



THE COMMUNIQUE

May-June 2011

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Making Far West Far Gone!



For details, see the Petition Drive-Farwest & OK Nightclubs article herein.

Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Every Month - Second Saturday White Rock
Shoreline Spruce-up

April 30 - Taste of Italy, Katrina & Mark Moran's,
8516 San Leandro, Saturday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m

May 22 – White Rock East Garden & Artisans Tour
(11:00a – 5:00p Sunday, FH, LFH & Casa Linda)

May 30 - Memorial Day –BBQ Cook out for our
local veterans. Location TBD.

July 4 – July 4th Parade & Picnic. Details to follow.

Volunteers Needed for all Occasions

— Call Shelly Clem — 214-837-8419



President's Letter

Spring's greetings to everyone! It will soon be hot. But in the meantime, a LOT has happened since February and there are many good things to report. First, to increase nighttime driving safety in Forest Hills, the FHA Board voted to install reflective strips on each stop sign pole in the neighborhood. The City of Dallas should complete their installation by the time you read this newsletter. These strips will enhance the nighttime visibility of stop signs, making our neighborhood safer for everyone.

Leon Russell,
FHNA President

Next, the new street sign topper voted upon by FH residents has been ordered and should be installed in early May.

We have also filled five open FHA positions: Rick Sorrells is our new Vice-President as well as the new Planning & Zoning Committee Chairman. Judy Whalen is our new Newcomers & Membership Chairman. Katie Meadows is our new Communications Chair (i.e. newsletter editor). Jason Sellers is FHA's new Sanger Elementary Liaison. I can't thank these folks enough for stepping forward.

The current FH Directory is over two years old. A new directory will be published this summer. You will be contacted soon (probably by your Block Captain) about any updates you wish to make to your FH Directory information.

In the Beautification section of this newsletter, you will read about the upcoming White Rock East Garden & Artisans Tour on Sunday, May 22, from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. This fun annual event is a joint effort with the Casa Linda and Little Forest Hills Associations. The tour has grown steadily every year and now attracts people from all across Dallas. It provides a significant source of income for each participating Association.

Changes are afoot at the Arboretum, with a Children's Garden currently under construction and zoning changes being finalized for other aspects of the Arboretum operations. Some of these changes will affect Forest Hills. For more information about these changes, see the flyer insert and the FHA website.

Finally, a community-wide campaign has begun opposing the renewal of the liquor licenses for the Farwest and OK nightclubs located at Gaston and E. Grand. The FHA has thrown its hat into the ring in favor of non-renewal. FH residents will be provided detailed information about the campaign and given an opportunity to sign a petition opposing renewal. For more information about this effort, see the article herein and the FHA website.

Finally, since this is one of the absolute best times of the year to be outdoors, please see the list of many fun events associated with the White Rock Lake Centennial provided in this newsletter. There are fun activities for everyone every weekend. So get out there and enjoy yourself! – **Leon Russell**

Annual Spring General Meeting

For those of you who missed the Forest Hills Association spring general meeting at Times Ten Cellars, sixty five FH residents were treated to wine, snacks and a fascinating photographic slide presentation of the history behind White Rock Lake by Sally Rodriguez of Dallas Parks & Recreation. Sally provided wonderful stories with each photo. This was our highest meeting attendance ever! However, special plans are already in the works for the Fall General Meeting which should assure that we eclipse even that record.



Beautification News

White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour:

The White Rock East Garden Artisans Tour will be held on Sunday May 22nd from 11-5 PM. Three homeowners from Forest Hills have graciously agreed to have their gardens on the tour. The gardens are:

Whalen/Unruh garden - 8138 Santa Clara Dr.
De La Fuentes garden - 8131 San Cristobal Dr.
Buchanan garden - 8259 San Benito Way.

