



# THE COMMUNIQUÉ

November – December 2010

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**Leon Russell,**  
**FHNA President**

## *Presidential Thoughts . . .*

Season's greetings. As we approach the upcoming holidays and the end of the year, it is only natural to reflect on what has been accomplished. A complete list would be too lengthy. But some items include, of course, the fact that the social activities normally associated with seasonal and patriotic holidays continued successfully. Both the Spring and Fall General Meetings enjoyed the highest number of attendees ever seen in many recent years of general meetings, and many favorable comments were received afterwards. Our two triangular median gardens were cleaned up. Lighting was restored to the Keller Circle tree.

FHA's physical assets were moved to a larger storage facility. A virtual electronic file cabinet was created on the internet for storage of all FHA files. Historical FHA records were scanned and placed in that virtual file cabinet, as will all future records. Officers and committee chairman began transitioning to generic AOL email addresses which will be passed down to each new generation of this organization's leaders. The bylaws were amended. Further amendments are in the works. Significant updates were made to the FHA website, to which the FHA bylaws were also added. FHA organization positions which, in the past, stubbornly resisted being filled were finally filled, as were some newly created positions. This is especially significant because it means that new ideas and fresh ways of thinking are being brought to the organization's table. New accounting software replaced a variety of different software packages and techniques for keeping FHA accounting records. This new software consolidates all the accounting record keeping into one place and will make the accounting process more accurate, quick and efficient. The FH directory database continues to be maintained and current, ready for use in publishing the new FHA directory due this coming spring.

Overlaid on these and many other activities too numerous to mention above have been the considerable time and effort devoted to getting the City to clean up after the February snowstorm damage to our trees and, following that, the efforts to clean up our neighborhood alleys in response to Sanitation complaints about their condition. Much has already been said about both of these subjects in prior newsletters. Suffice it to say that the alley cleanup effort is ongoing. Although FH is close to finally being able to say that the neighborhood has done everything that Sanitation and City Code requires and is entitled to receive alley trash pickup service (or have it restored where lost), we aren't quite there yet because some homeowners are either unwilling or physically unable to take care of that portion of the alley for which they are legally responsible. Dallas City Code Compliance is sending letters to those homeowners. Hopefully, that will be sufficient to fix the remaining problem areas. To their credit, many homeowners have approached me during this campaign and volunteered to help anyone who needs help with their portion of an alley. Those folks are to be commended for their sense of community spirit. What is needed now is for those in need to ask for help.

As your FHA board of directors and volunteers all from the neighborhood meet to prepare a budget for the coming New Year and plan next year's projects, know that we have the neighborhood's best interests at heart and will do the very best we can, for you, our neighbor. Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays!!!

## *Service League Calendar of Events*

**Nov. 1st-15th** — Food Drive (Non-perishable food items). Drop off at Tamela & Chris Southan 8431 San Leandro Drive

**Dec. 4th** — FHA Holiday Tree Lighting

**Feb.** — TBA General FHA Meeting

**Feb. 12th** — Sweetheart Fun Run / Chili Cook Off Fundraiser

**Mar. / April** — FHA Spring Fling — Easter Hunt

**April 30th** — Wine Tasting fundraiser 6-8 pm Mark & Katrina Moran 8516 San Leandro Drive

**May** — Memorial Day — BBQ / Cook out for our local veterans

**July 4** — FHA Parade / Picnic

Check inside and the website for dates/times.

**Volunteers Needed for all Occasions**  
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# FACES OF THE MILITARY

by Debbie Knight



Spc. Jordan T. Knight, a life long resident of Forest Hills, graduated from the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma on August 13, 2010. During the ten weeks of basic training they learned the seven core values of the Army: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. He transferred the next day to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas to begin sixteen weeks of combat medic training. Following completion of medic training he will be stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia for three weeks of airborne school and then five weeks of Ranger selection. If selected he will begin a vigorous training schedule to become a U. S. Army Ranger. Jordan is a 2005 graduate of Bishop Lynch High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington. He is the son of George and Debbie Knight of Groveland Drive.

I would be interested in compiling a list of Forest Hills families that have a family member currently serving in the Military as well as a list of our veterans. If you are willing to share this information please e-mail Debbie Knight at [geodebknight@swbell.net](mailto:geodebknight@swbell.net). I am also looking for volunteers that would be willing to mail a care package to a deployed soldier for the holidays. The large flat rate box ships for \$12.50 and would be a welcomed gift to those who are sacrificing so much to defend our country. It would be an excellent group project for a classroom or scout troop as well as individual families.



## Who's got Talent! YOU DO!



Do YOU want to have fun? Get to know new neighbors? Participate with the FHA Board on key events? Then give me a call, we need Your help!

As we settle into the soon to be cooler temps, the FHA Service League is looking for YOU! Yes, we are recruiting volunteer talents assisting with simple tasks to promote and provide fun-filled neighborhood socials. FHA events are for all to enjoy as we get to know the great neighborhood community within Forest Hills.

