



FOREST HILLS NEWS

March - April 2017
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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BULK TRASH

March

Thursday 9 - Sunday 12

Trash pick-up starts the week of Monday 13 -
Friday

April

Thursday 6 - Sunday 9

Trash pick-up starts the week of Monday 10 -
Friday

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Friday,
April 7 for the May/June Issue

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Neighbors,

It's time once again for another update on neighborhood activities, but as we're all working our way thru a mild winter and preparing for an active Spring, I thought it might be a bit more interesting to highlight a few fun facts about the neighborhood. As part of this rundown, I'd like to request that each of you help add to what we know about Forest Hills by sharing your wisdom about a given house, location, or other interesting nuggets of neighborhood lore.

Some of these points have been documented in archives, others shared via oral tradition, so feel free to comment on their validity:

- Renowned surveyor Warren Angus Ferris is the neighborhood's official patriarch having surveyed large parts of the Nacogdoches County up to Dallas/White Rock Creek area and having been ceded a 640 acre plot to homestead back in 1845 – Ferris Farm
- The Warren Angus Ferris cemetery located at the corner of St. Francis and San Leandro is noted to have been the site of over 100 burials (1846-1906)
- In April 1924, Leon L. Fechenbach, dedicated the plat of the Forest Hills Addition, six miles from the city limits of Dallas
- The Forest Hills Company operated by H.W Brouse was the exclusive agent responsible for the development of our neighborhood starting back in the early 1920's
- Forest Hills was officially annexed by the City of Dallas in 1945
- West of San Rafael approaching the spillway waters, Forest Hills used to have a gravel pit /quarry bordering it
- During the 1920's, various Forest Hills roads that existed were common locations for bootlegger meet ups with San Rafael specifically has been mentioned on multiple occasions. (I think our FH Security patrol likely existed back then too and did their job to keep the neighborhood safe!)



CHRIS MCCAULEY

I hope to hear more from you on our neighborhood history and as we make new history, Please share your stories with our editor so we can include them in future issues. And as always, if you have time to volunteer and help support neighborhood activities with your time and dues, we look forward to your assistance.

Thanks. Chris

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Spotlight On:



A month ago our Top Cop David DeTamble was patrolling Forest Hills when a neighbor rushed into the street to flag him down. Unlike most citizens she didn't have a problem, but a lovely gift. She and her husband wanted to donate 1,360 teddy bears, 194 frisbees and 20 travel mugs to the Dallas Police Department. Until David explained I didn't know most police cars have teddy bears in their patrol cars' trunk for children in



distress or those who are afraid of police. Isn't that a lovely gesture everyone should know about the men and women who keep us safe? David loaded and drove a van to many police stations delivering the goods. Above and beyond.

The Generous and Kind Couple who donated are new to our neighborhood and didn't want their names mentioned in this article. I tried, but they insisted they don't need

to be recognized. May I say in behalf of all us in Forest Hills, welcome to the neighborhood Generous and Kind Couple.

So to Generous and Kind Couple, Officer David DeTamble, our Wonderful Security Patrol Officers and all Dallas Police Officers, thank you for making the world a better and safer place for all.

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Grayson Coke and Sam Long were jumping on a trampoline when it hit them. They'd been thinking about starting a business but the typical lemonade stand just didn't thrill them. "We jumped off and started immediately making business cards for a lawn service," said Grayson. The teens started passing out flyers and their business took off, growing to 16 lawns in the neighborhood. "We can mow, rake leaves, edge," said Grayson. And with their busy school schedule and yard service, often they call upon another Forest Hills friend to help them out - George Austin.



Local Teens Yard Business Growing in Forest Hills

Photos- Grayson Coke White shirt
Sam Long Blue shirt

The three teenagers are students at St. Thomas Aquinas and will be starting high school this fall. They are already thinking about college and the business is helping out in that department. "We each did well over the summer saving money for college," said Grayson. Mom Amy Coke is also helping out. Pricing varies with lawn size. "The boys will provide a personalized quote each time," said Amy. "They can also do garden clean up, small shrub removal, small limb removal and other various landscape services as requested."



Time to Take Ownership!

As you drive through Forest Hills take note how beautiful it is. What a lovely place to live! Realize that this just does not happen on its own. It takes volunteering for different tasks and money to keep Forest Hills the show stopper it is.