If you are in town, please plan on attending. It is a fund raising event for our neighborhood but it is also a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in May. Remember there will be local artists in each of the gardens. And you will be able to see three great gardens in Little Forest Hills and three more in Casa Linda Estates. If you would like to volunteer for a two hour shift the day of the tour please call Barb Michaels at 214-327-3817.

Street Sign Toppers:

Our plan for 19 new street sign toppers has been approved by the city. So sometime this spring/early summer be on the lookout for their installation! We hope to straighten some of the crooked signs while the city is removing the old signs and putting the new ones up! Thanks to all who took the time to vote and who supported the casino/poker fund raiser we had in February.

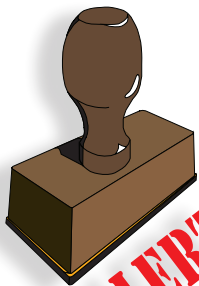


Medians and Garden Spaces:

The city followed through with the removal of a large dead tree and a large dead limb in the median in the 8500 block of Forest Hills. The garden spaces on Forest Hills and Lakeland, the triangle on Whittier and Santa Clara, the garden by the Forest Hills sign on Breezewood and the garden space by the entrance on San Rafael have been weeded and mulched. Since we are having a very dry season no flowers were planted at this time. But the spaces are free of weeds and the bushes are pruned.

Tips From a Neighbor

by Leon Russell



ALERT

Most of us take a summons for jury duty seriously. But enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced. The phone caller claims to be a jury duty coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so that he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Give out any of this information and bingo, your identity was just stolen. The fraud has been reported in 11 states so far, including Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, Arizona and more. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. For more information, see: http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm and <http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>. Bottom line: Never, ever give out your SSN!!

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FOREST HILLS WANTS YOU !!!



Progress! Having filled the Communications Chair position since the last newsletter, Forest Hills needs volunteers for only two remaining positions on the board of directors. Each position is summarized below. Board members make decisions that affect the entire neighborhood. Normal terms of office run for one year starting in September. This is a chance to become involved, to give back and help make your Forest Hills neighborhood a better community in which to live. If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact FHA President Leon Russell at fhnapresident@aol.com.

Secretary: Responsible for keeping the official meeting minutes for the semi-annual association meetings and monthly board of directors meetings. In addition, the Secretary maintains the official records of the association and serves as its registered agent.

Block Captains Chairman: Responsible for communicating with and coordinating the activities of the Block Captains on various FHNA projects. Note that all but one of the BC's have email addresses.

LOOK HOW WE'VE GROWN!



2006



2011

The Forest Hills Security Program began life in September 2003 because serious crime had invaded our neighborhood. We took a stand and sent out the message to the criminal world that our neighborhood is unified in our fight against crime.

Now, nearly 8 years of age, the FHSP has a lot to be proud of! While protecting our Forest Hills family of neighbors and the crime rate has continued to drop, residents are more security conscious. In the future, look for PayPal which will soon be added to the FHNA website as another means of make your security pledge. In addition, expect to receive quarterly pledge statements.



FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM

KNOCK KNOCK. WHO'S THERE?

The Security Program and the DPD have received many complaints and questions about door-to-door solicitors these past two months. Forest Hills Security Police have stopped and questioned many. Most have been legitimate. Since Forest Hills is not a gated community, there is very little that can be done when a solicitor has proper credentials. If you feel the solicitor is not legitimate or they are exhibiting suspicious behavior, call 911 and ask that they be investigated.

How do you know if a solicitor is legal or not? Look at their identification credentials and trust your gut feeling. If the person at your door has an ID but you are getting bad vibes, quickly and politely say you're not interested and shut the door. Some can be more aggressive than others. Avoid confrontation and, most importantly, do not allow them into your home. Never give any personal information to an unknown person or group.

If you do not like "cold callers" knocking on your door, hang a "No Solicitors" sign even though it is not the best décor choice. You can also refuse not to open the door to people you do not recognize. But if you choose the latter, make sure they are still aware that there is someone in the house.

