



FOREST HILLS NEWS

March - April 2013

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Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Every Month – Second Saturday White Rock Shoreline Spruce-up

March – Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 23rd at 10:30 am, Triangle Park

POOCH PROFILE

POOCH PROFILE: Tell us your name, breed, how you came to own your Mom, Trish Franklin, and how long you two have been together.

ALICE: My name is Alice (nickname Al) and I am a border collie/herding dog of some sort. I was found at Tenneson Golf Course one Saturday in April of 2001 when I was only a baby which makes me 12 years old.

POOCH PROFILE: We know your Mom's an animal lover and is always helping lost dogs and cats. Are you proud to share in her work or would you prefer she use that time to spoil you?

ALICE: I am very proud of her and don't mind sharing her as long as she doesn't get too carried away. It is always my hope that she finds the lost dogs owners so that they won't end up at our house. :)

POOCH PROFILE: When your Mom's not home, who do you invite inside the house to watch TV with you? Squirrels, raccoons, owls or cats? Do you share your treats when you invite your friends in? Do you watch Mom approved programs?

ALICE: My days are filled with walks, lots of milk bones and plenty of napping mostly. I am really not much of a television fan although lately I have developed an interest in Pawn Stars on the history channel. Chumley ROCKS!

POOCH PROFILE: Does your Mom dress you in costumes for Halloween and 4th of July? If yes, do you wear a little yellow slicker, hat and boots during walks in the rain?

ALICE: I have a dinosaur costume and my favorite is my court jester hat and collar.

POOCH PROFILE: When walking the neighborhood with your Mom, do you feel you're there to protect her or is the walk all about you?

ALICE: It's all about me. I am the alpha dog and always walk ahead of Mom and knucklehead (Buster). I am somewhat shy around strangers and other dogs so I am always looking ahead when we are walking trying to keep a sharp eye on the road. When I'm ready to go back home, I turn the show around and everyone follows. A born leader I am I am!

POOCH PROFILE: Tell us about your furry four footed siblings and how you all get along. Is there sibling rivalry in your home? If so, who's Mom's favorite?

ALICE: My baby brother is a blonde chow chow named Buster who Mom found over at White Rock Lake in 2004. We get along great because Buster knows who is in charge and he requires leadership and guidance. I sometimes feel bad for him because he struggled in school as a youngster and I was valedictorian of my class. (Not the sharpest tool in the shed)..ok I will be nice.

To sum it all up...it's a great life.



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 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 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 (214) 930-5910

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



PAWS PAGE

Springtime Safety Tips

From ASPCA website



Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts inevitably turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. But the new balmy weather can prove not-so-sunny for curious pets—or their unwitting parents. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your delicate, furry friend. To help you out, our ASPCA experts have come up with a few seasonal tips that will help prevent mishaps or misfortunes.

- **Easter Treats and Decorations** – Keep Easter lilies and candy bunnies in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats, dogs and ferrets, and lilies can be fatal if ingested by our furry friends. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration. Moreover, while bunnies, chicks and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy—these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!
- **Screen Yourself** – Many pet parents welcome the breezy days of spring by opening their windows. Unfortunately, they also unknowingly put their pets at risk—especially cats, who are apt to jump or fall through unscreened windows. Be sure to install snug and sturdy screens in all of your windows. If you have adjustable screens, make sure they are tightly wedged into window frames.
- **Buckle Up!** – While every pet parent knows dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the bed of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.
- **Spring Cleaning** – Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all commercially sold cleaning products contain chemicals that are harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage.
- **Home Improvement 101** – Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.
- **Let Your Garden Grow—With Care** – Pet parents, take care—fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients aren't meant for four-legged consumption and can be fatal if your pet ingests them. Always store these poisonous products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully. Check out our full list of garden care tips.
- **Poisonous Plants** – Time to let your garden grow! But beware, many popular springtime plants—including Easter lilies, rhododendron and azaleas—are highly toxic to pets and can easily prove fatal if eaten. Check out our full list—and pics!—of toxic and non-toxic plants for your home and garden.
- **Ah-Ah-Achoo!** – Like their sneezy human counterparts, pets can be allergic to foods, dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause minor sniffing and sneezing as well as life-threatening anaphylactic shock. If you suspect your pet has a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian as soon as possible.
- **Pesky Little Critters** – April showers bring May flowers—and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet.
- **Out and About** – Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks and more chances for your pet to wander off! Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information. Canines should wear flat (never choke!) collars, please.

