about swimming and picnicking at the White Rock Bath House with its sandy beach. The house also holds the spirit of her father, who had a love for the visual, performing and literary arts and was a loyal supporter of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association and the Dallas Arboretum. Forest Hills says farewell to Edwin Howell.

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## CUB SCOUT TROOP 55



Forest Hills hosted St John's Cub Scout Troop 55, Den 13 as they accomplished their "Law Enforcement is a Big Job" achievement. The troop is working towards earning their Bear Badge. Congratulations boys!



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## ANIMAL ALERT!

If you have lost or found a pet in Forest Hills please contact our Animal Alert! to report it. Forest Hills and Little Forest Hills work together to try and help get lost pets back home. Email [info@lfhanimalalert.org](mailto:info@lfhanimalalert.org) as much information as possible: type, size, coloring, age, sex, when/where lost or found, etc. along with a picture or two if possible. The more information the better.

The BEST WAY to get lost or found pets home is through communication. Most of our pets have been returned home because someone recognized the picture of a pet in our Animal Alert! emails. Email [info@lfhanimalalert.org](mailto:info@lfhanimalalert.org) to be added to the list of those receiving our alerts. Emails are sent out only about our pets. We do not sell emails or use these emails for any other reason. If for any reason you wish to be removed from the list, simply let us know.

THE MORE EMAILS ON THE LIST - THE MORE PETS WE CAN GET HOME!

Have you registered your pets with Animal Alert! yet? Download a form from our web and either drop it off or mail it to: Andie Comini- 1737 Whittier Ave Dallas, Texas 75218

[www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org) (214) 930-5910

If you would like to volunteer or donate- please contact Andie Comini (214) 328-0508.

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# PAWS PAGE



Brrrr—it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips. Article by ASPCA website

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm, dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.
8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him, and his fur, in tip-top shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.



# FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM ELECTS 2013 BOARD MEMBERS



In December 2012, a new Board was elected to lead our Forest Hills Security Program. The board is a mix of residents who have been with the Security Program over its 10 year life plus newer residents to our community who are bringing more ideas to our program. Our Security Program is a voluntary, not for profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation funded by the generosity of Forest Hills neighbors.

**Forest Hills Security Program Vision:** To make Forest Hills one of the safest communities in Dallas for its residents, thereby improving the attractiveness of the community to present and future residents and enhancing the value of living in Forest Hills.

Our 2013 mission is **to increase the participation rate** in security program pledges to fund the restoration of the 28 hours/week patrol schedule to continue to reduce reported crimes in the neighborhood. **To do that, we need at least 50% of the residents of Forest Hills to contribute \$240 annually** to the program. That is a significant increase over our 2012 contribution rate.

To achieve our 2013 goals, we have focused on **4 major areas** and assigned board members to lead our efforts in those areas during the year. Those major focus areas are:

1. **Organizational:** Do we have the right talent on the board drawn from the community to support our vision?
2. **Financial:** How do we strengthen our financial controls, yet simplify our processes to make it easier for residents to contribute?
3. **Operational:** How do we ensure we are achieving our objective of reducing crime in Forest Hills? What best practices from other Dallas neighborhoods should we adopt in Forest Hills?
4. **Marketing & Communications + Fundraising:** How do we ensure the residents of Forest Hills are getting all the information they want and need out of the program? What are the most effective ways to fund the program?

If you have already made your pledge for \$240 for 2013 to the Security Program, thank you! If you have not, your neighbors will appreciate your contribution for \$240 to help keep all of us safer and we will all benefit from your contribution. Please go to [www.foresthillssecurity.org](http://www.foresthillssecurity.org) for payment instructions.

## Forest Hills Security Program 2013 Board Members

(guess which 3 members of the Board missed the photo shoot!)



*Judy Whalen  
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*Greg Estell  
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*Dennis Reed  
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*Tracy Helms  
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*Cynthia Daniel  
Member At Large*



*Linda Rothstein  
Member At Large*



*Sgt. Rod Dillon  
Dallas Police Department*

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# FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 UPDATE

I want to thank those who have already made their 2013 pledges to the Security Program. The amount of pledges we receive drives the number of patrol hours we can schedule with our Dallas Police Department Security Program officers. We also experienced a number of generous donations in December, well above the \$240 annual contribution. It was those additional donations from several of your neighbors that funded the record number of patrol hours we staffed in December and into early January. Early indications are we have moved the participation rate upwards, but we are still short of our 50% neighborhood participation goal for 2013.

Some of the new things you will see from us in early 2013:

✓ **2013 Forest Hills Security Program Participation Home Sticker**

- Tracy Helms, our Security Program Chief Marketing Officer, is designing a decal that will be distributed to every CURRENT member of the Security Program. This will be something you can stick to your front door, alarm sign, gate, windows, etc. to let the bad guys (and your fellow neighbors) know that you are a security conscious neighbor and that you donated that year to the program.