Don't be pushed or intimidated into signing a contract or giving money to a salesperson unless you're sure you want the product. Resist high-pressure sales tactics to "buy now." Slow down.

If you did not call a repairman yourself, be especially wary of one who comes to your door offering to do work. Do not hire anyone on the spot. Always check out the business with other clients. If you do decide to hire, always get a signed letter of agreement describing the services, costs and completion date.

Certainly if you feel uneasy, CALL 911. Begin this kind of 911 call with "I do not believe this is a dire emergency, however, I want to report suspicious activity/a suspicious person." Provide the identifying details, especially a license plate or I.D. card number if it can be gotten safely. There is a good chance one of our FHSP patrol officers is in the neighborhood and will hear the call to respond quickly. Remember, what you might think is a small thing, could be a big clue that the police have been looking for in solving a crime. Pal which will soon be added to the FHNA website as another means of make your security pledge. In addition, expect to receive quarterly pledge statements.



SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

Join in to keep this valuable patrol program and to make it even stronger.
More pledges = More patrols. More patrols = Fewer victims

Second Quarter/April May June Pledge

\$60 (just \$20 a month!)

Forest Hills Security Program
8432 San Fernando Way
Dallas, TX 75218

Have you contributed? What is your pledge status? Inquire at fhspenp@aol.com

CHILDREN'S NETWORK

We are looking for volunteers to host playdates for each age group. You can host at your home, the arboretum, aquarium, zoo, or anywhere else you like! Please let us know which group you would like to host, and we will help you plan the rest.

Our first Mom's Night Out will be held in late May. We will have a chef come and give a cooking class at the Johnson residence. If you are interested in attending, please let us know. An email will be sent out in late April with further details.

An updated Babysitter List is now available! If you have not already received your copy, you can email to request one or pick one up at the next FHCN event. We are always updating the list, so if you would like to add someone, please let us know.

Part of the Forest Hills Children's Network is taking care of the Moms! If you know someone who is an expecting mother in our neighborhood, please let us know so that we can arrange to deliver a few meals to that family when the baby arrives.



Price Johnson (age 1)
and Pat Hess



Peter Hess age 3



Maureen Mann with son
Quinn (2 1/2)



Morgan Sparks age 4
months

Sanger Elementary Update

Kindergarten enrollment time is here for the next school year!! If you have an enrollment packet that you need to turn in, please do so by end of April. Also, if you would like a tour of the school, feel free to contact Ms. Jessica Rico, the office manager, at (972) 749-7600, to schedule one. This month, the PTA will be electing officers for next year's board. Thanks to all of the current board members who served these past 2 years and did so much to help the school. We wish the best to the new team of officers who will take the school to the next level.

As always, if you would like to volunteer at Sanger, stop by the office or contact Ms. Rico for available opportunities. – Jason Sellers, Sanger Elementary Liaison



Treasurer's Report



As of this printing, one-third of the occupied homes in our neighborhood (187 of 564) have paid their dues for 2011. If you have not yet paid, please use the enclosed flyer to send them in. Dues are due at the beginning of each calendar year. If you have already sent yours in, thank you for your support !!

Gary Grass, Treasurer – fhatreasurer@aol.com

Ferguson Road Initiative Multi-Generational Center

In the beginning . . .

In 1995, rising crime, falling property values, and the departure of neighborhood businesses motivated a small group of neighborhood residents in far East Dallas to “take back their community.” A group of 150 friends and neighbors gathered at Ferguson Road Baptist Church to identify and prioritize concerns along the lower Ferguson Road corridor. These neighbors gave birth to a new vision for “Complete Economic Revitalization” of their community. They united around a shared mission to “transform into a safe, beautiful, prosperous and proud community.”

During that first work session, the community realized that the community had many assets – a lake, a golf course, beautiful, meandering creeks, and luscious trees, quaint neighborhoods! They also realized that there were no sidewalks, trails, or bike paths to connect neighborhoods, schools, and parks to each other. After conducting research, the community learned that there had not been significant city investment into this community in decades.