Consider getting more involved in the many different committees we have - from joining the Board to the Garage Sale to the Garden Tour, etc. Great way to meet your neighbors and feel part of your neighborhood. Volunteering not your thing? Don't have the interest or time? Understandable - no problem.

Then consider paying your Annual Membership Fee as every dollar adds up and is needed to keep Forest Hills running smoothly.

**In other words - take ownership of where you live.
Do something - either volunteer and/or pay your dues.
Remember... It Takes A Village!**

Annual Membership Fee
\$50 for households under 65
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Ask Security Chick:

I heard about the break in on Santa Clara January 31 and all the officers, helicopters, etc., who responded. Next Door said our Security Police was patrolling during this time and very instrumental in the arrest. Can you elaborate? Thank you,
Want To Be Informed

Dear Want To Be Informed,

Yes, there was a burglary. Four youths from the other side of Ferguson Road came over to shop in our neighborhood. The homeowner left for just a few minutes and returned to find them in her home. She called 911 immediately. Fortunately, one of our Forest Hills Police was in the back alley. He heard the 911 call while dealing with the driver and running his plates. Our Wonderful Patrol Officer apprehended three of the four juveniles. Luckily no one was hurt though I know the homeowners feel violated.

Be proactive, support your Security Patrol with your \$240 yearly dues, TURN ON YOUR ALARM even if you're leaving for a few minutes, have an alarm installed if you don't have one and watch your neighborhood. Remember 911 knows how to prioritize your 911 calls. Your calls are important. A thank you or wave to Our Wonderful Security Patrol when you see them in the neighborhood would be nice, too.

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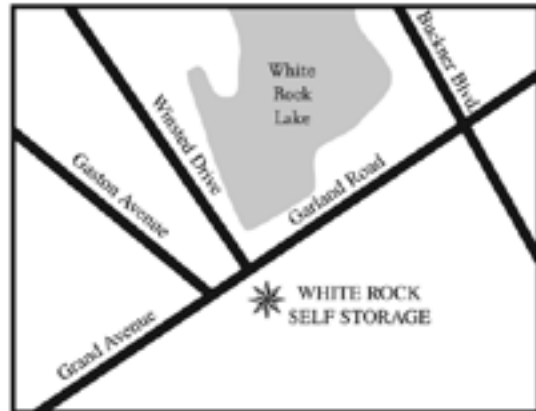
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Annual White Rock Garden Tour

Save the date!!!

On Sunday, May 21st Forest Hills will be participating in this great annual event. For those of you new to our neighborhood, Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates partner to showcase nine beautiful gardens from each of the three neighborhoods.

In addition local artists will be displaying their artwork in each of the gardens and there is a big plant sale. Will have lots of Japanese Maples this year.

Please plan to attend or volunteer. Shifts are only two hours and will give you a chance to meet neighbors and participate in a fundraiser for beautification projects for Forest Hills.

Congratulations to the three families that will have their gardens featured this year!

Rob & Amy Coke - 8454 Forest Hills Blvd
Matt Hafner & Mallory Becker - 8523 San Benito Way
Ron Balentine & Julie Dunn - 8247 San Fernando

If you would like to volunteer contact:

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Allure of the Arboretum

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Immerse yourself in beauty and art this spring at the Dallas Arboretum. Start by channeling your inner hippie at Dallas Blooms where this year's theme "Peace, Love and Flower Power" aptly describes the breathtaking, annual bulb festival. Dallas Blooms is the largest floral festival in the Southwest and runs through April 9, 2017.

Beginning April 15 through July 31, ZimSculpt will feature exquisite sculptures by several dozen Zimbabwean artists. These sculptures, known as

Shona art, are carved from enormous semi-precious stones and are available for sale or commission. You will be able to find artist Aron Kapembeza demonstrating the art in the Pecan Grove live and spend a few minutes marveling at his use of chisels, hammers, sand paper and files to shape these unique sculptures. To learn more about ZimSculpt, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/zimsulpt>.

Artscape will also be held April 29-30 in the garden. Artist tents will feature the work of 103 artists from across the country on a variety of mediums including painting, sculpture, mixed media, photography and more for display and sale. The event will feed your creative appetite as well as your culinary cravings with food booths from a number of local restaurants. Children can experience the Children's Art Activity area while others enjoy live music against



the beautiful backdrop of the Arboretum. A number of universities will be represented by their art department and showcase student artwork available for sale. For a complete list of artists in attendance at the 2017 Artscape, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/artscape>.