If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

A FED RACCOON IS A DEAD RACCOON

The temptation to feed raccoons and other wild animals can be hard to resist. What begins as an innocent, kind-hearted gesture often creates serious negative consequences for the animals. Countless urban animal lovers feed raccoons on their back porches every night completely unaware they're creating death traps for the animals.

**If you love me,
please don't feed me!**



Diseases: Feeding greatly increases the spread of two diseases fatal to raccoons: distemper and parvovirus. Solitary animals that forage for food over a large territory are much less likely to be exposed to these diseases. As a result, distemper and parvo are rare among raccoons in wilderness areas. In contrast, they're two of the most common causes of death for urban raccoons because so many raccoons congregate in groups to eat in the same locations every night.

Loss of Natural Behavior: Fed raccoons lose their natural fear of humans. Every year in urban areas, thousands of "nuisance raccoons" are trapped and euthanized after complaints from citizens.

Overpopulation: Raccoons eating natural food sources usually give birth to four offspring per litter. Raccoons eating concentrated, high calorie pet food and table scraps often produce litters of six or more. As a result, feeding raccoons quickly can get out of control. When one or two animals become a dozen or more, a myriad of problems occur. Neighbors often end up calling animal control or hiring a wildlife control company to trap and euthanize the raccoons.

Robbed of a Beneficial Role: Raccoons can find plentiful natural sources of food in urban areas, including insects and mice. When they are eating those food sources, raccoons play a beneficial role in the urban ecosystem because they provide excellent, FREE pest control service. When pet food and table scraps are placed outside for them, raccoons cease eating insects and mice.

**For a positive way to interact with wildlife,
consider becoming a DFW Wildlife Coalition volunteer.**

For info about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.dfwwildlife.org



Since mid-December, more than 300 raccoons with distemper have been found dead or dying in the neighborhoods surrounding White Rock Lake. Symptoms exhibited by the sick raccoons include lethargy, facial spasms and seizures. The disease affects the raccoon's brain causing the normally nocturnal animal to appear in broad daylight and act tame. Distemper is not contagious to humans; however, it can be transmitted to unvaccinated cats and dogs. To reduce the spread of the disease, residents are strongly discouraged from putting cat food outside at night. The disease spreads rapidly among raccoons that eat in one spot. Anyone seeing a sick raccoon should call 311.

TRASH TALK

(BRUSH AND BULK COLLECTION 101)

WHEN IS FOREST HILLS' WEEK?

- Using a calendar, count the number of Mondays in each month.
- TIP: Do not count the weeks themselves, count the Mondays,
- **Forest Hills is WEEK 2** - collection is **the week of the second Monday**.
- You can be fined up to \$2,000 for putting out items at the wrong time.

HOW SOON CAN ITEMS GO OUT?

Dallas Sanitation Services picks up brush and bulk trash once per month. Items must be set out

- **By 7 am on the MONDAY of your collection week.**
- **But not earlier than the Thursday before your collection week.**

WHAT GOES IN?

- Trim Limbs
- Shrubbery
- Bagged Leaves
- Furniture *
- Appliances*
- Carpet*
- Mattresses*
- Other bulky items*

*Separate bulk items from brush, limbs and leaves

RECYCLE!

- Think about items you can cut up and recycle before putting them at the curb. (cardboard boxes, plastic, paper.)

WHAT DOES NOT GO OUT?

- Construction debris *
- Bricks, concrete, rocks, dirt**
- Grass clippings ***

*To dispose of construction debris call 311 to request Cost Plus Service.

**Bricks, concrete, rocks and dirt should be taken to McCommas Bluff Landfill for disposal.

*** Grass clippings should be mulched back into your lawn or added to your home compost pile.

WHERE?

Put materials on curb in front of your home.

NOT on medians or vacant lots.

NOT in the street or protruding out into the street from the curb. This presents a traffic hazard! *

***You can be fined for putting trash out at the wrong time AND in the wrong place.**



FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM

MARCH/APRIL 2013 UPDATE



Have you seen our new Forest Hills Security Program Supporter decals yet? If not, you may have missed making your 2013 contribution. For a \$240 annual pledge (payable in full or quarterly) you will receive two custom designed decals that can be applied to your windows and doors to show the bad guys that you are a security conscious household and your neighbors that you financially support our program. If you would like to give more to the FHSP, we have also designated premium givers through our Circle Program. There are three additional tiers of giving to the FHSP:

1. Silver Circle Supporter – 2013 total pledge of \$265 - \$489
2. Gold Circle Supporter – 2013 total pledge of \$490 - \$989
3. Platinum Circle Supporter- 2013 total pledge > \$990

If you qualify for one of our premium levels, you will receive a pair of custom FHSP stickers noting your Silver, Gold or Platinum status for 2013. In addition, please remember that gifts which exceed \$240 per year are tax deductible. We are excited about the positive response to our Security Supporter decals and will publish the list of premium supporters in the next edition of the newsletter.