Residents identified two key areas where the community was underserved – a municipal library and a community recreation center. To meet the diverse needs of a diverse community, residents envisioned a Multi-Generational Recreation Center (“Center”) that would offer programs for people from “cradle to grave” with programs to serve all members of our community, both young and old, and offer a diversity of activities that would lead to healthy lifestyles, helping our community to thrive. This center would become the keystone of the community, and along with the library, would draw people together in a new sense of community – safe, beautiful, prosperous, and proud. This is the meeting where Ferguson Road Initiative (“FRI”) was born. Twelve years later, in 2011, this shared mission continues to motivate and engage people from all occupations and lifestyles, to work together to make this vision a reality.



• **WE'RE RISING** •

Mobilizing the community . . .

The Center is much more than the City's standard 15,000 sq. ft. recreational facility – two gyms and a few offices. It would be the very first of seven such multi-generational centers envisioned in the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department's long-range Renaissance Plan. FRI initiated a partnership with the City, and organized to plan, lobby for, and obtain funding through City Bond Programs.

- In 2003, FRI secured \$1.2 million to purchase the land for both the library and recreation center.
- In 2006, FRI secured \$19 million for improvements in our community, of which \$5 million was dedicated to design and build the recreation center and \$8 million to design and build the library, which is already underway.
- By 2008, FRI began to work with the City to expedite the construction of the recreation center through a public/private partnership. Together, FRI and the City began meeting with mixed-use retail developers to solicit a master developer that would bring in the much needed development. The Center would anchor a mixed income housing and retail center at the intersection of Ferguson and Highland Roads. This big vision attracted big partners, corporate and philanthropic, all very excited to participate in the complete revitalization of this community.

Then the economy crashed.

The ideal location . . .

Residents who've been around a while will remember that in 1996, 2222 Highland Road – the Rosewood Apartments, was a burned out, drug infested, substandard apartment complex. FRI persisted in holding the property owner accountable for health and safety codes, and for crime. FRI continued until they prevailed in having the apartments demolished in 1998. Subsequently, the property owner refused to pay taxes or keep up the property, and it became an illegal dump and major eyesore in the community, and a big problem for the City.

FRI and the City targeted this site as the future home of the “White Rock Hills Multi-generational Center.” In 2010, the City purchased the 4 acre site at 2222 Highland Road as the target location. While the property is not large enough to accommodate the vision of an expanded recreation center, adjacent land is available to create the ideal 8-10 acre site needed for a mixed-use retail center, anchored by a flagship recreation center. In addition, the site is very near Ask Creek, which is included in the Park Department's long-range plan as a \$5 million Ask Creek Trail and trailhead (like the Katy Trail in the Uptown area.) White Rock Village, as FRI refers to this site, would incorporate:

1. Public Amenities (recreation center and trail)
2. Public Infrastructure (road improvements, sidewalks, curbs, gutters)
3. Private Investment (retail and office use)

These elements make White Rock Village an attractive investment and a family destination for the entire community, a true win-win solution. Imagine hopping on your bike and cycling to Fair Park, White Rock Lake, or downtown Dallas, or the Katy trail – all from Highland and Ferguson, on the Ash Creek Trail.

As a bonus, this process could become a model for public/private partnerships between the City and other communities who envision such a center.

Community direction . . .

At the January 10, 2011 annual FRI Steering Committee meeting, FRI presented the community with a major decision -- Should FRI abandon the dream of a multi-generational recreation center and settle for building the standard small, recreation center? Or, should we continue to pursue our dream and build a larger facility that will serve the larger community with programs for all ages? If so, the City needs more land, and now is the time to make the move, before the economy recovers and the opportunity lost.