If your kind of art is the edible kind, tickets may still be available for the Arboretum's first ever Food & Wine Festival on Thursday, March 16. The evening will feature delicious bites from 40 award-winning Metroplex chefs, wine sampling and a concert on the Martin Rutchik lawn. To buy general admission tickets, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/food-and-wine-fest>.



YARD OF THE MONTH

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January & February - two contrasting yards consisting of evergreens. One tailored & formal while the second a mix of lush plantings.

Proving that even in the cold winter months yards can still look attractive and inviting!



January

Randy Kalis
8372 San Leandro Drive

This beautifully maintained and manicured garden boasts several large Japanese aralias, Dwarf yaupon hollies, planting beds with ivy and a scattering of trees across the lawn. Adding to the formal look of this yard is an attractive black awning with tan edging over the front entrance framed by two gas lights and two black pots with more evergreens. The dark evergreens contrast nicely with the light tan color of the house, brown shutters and black awning - all adding up to an inviting polished look!

February

Barbara Clay & Ken Bernstein
8246 Forest Hills Blvd.

Evergreens rule! This lush planting is full of many types of plants - making it an adventure when passing through it on the large flagstone walkways to the bench waiting for you by the front door. Oregon grape holly, Hellebores, Pittosporum, Fringe flower, Aspidistra, Mondo grass, Cherry laurel, holly and wood ferns, liriope, Yew, Althea, Acuba, Wax myrtle, Vinca and dwarf abelia. And Redbud, Cedar elm, Oak, Japanese maple and Juniper trees. Looking for plants that grow well in shade? This yard is dedicated to them!

Spotlight On:

The Shortt Family, Our New Neighbors on Whittier Avenue!

By: Nicole Bosworth

Jonathan and Logan Shortt and their three dogs, Bella (an 8 year old German Shepard mix), Stormy (an 8 year old Border Collie mix), and Oscar (a two year old Maltese/Yorkie mix, who they lovingly refer to as 'the boss') recently moved to Forest Hills from the 'M Streets' area in Dallas. Both from Texas- Logan from Rowlett, and Jonathan from Austin-the Shortt's met at Baylor University and have been married four years. Jonathan works as a medical device sales rep, while Logan designs women's accessories.



Jonathan and Logan were looking for an inviting and friendly neighborhood in East Dallas, and they chose Forest Hills due to its proximity to White Rock Lake and the Dallas Arboretum. They were struck by Forest Hills beauty and their new house was a perfect fit!

In their spare time, Jonathan and Logan enjoy spending time outdoors- taking the dogs for long walks, playing tennis, and exercising. They also enjoy traveling (beach locations are a favorite spot), trying new restaurants, and spending time with family and friends in their new home.

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

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

8100 Block San Cristobal
David Short & Jessica Killough

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Easter Treats

The Easter bunny is great! He leaves all kinds of goodies and treats for our kids and pets. Be sure the Easter bunny only leaves behind pet-friendly items for your four-legged children. Keep the chocolate goodies and all lilies up and away from pets' reach.

Traveling

It's time for Spring Break! It's always nice to get away and have your pets join the ride. Keep your pets safely secured in a car with a crate or a pet-approved seat belt (available at pet stores). Some dogs like to have the wind in their face while riding, but try to avoid this as debris from the road or other vehicles can get in their eyes and face. If you plan on taking a trip on an airplane with your pet, contact your veterinarian as soon as travel arrangements are made to double check all documentation that might be needed.

Cleaning

Out with the old and in with the new! Spring-cleaning time is here. While we tidy up our homes, be sure that all cleaners and chemicals are put away from curious noses. Read the label and follow all instructions for proper use and storage. If your pet happens to get into cleaning products, contact the Pet Poison Help line at 855-764-7661.

Allergies

Just like humans, pets can suffer from allergies too! Allergic reactions in pets can cause sniffing, sneezing, itching, and swelling of the affected area. Be sure to have your veterinarian's phone number ready if you notice any of these signs!

Fleas

April showers bring May flowers... and bugs! It is important to have your pets on year-round flea and heartworm prevention! Our seasons in Texas can be sporadic so help your pets out by purchasing a monthly flea and heartworm prevention from your veterinarian. If you have any questions about which type is the best for your specific pet, contact your veterinarian.

Always contact your veterinarian if you have any questions or concerns about your pets' health! Keep you springtime safe and healthy for your whole family!

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