In addition, we have been soliciting contributions from business partners in Forest Hills, who appreciate the beauty of our community and are building or selling Forest Hills properties and understand the value of the Forest Hills Security Program. I want to particularly thank Vicki White of VickiWhiteHomes.com for becoming a Silver Circle Supporter of the FHSP and to Tom Greico of Greico Homes for becoming a FHSP 2013 Supporter. Tom is building some beautiful new residences in Forest Hills and he gets the value of the FHSP to his business. Vicki has lived in Forest Hills, served clients in Forest Hills for years and she understands how a strong neighborhood security program increases property values and makes Forest Hills attractive to her clients. The FHSP not only supports our residents, it supports the efforts of local business leaders like Vicki and Tom who see the value in our neighborhood.

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 for payment instructions or just send a check for \$240 payable to the Forest Hills Security Program, PO Box 180693, Dallas, TX. 75218.

EXPERIENCING UNWANTED SOLICITORS AT YOUR DOOR?

The Forest Hills Security Program email address fhspenp@aol.com is a great way for you to communicate to and ask questions for your FHSP board. Forest Hills is a very attractive neighborhood for us but also for solicitors. The greatest volume of emails we have recently received concern solicitors that are unwelcome due to their aggressive tactics and questionable organizations they purport to represent. Some residents have asked about putting up non-solicitation signs at the boundaries of our neighborhood. Another resident has proposed a process for authorizing solicitors in Forest Hills. Unfortunately, stopping “nuisance” solicitors is a challenge given our current laws in Dallas allowing solicitation.

The City of Dallas does have laws to place some restrictions on soliciting. Solicitation is prohibited on Sundays, New Years’ Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Soliciting is legally permitted Monday through Saturday from 9AM until 30 minutes after sunset. However, Texas courts will not allow the city to enforce non-solicitation notices that would cover an entire neighborhood.

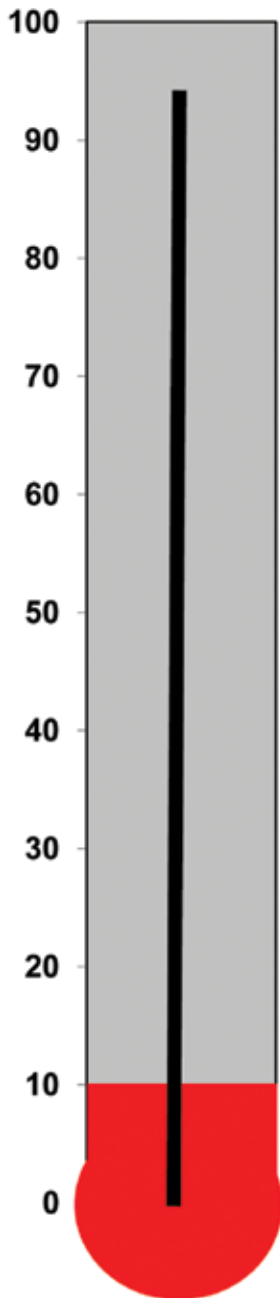
As a resident, you can go a step further and prohibit solicitation at your home at any time, including leaving door-hangers or other advertisements, by posting a sign on your door. The sign must be conspicuously displayed with a

minimum size of 3 inches x 4 inches and the lettering must be at least 1/3 of an inch high and it must say "No Soliciting." If you want to prohibit leaflets or other advertisements, it must also say "No Advertisements" or something similar.

If you still get advertisements, keep the card or flyer and call 311 to report the violation to the City. Be sure to ask for a report number so you can follow up on the report. The incident will be forwarded to Code Compliance in the city computer system. If the compliance officer needs the actual brochures, they will contact you.

If solicitors still come to your door, do NOT open the door, but ask through the door what the individual's business is and what company they represent. Be sure you let the unwanted person know you are home so they won't attempt a break-in. If you have one, direct their attention to your "No Solicitors" sign. If they leave without objection, you may report the violation with the date, time and name of the company to Code Enforcement by dialing 311. If the solicitor will not leave or is in any way threatening to you, call 911 immediately and report the incident.