In an overwhelming majority vote, members directed the FRI Board to continue pursuit of the Center and requested the board send a resolution to the City Council and the Park Department Board, instructing them to spend the \$5 million bond funds to purchase the adjacent substandard apartment property, required for the community's vision. Furthermore, they instructed the board to begin working to secure additional funds for the recreation center in the 2012 bond package. This recreation center, like all of FRI's work, benefits many more than the 70,000 residents of our targeted areas. Forest Hills residents will directly benefit from use of the facilities and from the reduction in crime and increase in commerce caused by this sort of positive development on their doorsteps. We hope that you will join with us to make this dream a reality.

White Rock Centennial

Photo Contest

White Rock Lake Conservancy

Dates: January 1 – May 31, 2011

White Rock lake Conservancy will host a citywide photo contest which will include several categories, such as children's, Amateur and professional. We will display 25-40 of the top photographs in an exhibit.

Centennial Champions

White Rock Lake Foundation & For the Love of the Lake

Dates: March - June 2011

The contest will bring awareness to the needs of White Rock Lake and will include area High Schools, Middle and Grade School students in a fundraising effort for the lake. The students that raise the most funds will receive a gold, silver, or bronze medal along with prizes and recognition in local media. The Centennial Champions will receive their medals at the Grand Finale Beach Party on June 25.

Family Fun Weekends

Centennial Host Committee

Dates: March 26 and 27 — Nature; April 9 and 10 — History;
May 14 and 15 — Fitness; June 4 and 5 — Water

These family weekends will include activities centered around the following themes for the whole family; utilizing the entire lake and showcasing the jewels of White Rock Lake. Activities such as Historical Tram Tours, Open Houses, Historical Speakers, Children's Photo Workshop, Paddle Boats, Canoeing, Fish Hatchery Tours, Kite Flying, Xeriscape Exhibit, and many other family activities.

The White Rock Lake Festival

White Rock Lake Foundation

Dates: April 30 — May 1, 2011

Since 1999, the White Rock Lake Foundation has presented the annual Festival on the shores of White Rock Lake. A Dallas favorite fun event for the entire family! Children's area, pet adoptions, boat rides, food, wine, art and music.

White Rock Lake Centennial Half Marathon and 5K

Dallas Running Club

Date: May 7, 2011

Dallas running club spectacular event showcasing one of Dallas' signature parks. The race will include 2011 participants.

Little League Baseball Game

Centennial Host Committee

Date: May 14, 2011

Utilizing the newest facility at White Rock Lake, the baseball fields at Winfrey Point. Darren Boruff, Centennial Host Committee Co-Chair, will be leading a day of baseball activities for the entire family to enjoy.

Lakewood Stock

Lakewood Business Association

Date: May 15, 2011

Come explore what Lakewood Shopping Center has to offer as you enjoy the live music, shopping, eating, drinking and children's activities. Special raffle with proceeds donated to White Rock Lake.

Centennial Regatta

White Rock Boat Club

Date: May 21, 2011

The one day Regatta is open to call centerboard boats having a Portsmouth Handicap Rating and to Corinthian class sailboats. Registration includes lunch. Raced on White Rock Lake for the enjoyment of the entire family!

2nd Annual White Rock Rowing Sprint Championship

White Rock Boathouse

Date: May 28, 2011

Prepare to be wowed as the rowers blaze down our 1,000 meter race course to the finish line at the historic Filter Building. Come see what all the buzz is about, "Rowing in Dallas". Tours of historic Filter Building will be available.

Carry the Load

Carry the Load & White Rock Lake Conservancy

Date: May 28, 2011 4:00pm — May 30 (Memorial Day) 12:11pm, 2011

This community wide event, first time ever! Individuals and teams will complete many loops carrying weighted backpacks for 20 hours and 11 minutes at White Rock Lake. Carry the Loads purpose is to steer resources and funds raised towards established non-profits, supporting families of the wounded and deceased. All five branches of the military, law enforcement, fire and rescue will be honored and represented in the non-profits. "We're carrying the weight for those that carry ours".