Whatever your talents, cooking, writing, making phone calls, asking for donations, committee work, decorating, serving food / drinks or just making a nice contribution, we need YOU. With task at all levels let us know how you can help.

With four key events a year, we want to provide a few extra events as begin our planning now for 2011 – 2012. By growing our volunteer task force, the extra brains / hands support the HUGE success as the Fall Festival, July 4th Parade & BBQ, Senior Social and our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with many other activities.

Successful neighborhood events happens when our neighborhood comes together, we work hard to play hard while mixing fun with new & past friends. If you are an interested volunteer give me a call or drop me a quick email with your contact information and best time to visit.

*Your dedicated Service League Chair,*  
Tamela Southan

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# In Memory of Our Good Neighbor

Colonel Robert G. Ford, USAF Retired  
December 12, 1923 – September 30, 2010



Colonel Robert Ford was a B24 pilot in the Pacific with the 90th Bomb Group, "Jolly Rogers". After WW11, he enrolled in the University of Texas, Austin where he met and married Elna Faye "Rocky" Roquemore. He served in the Korean Conflict after graduation. In 1953, he returned to Dallas pursuing his CPA career. Robert and Rocky arrived in Forest Hills in 1964, built a new home, where they raised 3 children. For 22 years Robert was business director of Dallas Water Utilities. The colonel served as secretary-treasurer of his bomb group, was a life member and past commander of MOWW and ROA, life member of VFW Post 6796, member of MOAA, Daedalians, and Caterpillar Club.

Our neighbor, a war hero, was laid to rest in DFW National Cemetery.

## More Fun . . . For Everyone!

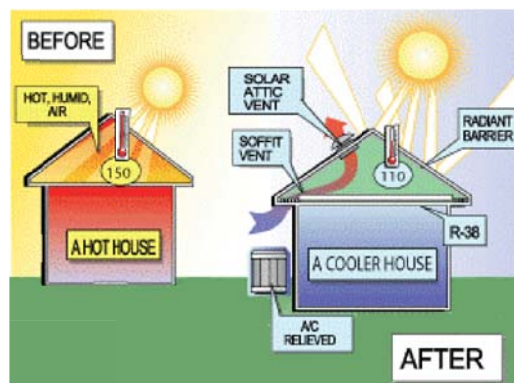
We would like to encourage more blocks to have block parties. It gives neighbors a once a year connection and is definitely helpful in crime prevention. Neighbors looking out for neighbors.

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# *Dallas Garage & Estate Sale Listings*

**Effective October 1, 2010 a Garage Sale Permit is required Before conducting a garage sale.**

## **Why do I have to register my garage sale?**

Registration is required to better regulate and enforce the garage sale provisions and promote clean, safe and vibrant neighborhoods.

## **How soon do I have to register?**

You must register the week of your garage sale. You must have documentation of your registration prior to conducting your garage sale. You are subject to a citation if you are unable to produce documentation during your garage sale event.

## **How much does a permit cost?**

The Garage Sale permit fee is \$15.00.

## **Where can I get a permit?**

Currently permits may be obtained at one of the following City facilities:

1. Restaurant/Bar Inspections, 7901 Goforth Rd.,  
Dallas, TX 75238
2. Code Compliance Administration, 3112 Canton St.,  
Dallas, TX 75226
3. Dallas Animal Services, 1818 Westmoreland Rd.,  
Dallas, TX 75212

Registration sites and online options will be added sbefore spring 2011.

## **How many consecutive days can I hold the garage sale?**

For a duration not to exceed three consecutive calendar days.

## **How many times a year can I have a garage sale?**

Not more than two occasional sales during any 12 month period.

## **May I place items for sale on my lawn and driveway?**

The sale must be inside a building or garage, or on the patio.

## **Where can I place garage sale signs in my neighborhood?**

You can not place more than one sign, not to exceed two square feet, upon the lot where the sale is taking place. Any other signs at any locations remote from the sale property are not permitted.

## **Does the City provide free advertising?**

Yes. At the point of sale we can add your location to our website or you may list your sale on the following web link <http://garagesale.dallascityhall.com/AddLogin.jsp>.

For additional information on garage sales, please see Rules & Regulations or contact Code Compliance at (214) 670-5708.



## **Garland Road Vision Status Update**

As you know, the Garland Road Vision study has been under way for some time. You will recall that the study encompasses the encapsulation of what the vision for development can be for the Garland Road corridor from 635 on one end, to the Gaston/Garland/Grand intersection on the other. Over the course of several months of meetings with neighbors and all interested parties, as well as considerable study of the area, its traffic patterns and already existing residential, park, and commercial areas, the consulting firm working on the project is almost finished with the final draft of the study. The Plan Review Committee is reviewing the final draft, and it is hoped that the study, its projections, vision, and conclusions will be finalized to be presented to the City Planning Commission and the Dallas City Council by the end of 2010. We encourage you to visit the website to learn more of the Garland Road Vision, and to join us in planning for a better future for Garland Road! For a detailed picture of all this has involved, go to the website of the Garland Road Vision, [www.garlandroadvision.org](http://www.garlandroadvision.org), to find the most updated information on the project.