✓ **New Financial Processes and Accounting System**

- Dennis Reed, our new Security Program Treasurer, has been working with our outgoing Treasurer, Jo Kirksey, on converting our accounting records over to QuickBooks to improve our tracking and reporting of your contributions. Dennis is also focused on simplifying our financial processes to eliminate questions about whether a neighbor is current with their pledge to the security program. More from Dennis on this during 2013.

✓ **New Reporting and Benchmarking**

- We are working with Sgt. Rod Dillon on performance metrics to let you know how well we are doing at reducing incidents in Forest Hills with our Security Patrols as well as overall crime prevention awareness. We will be benchmarking other Dallas neighborhood associations that operate Enhanced Neighborhood Patrols (ENP) like ours in Forest Hills. Our goal is to adopt any best practices from other neighborhoods where their performance has been better than the Forest Hills Security Program

These are just a few of the actions the Security Program board is driving for 2013, with many more to come.

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## CORRECTION: 2012 FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

In the November/December issue of the Forest Hills News, we published a thank you to all those who had contributed to the 2012 Security Program as of 10/15/2012. Unfortunately, we made an error and did not recognize the 2012 contribution of Betty Brownlee on San Leandro. To Betty and any others who we failed to recognize, we do appreciate your generous contributions!

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## GET CONNECTED

Are you a Forest Hills resident, who is not receiving eblasts regarding neighborhood events, emergency notices or security alerts? If you are not, but want to be included, you may submit your email address by going to [foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org) to the “get involved” page and click on “get connected” at the side menu. ([http://www.foresthillsdallas.org/get\\_connected.htm](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org/get_connected.htm))

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# SPOTLIGHT ON A NEIGHBOR

## Greg & Kathy Estell



Spotlight: Greg and Kathy moved to Forest Hills in July 2010 from Atlanta, Georgia.

Greg: Our family has lived in many cities in the U.S. as well as in Singapore and London. This was our first “non-corporate” move in our 26 years of marriage. Both of our older children were living in Dallas and we wanted to be closer to them.

Spotlight: How and why did you choose Forest Hills?

Greg: Kathy deserves all the credit as she “discovered” Forest Hills during our house hunting. We wanted to live close to the city. We wanted an established community with lots of trees and character. We love being close to White Rock Lake and the Arboretum. Our daughter was married this fall on the lake at the Filter Building. We love the people and the vibe in Forest Hills.

Spotlight: You and Kathy jumped right into neighborhood activities. Kathy started our Forest Hills Book Club. We talked about one for years. Obviously we were waiting for Kathy. You, Greg, graciously volunteered to head up the Forest Hills Security Program, a program very dear to all of us.

You’re coming in with fresh ideas, share a few with us.

Greg: The Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) will celebrate its 10th year as an Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) in 2013. The FHSP is a huge asset to the community and we have named a new board comprised of neighborhood leaders who have been involved with the program since its inception and newer members of the Forest Hills neighborhood, like myself. There are many things the FHSP does to make our neighborhood safer with the added benefit of enhancing our property values. However, the number of residents contributing to the program dropped in 2012, so I have a very singular focus to increase the number of 2013 contributions to the program from our neighbors. The more contributions we receive, the more uniformed patrols we will have from our off duty DPD officers. We have tremendous support from DPD. Sgt. Rod Dillon has participated in this program from the start, our patrol officers “know” our neighborhood, even our current DPD Chief of Police, David Brown, was a former patrol officer for the FHSP! We will leverage the talent of our Board members and our neighbors in ensuring we operate our FHSP with the best financial and operational capabilities and with strong marketing and effective communications to our Forest Hills neighbors.

Spotlight: Forest Hills celebrates neighbors like Greg and Kathy who graciously make time in their very busy lives to volunteer. They and others like them raise the bar for all of us.

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## SENIOR SOCIAL

### Thank You!!

FHNA would like to thank Garry and Susan Brown for hosting the annual FH senior social in their beautiful home. The seniors enjoyed fellowship and fun entertainment November 4th. Thanks goes out to all of our wonderful neighbors for volunteering their time and talent. They provided delicious food, delightful music and warm smiles to make the FH seniors feel welcome and appreciated. We especially thank the neighborhood seniors for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

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# BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

For the past two years the neighborhood association hired Mario Martinez and his crew to maintain the four common garden areas. He is doing an amazing job and these areas look the best they have in years. We are using the proceeds collected from the annual White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour to pay for the upkeep and have plans for more planting and signage at the gardens on San Rafael and Forest Hills. If you are interested in having Mario do some work in your yard his number is 469-556-9365.