White Rock Lake Centennial Bike Ride

Greater Dallas Bicyclists Club

Date: June 11, 2011

Cyclists from all over Dallas will independently set distance and routes to converge at White Rock Lake. The event will showcase the lake, bike clubs, bike shops, bicycling related groups, various vendors, rest stops and snacks. Commemorative Wristbands to participate will be sold for \$10. See you from 9am to 1pm.

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Celebration Activities

White Rock Lake Team Bass Fishing Tournament

Date: June 18, 2011

It's been years since the last fishing tournament at White Rock Lake. This year, the Conservancy brings out the big guns in a fishing competition. We will also have children's activities during this 1 day event.

White Rock Lake Conservancy

Sailing Clubs Open House & Wooden Boat Show

Date: June 25, 2011

Open house featuring Wooden Boat Show Association of North Texas. Come enjoy the on water parade! Showcasing restored antique and vintage wooden powerboats. Refreshments will be available.

Corinthian Sailing Club & White Rock Boat Club

Lady of the Lake Beach Party of the Century

Dates: June 25 and 26, 2011

For the Love of the Lake and the Bath House Cultural Center invites you to return to the simpler era when the "Municipal Bath House and Beach" was the destination to come and "cool off" and have fun in the summer. Come enjoy sandy beach, pools, food, art, music, boat rides, and surprises galore!

For the Love of the Lake & Bath House Cultural Center

Centennial Concert at the Arboretum

Date: June 26, 2011

Wrapping up the 100 days of Celebration, the Host Committee will sponsor a benefit concert at the Arboretum.

Centennial Host Committee

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Sanger Elementary Early Childhood PTA (ECPTA)

Want to meet other families who have pre-school aged children who will potentially attend **Sanger Elementary**? Drop by one of our play dates and say "Hi!" Our upcoming play dates are May 1 & June 5.

What: Sanger Early Childhood PTA Play Time

Who: Families of children age 0-5 years who will potentially attend Sanger Elementary

When: First Sunday of the month at 3 pm - ?

Where: Sanger Elementary playground

***If you would like more information on our ECPTA group, please contact Megan Beakley meganb@roundtabledq.com or Jennifer Dickerson jennifer.dickerson@nokia.com.

NEW DIRECTORY KICK OFF !!

Time brings change and our 2009 - 2011 Forest Hills Directory of residents is now outdated. In about a month, a drive will begin to update the contact information for every resident so that FHNA can publish a new directory. The single most important piece of information needed from you is your email address. Through email blasts, we are able to provide almost real time notification of criminal activity in the neighborhood, reminders of FH events and notices of activities affecting FH that simply can't wait for the next publication of the newsletter. At present, only about 75% of residents have provided their email addresses. For the email eblast notification system to be as effective as it can be, everyone with an email address is encouraged to participate. Thank you.

PETITION DRIVE - FARWEST & OK NIGHTCLUBS

By Leon Russell

For those who have tried to drive past the Farwest and OK nightclubs located at Gaston and E. Grand on a most Friday or Saturday nights, you know how difficult it can be at times. What you may not know, however, is that these two nightclubs consistently have the highest gross liquor sales in Dallas every month and, associated with their operation, is a long list of crimes, including public intoxication, personal property violations, thefts, assaults, murders, traffic congestion and drunken car crashes. If these clubs move away, these problems will leave with them as well, thus creating an opportunity for family-friendly businesses to locate next to the family-oriented YMCA.

Consequently, a formal protest has been filed requesting that the TABC not renew the liquor licenses of these two clubs when they come up for renewal in mid-December 2011. A link to the protest letter filed with the TABC is posted on the FHA website for your review.

The area neighborhood homeowner's associations, including Forest Hills, have thrown their hats in the ring in support of non-renewal of the liquor licenses. Signature petitions will soon be circulated in the neighborhood giving all FH residents an opportunity to add their names to the lists of those who support the protest and oppose license renewal.

Our White Rock Lake East community needs to take advantage of this unique opportunity to "Make Far West Far Gone."

