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OF SUMMER ARE HERE!!



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President's Letter

2013 has started out with a BANG!!!. The 12th annual Garden Tour was a HUGE success!! Our association shared the profits with Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda. Thanks to everyone who opened up their homes and gardens for the tour...WE HAD A GREAT TOUR!

You may also have seen recent news regarding the Arboretum. They will be going to the Dallas Planning Commission to seek approval for the development of the parking garage and an underground tunnel to get across Garland Road. Also, preliminary plans are out for the redevelopment of the Far West Area at Gaston and East Grand. New supermarket, stores and completely new buildings are on the horizon!!

The dog days and cool cats of summer are here!!

Please help by VOLUNTEERING!! Thanks for making our neighborhood a community!

Forest Hills Security Patrol

- ◆ After a spike in April, May reported incidents are down.
- Our patrols can stop crime before it happens.
- **◆** Participation in FHSP is rising.

- ◆ \$240 a year or \$60 a quarter brings you safety, security and peace of mind.
- Go to www.foresthillsdallas.org click "security" then "donate" to pay through Paypal. Thank you!

Specifically the FHSP program provides the following services:

- ♦ Improves your safety while outside your home within our neighborhood
- Monitors suspicious persons and vehicles
- Protects your home, vehicles and other valuables from theft and vandalism
- Checks your home while you are away for an extended period
- Controls speeding and stop sign violators
- Broadcasts crime alerts
- Increases your property value with lower crime rates
- Positions our neighborhood as proactive against crime, reducing vulnerability

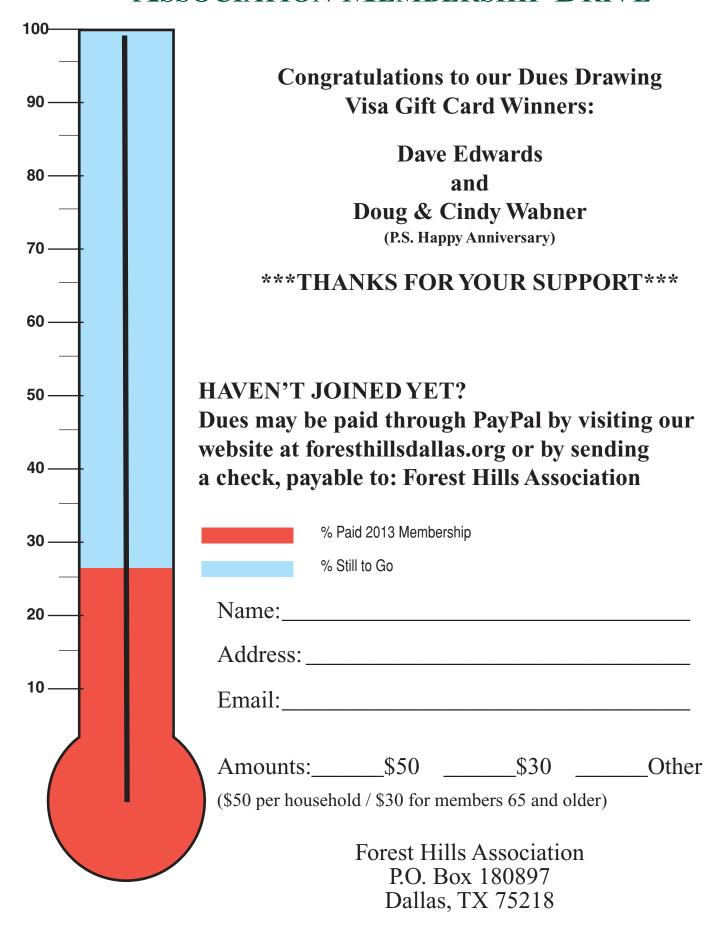
FHSP (Forest Hills Security Program)
P.O. Box 180693
Dallas, TX. 75218

- ◆ Forest Hills Association Neighborhood Garage Sale, September 21, 2013
 Mark your calendars. Clean out your garage, attic, and your closets! More details to come!
- Looking for a few good Neighbors! We are looking for several new Block Captains. Block Captains duties include:

Pick up from Block Captain Chair's front porch and distribution of the Newsletters to the neighborhood blocks in a timely manner. (6 times a year)

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2013 FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



12TH ANNUAL

WHITE ROCK EAST GARDEN TOUR & ARTISANS



Barb Michaels - Garden Tour Chair Rick Sorrells - FHNA President

Was a smashing success due to the hard working committee, our three gardens, charming volunteers and our generous sponsors and advertisers. Neighbors coming together through planning, volunteering, sponsoring and attending are the heart of the tour. For years we were three separate neighborhoods passing each other with a wave. Now we are friends with a common goal - raising money for the beautification of our neighborhoods.