WIN a \$100 Visa Card
Pay your dues before April 14th and be entered in a drawing
on April 15th for two \$100 Visa Gift Cards



***** 2013 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE *****

***** JANUARY RESULTS ARE IN *****

**** THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ****

HAVEN'T JOINED YET?

**Dues may be paid through PayPal by visiting our
website at foresthillsdallas.org or by sending a check,
payable to: Forest Hills Association**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Amounts: _____ \$50 _____ \$30 _____ Other
[\$50 per household/\$30 for members 65 or older]

Forest Hills Association

P.O. Box 180897

Dallas TX 75218



% Paid 2013 Membership



% Still To Go

FOREST HILLS CHILDREN'S NETWORK

Egg Hunt

Saturday March 23rd from 10:30am until Noon.

Triangle Park between San Pedro and San Benito Way



*Two egg hunts that will start promptly at 11am for children four years of age and under and for children five through twelve

*Special Golden Eggs in each hunt

*Games & Crafts

If you wish to participate please drop off twelve filled plastic eggs at 8326 Forest Hills Blvd. between Thursday, March 21, afternoon and Friday, March 22. If you wish to volunteer for this event, please email us at wintermorrison@yahoo.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEIGHBOR HEDWIG

Tuesday I was welding in the back yard like most Forest Hills housewives, when I noticed in the corner of my helmet something drop from the tree. Usually when a squirrel falls, he lays stunned, shakes it off and runs. This creature didn't move.

I took a garbage bag to my husband, family varmit disposer. He got close, picked it up and said, "Come see this." Bob was holding a magnificent barred owl. He examined the owl and found no wounds. It weighed less than a pound and a half with over a 4 foot wing span. I've never felt anything so soft. Bob named him Hedwig after my favorite Harry Potter series. Hedwig is magic. I called the neighbors who called the neighbors.



Glo Coalson, friend, neighbor, bird lover, bird artist came late and I gave her Hedwig so she could study him. She did more than that. She spent days measuring him, drawing every feather in every movement. We talked about taking him to a museum or center. Our neighbor, Patty McGill, with the Dallas Zoo was out of town, so I called the Trinity Autobahn Center where they would use him in an education class. Glo nixed that. Patty called back and explained how respectful their taxidermist would be and said she'd help me convince Glo. Glo's made a one third size Clay Hedwig and written for a grant for a full size bronze.



I miss Hedwig fussing at me in the back yard when I'm making too much noise with my welding and talking gently to me when I take a break. Maybe his friends will set up residence in the same tree and watch over me as my Hedwig did

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

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Matthew & Julie Koellner

8500 Block Forest Hills
David & Mandy McLean

8500 Block San Pedro
Scott & Katherine Reynolds

8100 Block San Benito
Randy & Linda Reed

1500 Block San Rafael
James & Maria Stanley

8400 Block Santa Clara
James & Melissa Barrow

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 fhnanewcomers@aol.com with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide to Forest Hills!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MADE IN FOREST HILLS REAL ESTATE!

By Vicki White, Vicki White Homes of Dallas City Center

As I sat down to prepare the newest sales comparables for Forest Hills, I pulled out the market analysis that I prepared for the FH Newsletter going back to 2009. Wow, Forest Hills is making a STRONG comeback!! We are closing more homes than we have seen in many years.

There are a couple of key things to keep in mind when reviewing these Forest Hills comps.

- This is a VERY diverse neighborhood, but it is all Forest Hills. That is part of the appeal as the diversity is what makes it feel like a small community. There are a few homes selling in the \$100,000's as well as into the Millions. Some over 100 years old, some brand new. It is really difficult to get a true picture of the neighborhood market value without looking at the Comparative Market Analysis HOUSE BY HOUSE; STREET BY STREET. The summary below is for the entire neighborhood, and not applies to apples on home comparisons. However, I do believe it shows overall very positive news about the change in this great neighborhood, and how it appears to be once again "in demand!!"
- The average sales prices below are directly related to whether there have been a majority of "lesser expensive" or "higher end" homes sold in a preceding 6 month period. Obviously, if many foreclosures or homes in need of total renovation sold in a 6 month period, it would completely skew the values of the neighborhood. That is why there is a need for a more specific CMA for each individual property within the neighborhood to determine a single homes value.

It would definitely be easier to determine market value if all the 600 plus homes were of the same era and more similar, but then it would not be Forest Hills!