In May 2013 we will once again be participating in the White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour. If you would like to have your garden in the tour please contact Barb Michaels 214-327-3817 or Andie Comini - 214-328-0508. The tour continues to be a major fundraiser for our neighborhood and also is a great way to build community with our two adjacent neighborhoods - Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates.



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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. Our information comes from MLS Real Estate listings only.

If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact [fhnnewcomers@aol.com](mailto:fhnnewcomers@aol.com) with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide to Forest Hills!

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# FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Forest Hills was ready to kick off the holiday season this year at our annual

Tree Lighting at Keller Circle. There was hot chocolate and apple cider, holiday music, tons of cookies and a cookie decorating station. Best of all this year was the train! The children of Forest Hills rode the train up and down Breezewood for almost two hours. Those not riding the train rode their bikes in a big herd of kids. Our FHNA president, Rick Sorrels, lit up the beautiful tree at 5:30 and it was so nice to watch it grow dark outside with our gorgeous tree all lit up. Several angels were adopted from the Angel Tree and fun was had by all. You can see the tree lit up at the intersection of Breezewood and Forest Hills each night through the end of December. Thank you to the many people who brought delicious cookies, helped with the party or attended.





## IN MEMORY OF...

Forest Hills residents lost two wonderful neighbors in November. On November 9th Michael Bane, the son of Debbie and John Bane of 8366 San Fernando Way died unexpectedly. He will be remembered for his winning smile, positive attitude and willingness to help others. He will be greatly missed by his parents, his brother Jonathon and his neighbors in the 8300 block of San Fernando Way.

On November 14th Carol McDowell 8438 Santa Clara Dr. died after a long bout with cancer. She is survived by her husband Ron McDowell and many friends and family including her neighbors on the 8400 block of Santa Clara. She was kind, always ready to help and will be greatly missed by all her knew her.

## CHILDRENS NETWORK

Do you have a baby under one year old? Want to meet other moms and babies in the neighborhood? There are so many new babies in our neighborhood right now! Lets meet for coffee and get to know one another.

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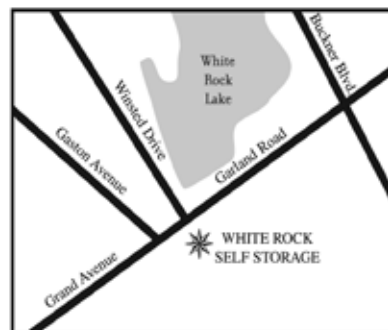
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# WHO IS YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

The FHA cannot express gratitude for its Block Captains. They are the intrepid but unsung heroes who deliver the FHA newsletter and other important information to our doors through rain, sleet and snow. They can answer many questions about the neighborhood, especially if you are new to Forest Hills. Your BC will be the name listed under your street and block number. The first name listed is the Lead BC. Additional names, if any, are Backup BC's. Block captain coordinator Lori Hunt Fhnabcc@aol.com.

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8500	Andie Comini	8300	Melodie Young	8500	Tamela Southan
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8100	Mary Pat Smith		Lenore Locascio	<b>San Pedro Parkway</b>	
8200	Josy Collins	8400/8500	Lori Josselyn	8400	Rana Pascoe
	Barbara Clay	<b>San Cristobal Drive</b>		8500	Diana Cox
8300	Kathy Glenn	8000	Jennifer Dickerson	<b>San Rafael Drive</b>	
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8400 (odd #)	Lori Hunt	8200	Molly Grogan	1507 - 1623	Shelly Clem
8500	Rick Sorrells	8300	Lottie Minick	<b>Santa Clara Drive</b>	
	Margaret Sorrells	<b>San Fernando Way</b>		8100	Martine Buhmann
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8400	Judi Boyles	8400	Tricia Heaney	8400	Barbara Michaels
<b>Groveland</b>			Jo Kirksey	8500	Alise Platt
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<b>Highland Road</b>		<b>San Leandro Drive</b>	Sue Benner	1600	Lori Josselyn
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## YARD OF THE MONTH

for November 2012

The Yard of the Month for November was awarded to Ron and Debbie Klein of 8223 San Leandro Dr. This is a great contemporary design and the use of the large bamboo in the atrium and the grove of Japanese Maples are lovely. Be sure to check out their Christmas display too. Thanks to Debbie and Ron for bringing brilliant color and design to our neighborhood.



## YARD OF THE MONTH

for December 2012

The Yard of the Month for December is awarded to Jane Hulsey of 8422 Santa Clara Dr. Jane has lived in our neighborhood for 25 years and always keeps a lovely well maintained yard. Be sure to check out the fabulous seasonal display that Jane's daughter and son-in-law designed this year. It is a magic winter scene that encompasses most of the front yard. Thank you Jane!



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