Each of the three neighborhoods this year received a check for \$7460.60. We will be using these funds in Forest Hills to maintain our medians and for the future monuments on Forest Hills and San Rafael.

A Special Thank You To Forest Hills Committee Members (applause): Andie Comini, Cynthia Daniel, Gary Grass and Lottie Minick who worked tirelessly to pull off the biggest fundraiser of our neighborhood. Extra special kudos (standing ovation) to BARB MICHAELS who oversaw all 3 neighborhoods while taking on way too many unfilled committee jobs.

Several committee planning members are retiring. We need you to step up and help with the planning. Everyone has busy lives. The people on the committee are busy too and cannot take on the extra duties of those retiring. We will be calling, writing and begging for new committee members the first of next year. This is your neighborhood. Please become involved.

AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

2013 Garden Tour HOMEOWNERS:

 Joseph and Carrie Bevers
 Brad and Lori Lee Margaret and Rick Sorrells

2013 Garden Tour VOLUNTEERS:

Kathleen Arthur, Lola Bosher, Judi Boyles, Josephine Brown, Vicki Burns, Pat and Wayne Cage, Anne Carson, Mary Deighton, Dorinda Duncan, Kathy Estell, Rocky Ford, Trish Franklin, Wes Gilpin, Kathy Glenn, Eileen Grass, Molly and Dan Grogan, Donna Hanes, Rita Hendricks, Bobbi Howard, Ann Karl, Debbie Knight, Mike and Kelly Miller, Chris Morgan, Teri Pierce, Sally Rabbitt, Anna Seo, Marsha Singer, Bob Smith, Diane Solomon, Abbie Strava, Angie Tittle, Elizabeth Watts, Margaret Webb, Judy Whalen and Randy and Linda Zawadzki.





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8100 Block San Leandro - Ramon Silvas &

Stacie Dowier

8100 Block Whittier **Ceren Unal**

8200 Block San Benito 8100 Block Santa Clara - DeWitt Smith & - Mike Ehlert & **Trudy Maslonka Deborah Reardon**

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!



Garden Club Field Trip to Klyde Warren Park

The Forest Hills Garden Club trekked to Klyde Warren Park for their May meeting (and I use the word "meeting" loosely).

Clouds covered the horizon, but our intrepid GC members piled into several cars sure no one would rain on their parade. So much for their surety. The girls piled out of their cars, looked for meter change only to watch their purses fill with rain water. A trolley lumbered by and they climbed aboard insisting the conductor wait for one member on her way.

The conductor said he could wait a bit but was not prepared for the girls threatening to lie on the tracks so as not to leave one member behind. The late member finally arrived but is easily confused and boarded a senior bus from a retirement home instead. She only realized she was on the wrong bus when she looked out the window and saw a Garden Club friend in a serious fight with a parking meter - losing.



What to do when the odds are against you? Lunch! We descended on Garden Cafe and a great time was had.

Oh, and remember last month one of the garden girls managed to talk Donna out of ALL of her ferns? Check out which member has a Garden Cafe plant (which is not for sale) in her arms.

This is not your Mother's garden club. We're fun, feisty and really cute. Join us.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

for May 2013



Congratulations to Brad and Lori Lee of 8178 Santa Clara Dr. for being recipients of the Yard of the Month for May. The front yard is beautifully landscaped and always filled with vibrant seasonal color. If you were fortunate enough to visit this yard on the 2013 Garden Tour you will understand that the backyard is a beautiful oasis complete with pool, sauna, fire pit, and a large covered patio area complemented with lovely plantings. Thank you Brad and Lori for adding to the beauty of our wonderful neighborhood.

YARD OF THE MONTH

for June 2013



The Yard of the Month for June is awarded to Joe and Carrie Bevers of 8247 Forest Hills Dr.

Passers by in the neighborhood have long been intrigued by this lovely home and were in for a real treat when the owners opened up their garden for all to see on this year's 2013 Garden Tour. Their vard is a gardener's delight filled with many plant and tree specimens and outstanding hardscaping including fountains, flagstone and brick paths, an outdoor kitchen and pool. Congratulations!

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