If you would like a more accurate analysis for your specific home, feel free to contact me at Vicki@vickiwhitehomes.com I will be happy to prepare and send you a complimentary analysis more suited to your home.

- When making reference to the DOM (Days on Market), this is skewed by the fact that many homes (that have been on the market a long time) are taken off the market for 30 days to zero out the DOM. Therefore, the Days on Market are not totally accurate, but it is what people research. A good Buyer's agent will run the "archive" on a listed home to see what listing history is is.

2009 stats (6 month period)

<u>TOTAL SOLD PROPERTIES</u>	<u>7</u>
Days on Market	221
Avg. sell price	488,429
Average price per sq. ft.	157.27

2010 stats (6 month period)

<u>TOTAL SOLD PROPERTIES</u>	<u>16</u>
Days on Market	133
Average sales price	546,750
Average price per sq. ft.	\$188.63

MOST CURRENT 6 MONTH PERIOD 8/1/12 - 2/1/2013

<u>TOTAL SOLD PROPERTIES</u>	<u>19</u>
Days on Market	127
Average sales price	469,171
Average price per sq. ft.	173.51

12/1/2010 - 12/1/2011 (12 MONTHS)

<u>TOTAL SOLD PROPERTIES</u>	<u>19</u>
Days on Market	187
Average sales price	511,000
Average price per sq. ft.	\$158.11
Average 95% of list price	

12/31/2011 - 12/1/2013 (13 MONTHS)

<u>TOTAL SOLD PROPERTIES</u>	<u>41</u>
Days on Market	110
Average sales price	471,377
Average price per sq. ft.	\$163.14
Average 98% of list price	

IN SUMMARY:

The number of properties sold in the 6 month period of 2009 for all of Forest Hills was a **total of 7 Properties.**

The number of sold properties in a 5 month period of 2010 for all of Forest Hills was a **total of 16 properties.**

In a 12 month period from Dec. 2010 to Dec 2011 there were a **total of 19 properties sold.**

In a 13 month period from Dec, 2011 to Dec. 2013 there were a **total of 41 properties sold!!**

Forest Hills went from **19 closed** sales to **41 closed** sales in one single year!! Three years ago we were selling less than one house a month for the entire neighborhood! CURRENTLY, there are only **12 active** listings in Forest Hills!! It's not all great news, there have been a total of **37 properties** over the last year that have either expired or cancelled after a very long time on the market. These are "non-successes." The three things that sell a house are **CONDITION, LOCATION AND PRICE**.

If your home is priced above the average price per square foot, it will be more challenging to sell.

Note that the Average sales prices have not shown to go up much, but again that depends on the properties sold. (Majority rehabs or high end affects the overall average)

Plus, it is very important to remember that prices in Dallas have definitely been increasing, close to 6% over this time last year. However, we have not rebounded to the levels that houses were selling in 2007. It is anticipated that 2013 will be a huge year of continued improvement, barring any unforeseen major issues with our country.

To keep an eye on the market measures, both locally and nationwide, Google Case-Shiller price index. They are usually right on point.

Please feel free to call me with any questions. If you are considering taking advantage of the market while there is still a shortage of inventory (this cannot last for long!) and the low interested rates, please go to www.vickiwhitehomes.com and click on **My Podcast**. Click on the radio segment where I discuss "**How to Prepare Your House for the Selling Market**". I think you will get some good tips.

Also, if you would like a copy of my four page staging pamphlet called "Get Ready, Get Set, Sell!" shoot me an email with your address and I will get it right out to you. After many years in the staging business, getting homes ready for the marketplace is what I do!!

PLANT GIFTS ALONG THE PATH TO THE FUTURE

We are losing our tree-lined streets. Please consider planting slow growing/long living trees in the greenway near the curb to bring back the cool canopy over our hot streets. Keep the forest in Forest Hills!

Some one is sitting and walking in the shade today because a tree was planted a long time ago.

Tree Hugs,

Mother Nature

PLEASE PLANT TREES TO REPLACE LONG LOST ONES!

KEEP IT COOL AND PRETTY



WHITE ROCK HOME TOUR

April 20-21

MCM, new modern, and sustainable architecture is the focus of is tour of five Dallas homes around the White Rock Lake area. All proceeds benefit Hexter Elementary.

www.whiterockhometour.org

WHITE ROCK EAST GARDEN & ARTISANS TOUR

The White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 10AM to 5PM. Check out our website for further information - whiterockgardentour.org. There will be updates on our Forest Hills website and our Facebook page too. If you have never volunteered for this fun event please consider doing so. It is a good way to contribute to our great neighborhood and fun to boot. Shifts are only for two hours, you get free admission to the tour, you get a free t-shirt and are invited to a really fun after the tour party. Call Barb Michaels - 214-327-3817 for more information.