OUR NAME CHANGE IS OFFICIAL !!!

In the past, our organization has sometimes been referred to either as the Forest Hills Association and as the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association. Legally, we were the Forest Hills Association. However, the board of directors voted on April 11, 2011 to officially change our name to the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, which is in keeping with the tree logo used on our newsletter and websites. That name change has now been registered with the Texas Secretary of State and is our legal name going forward.

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Who is YOUR Block Captain?

The FHA cannot express enough gratitude for its Block Captains. They are the intrepid 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 FH. Your BC will be the name listed under your street and block number. The first name is the Lead BC. Additional names, if any, are Backup BC's.

CORDAY 1700 Debbie Knight	8200 Patty Goya Melodie Young	8300 Kelly Kemp Sharon Hill
EUSTIS AVE 8500 Eustis Andie Comini	8300 Jeanne Dooley Lenore Locascio	8400 Tamela Southan Dorinda Duncan
FOREST HILLS BLVD 8100 Mary Pat Smith 8200 Josy Collins Barbara Clay 8300 Kathy Glenn 8400 Pat & Karen Hess 8500 Rick & Margaret Sorrells	SAN CRISTOBAL DRIVE 8000-8100 Kelly Miller 8200 Molly Grogan Ann Dunaway 8300 Mari Anne Mourer Kathleen Arthur Lottie Minick	SAN PEDRO PARKWAY 8400 Rana Pascoe 8500 Diana Cox
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SAN BENITO WAY 8100 Susan Bailey Tina Westmorland		WHITTIER AVE 1500 Whittier Diana Cox 1700 Whittier Andie Comini

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

February, March, April 2011

8000 San Cristobal Block – Riley Colmenero

8500 Santa Clara Block – Mark & Jody Shine

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.

For oversights, please contact Judy Whalen fhnnewcomers@aol.com with addresses and/or names so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide Book to Forest Hills!

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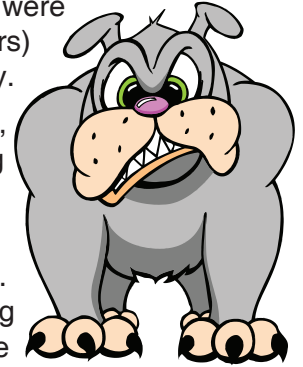


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Dog bites are a concern for dog owners, parents of young children, and anyone that comes into contact with dogs. According to the CDC, more than 4 million people are bitten by dogs each year. Most injuries are minor, but approximately 1 in 5 bites requires some form of medical treatment. Children ages 5-9 have the highest injury rate. According to the the CDC, there is no one breed of dog that is likely to bite – 25 breeds of dogs were involved with the bites reported last year. Any dog might bite (even yours) given a set of circumstances leading to fear, pain, aggression, or anxiety.

Parents should educate children on how to act around dogs. Children, especially younger ones should not be around dogs unsupervised. Most bites to young children occur in the head and neck area, and boys are significantly more likely to be bitten than girls.



Dogs with a history of aggression should not live in the same households as children. Do not teach or tolerate rough play with your dog (wrestling, pretend growling, etc.). Spaying and neutering frequently reduces aggression in dogs. Socialize yours, especially when the dog is a young puppy of 6 to 16 weeks.

Since there is no one breed that is responsible for dog bites, breed bans are not effective at reducing dog bites, per the CDC. Any aggressive dog should be removed from a situation of potential adverse events and medical help should be sought.



When helping an injured dog (whether your own or a stray), take precautions to avoid being bitten. A hurt stray dog that bites may be euthanized by the city, so protecting yourself also protects the dog. A knee-high sock can serve as a makeshift muzzle when moving an injured dog. If you are uncomfortable rendering aid, please call Animal Control (dial 311 in Dallas), a veterinary technician, or veterinarian for assistance. Dogs that are in pain will bite even if they normally have a sweet temperament.

If you are bitten by a dog, seek medical attention if needed, and in Dallas call 311 to report the bite to Animal Control. This is important to prevent rabies infection if the animal is not properly vaccinated. Animal Control will usually institute a quarantine of the animal in order to monitor it for any symptoms of contagious diseases. Rabies can be fatal, so early intervention is essential to save lives.



So, yes, that dog may bite. Treat dogs with the respect and kindness they deserve and we can live peacefully with “man’s best friend.”

DOG SAFETY RULES FOR KIDS

All children should know the following suggestions to reduce the likelihood of being bitten:

- 🐾 Do not approach unknown dogs or dogs whose owners are not present
- 🐾 Do not pet a dog that is eating, sleeping, or playing with a toy
- 🐾 Do not approach a dog caring for puppies
- 🐾 Never hit, tease, or play aggressively with a dog – even the family pet
- 🐾 Ask before petting a dog
- 🐾 Do not run, scream, or make sudden movements near dogs
- 🐾 Stand still if a dog approaches you and do not make direct eye contact
- 🐾 If you think a dog is aggressive, place something between you and the dog (adult, bike, backpack, etc)
- 🐾 If knocked down by a dog, roll into a ball and stay still
- 🐾 Report roaming dogs immediately to an adult

Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month for March has been awarded to Michael and Mae Reeves - 8319 Forest Hills Blvd. This yard is wonderfully maintained and has great drive up appeal with the planting of winter annuals. Winter 2011 has been a difficult environment for our plants. Thanks to the Reeves for bringing us some eye-popping color!



Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month for April is awarded to Michael R. Buchanan at 8259 San Benito Way. This lovely corner lot is always beautifully maintained. Be sure and take note of the great water feature which was recently added on the side yard - facing Breezewood. If you want a peek into the backyard come to the 10th Annual White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour on May 22nd from 11 - 5 PM. You won't be disappointed!



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Garden Club News



Judy Whalen, the hostess with the mostess, hosted the March Garden Club in her lovely home. Following the meeting Judy gave a tour of her yard which will be on the White Rock East Garden Tour this year (Sunday, May 22 from 11:00 to 5:00 pm). Lottie Minick conducted a creating a mosaic workshop.

The April Garden Club meeting involved its annual field trip to visit the gardens of Robert Bellamy. Although Mr. Bellamy discontinued field trips to his studio and gardens last year, he graciously makes an exception for the Forest Hills Garden Club. <http://www.bellamy-design.com>



I'm eager to provide you with the strongest protection available to fight the forces that want to invade your home. After serving clients since 1983, I have noticed that most people do not think about their homes' protection until they experience damage from a leak. However, that damage started way before the leak occurred. I'm honored to have been asked to write this article so that you are educated about the importance of your roof system and the dangers it faces every day.

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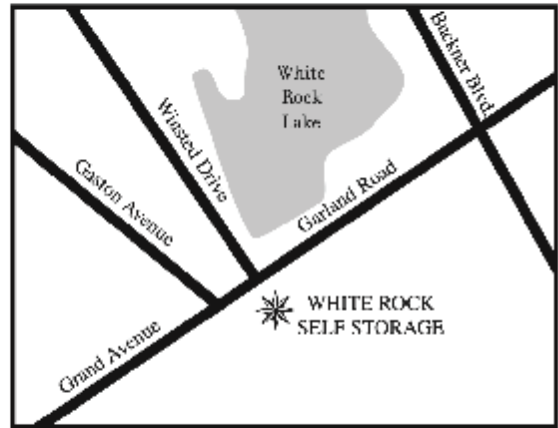
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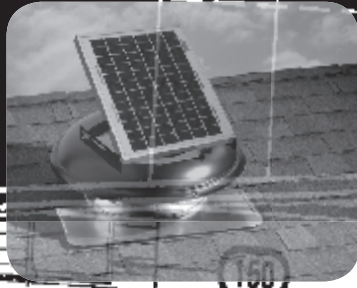
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