A PEEP AT THE COOPS

Do you love your backyard chickens? Is your coop a Palais des Poulets al la Martha Stewart? Or is it made with reclaimed wood from your neighbor's Honey-Do projects? Is your coop professionally built or is it made from an old clothes dryer casing? Whatever your coop's vibe...we want your coop on the Fourth Annual East Dallas Chicken Coop Tour – "A Peep at the Coops"! Save the date Sunday May 5 11-5 and send in your application before March 22 to be considered (get the application @ www.apeepatthecoops.org or email stonewall.gardens@yahoo.com)

A Peep at the Coops headquarters is located at Stonewall Jackson Elementary on 5828 E. Mockingbird Lane in Dallas. At the headquarters, visitors buy their maps and peruse the A Peep at the Coops Market where we have lots of chicken-centric and garden-centric events planned. Lectures, vendors, raffle and yes, schoolyard chickens! Proceeds from the tour go to support the Garden Classroom at Stonewall Jackson Elementary.

Would you like to be a vendor at the Market? You or your business can also support the tour by sponsoring a coop! Contact Laura @ stonewall.gardens@yahoo.com for the details!

Stonewall Gardens is proud to continue to serve as headquarters for this year's A Peep at the Coops tour. All proceeds from the tour beyond nominal expenses benefit this outdoor learning garden, especially additional capital improvements to our Garden and Science Classroom.

The learning garden at Stonewall Jackson Elementary is a 20,000 square foot outdoor laboratory where students tend crops, observe the complex workings of an ecosystem, and conduct scientific experiments. The hands-on, multi-sensory curriculum allows children from kindergarten through fifth grade to increase their understanding of science and their connection to nature.



When District funding for the garden instructor position was eliminated in 2008, the Stonewall community moved decisively to save the Garden. Volunteers established the non-profit Stonewall Garden and Outdoor Science Lab. Today, the Garden is entirely supported by the community through our non-profit.

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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.

Corday		San Benito Way		8300	
1700	Debbie Knight	8100	Susan Bailey	8400	Tamela Southan
Eustis Ave.		8200	Patty Goya		Dorinda Duncan
8500	Andie Comini	8300	Melodie Young	8500	Katrina Moran
Forest Hills Blvd.			Jeanne Dooley	San Pedro Parkway	
8100	Mary Pat Smith	8400/8500	Lenore Locascio	8400	Rana Pascoe
8200	Josy Collins		Lori Josselyn	8500	Diana Cox
	Barbara Clay	San Cristobal Drive		San Rafael Drive	
8300	Kathy Glenn	8000	Jennifer Dickerson	1200 - 1465	Kathy Wall
8400 (even #)	Vince & Pat Hess	8100	Kelly Miller	1507 - 1623	Shelly Clem
8400 (odd #)	Lori Hunt	8200	Molly Grogan	Santa Clara Drive	
8500	Rick Sorrells	8300	Lottie Minick	8100	Martine Buhmann
	Margaret Sorrells	San Fernando Way			Darla Hodge
Garland Rd.		8100	Debbie Jenevein	8200	Vicki Burns
8100		8200	Gina Bender		Courtney Slusher
8200	LuAnn Tunell	8300	Kim Hammond	8300	Terri Higgins
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8400	Judi Boyles	8400		8500	Alise Platt
Groveland			Jo Kirksey	St. Francis	
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Highland Road		San Leandro Drive	Sue Benner	Whittier Ave	
1300-1624	Bob Quaglia	8000-8100	Marvel Kiewit	1500	Diana Cox
			Linda Ortman	1700	Andie Comini
		8200	Eileen Grass		

LAKE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISING RECYCLING EVENT

Lake Highlands Elementary at 9501 Ferndale is hosting a Bubb Fundraising Recycling Event on Saturday, April 13th from 9 am to 1 pm. We will be accepting electronics in any condition and household items such as clothing, sporting goods, toys and games, books, and musical instruments. (No chemicals or furniture!)

Plan to stay for lunch and buy Lake Highlands clothing and other goodies! Proceeds from the Bubb truck and food sales help send next year's 5th graders to science camp at Sky Ranch. The event flyer is available at <http://www.lhepta.com>.



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