# Appliance Rebate Program

by Allen Vaught

The State of Texas received more than \$23 million in stimulus funds from the United States Department of Energy to create a program that provides rebates to consumers who purchase energy efficient household appliances. The first round of the "Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program" began last April and almost \$12 million was distributed in appliance rebates.

Over \$10 million in rebates remains unclaimed so a second program will officially kick off this winter. The dates for the rebate program have not yet been finalized. Due to difficulties with the online and phone reservation system, changes have been implemented for the winter program that will hopefully make this program and appliance rebates more accessible for Texans trying to cut electric costs.

The appliance rebate programs are designed to provide rebates when a consumer replaces an older, yet still functional appliance, and purchases a new, energy efficient, ENERGY STAR® or CEE (Consortium for Energy Efficiency) qualified appliance. Energy efficient products help consumers cut costs on their electric bills and increase energy conservation.

## Eligibility

This program is strictly for Texas residents with a valid Texas address. Eligible appliances for the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, air conditioners, clothes washers, hot water heaters, and more. These are the same categories from the April program, however rebate amounts will probably change slightly. Additional details and guidelines will be released later this year.

## How & When to Receive a Rebate

Since the rebate period has not yet been set for this winter you may want to sign up to receive the latest updates by email from the Comptroller's office by going here: [https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=TXCOMPT\\_545&origin=http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org/rebate/faqs.php](https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=TXCOMPT_545&origin=http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org/rebate/faqs.php) or you can follow the program on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/powerfulsmart>.

Unlike the first round of the program in April, there will not be a reservation period through phone calls or a website. Instead, rebates will be available on a first come, first served basis. Once an appliance is purchased all you need to do is fill out and mail in your rebate form. It is important to note that previously purchased appliances are not eligible for this rebate. The rebate only applies to appliances purchased once the program begins.

Your purchase must be from an in-store Texas contractor or retailer because online purchases are not eligible this round. Rebates may be used for appliances currently on layaway if final payment occurs after the program has started. Rebates can also be stacked and combined with other rebates or discounts from manufacturers and retailers.

Due to concerns over fraud, retailers are not allowed to submit a rebate for a consumer. Texas has also limited the number of rebates per person. If you have any additional questions or would like more details as the program nears, you may want to check the official rebate website at <http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org/>.

Sources: [www.texaspowerfulsmart.org](http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org)

If you have questions regarding the appliance rebate program or would like more information, I invite you to contact my district office at (214) 370-8305 or my capitol office at (512) 463-0244. Please free to email me as well at [District107.Vaught@house.state.tx.us](mailto:District107.Vaught@house.state.tx.us), and be sure to include your name and full address. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Letter to the Editor

Patrol officers and plain clothes officers alike have all learned that a suspicious person call from Forest Hills is gold! Y'all have done a good job educating the residents about what to call in and what descriptions to give.

*Sgt Rod Dillon, Head Patrol Officer for The Forest Hills Security Program & Sergeant with the Northeast Investigative Unit, Robbery/Burglary/Theft*

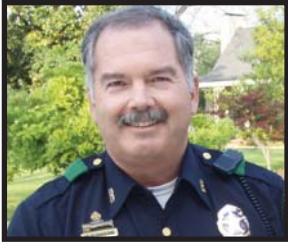




# SECURITY PAGE



## THE FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM (FHSP)

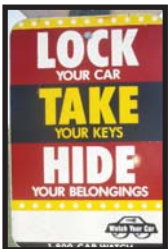


### Safe and Happy Holidays To All!

Good News! 2010 Jan-Oct home break-ins were down 50% from last year! However the number of vehicles stolen rose from 2008. Continue to be vigilant. **See Something — Say Something — Call 911.**

#### **LOCK your car, TAKE your keys and HIDE your belongings.**

Alert from Forest Hills neighbor: “Both of our SUVs were “rummaged through” overnight. I say “rummaged through” instead of broken into, because unfortunately we left our cars unlocked (something we rarely do). When we went to leave this morning, it was evident that someone had been searching for something in each of our cars. Papers and items from the console and glove box were thrown everywhere but fortunately for us, nothing was taken. We had guests staying with us, but their car was not touched — because it was LOCKED!”



#### **Tips:**

- Do not leave keys to vehicle inside car especially in plain view.
- Do not leave vehicle unlocked or windows down (even in your driveway).
- Do not park on street (if you have a garage, use it).
- Do not park in areas of poor visibility (not lighted or hidden from public view).
- Do not leave vehicle running and unattended.
- Do not leave any articles that are visible on seats (anything might appear to be valuable).

#### **Reasons for Car Theft:**

1. Joyrides (often juveniles)
2. Re-selling the vehicle for parts. (Often when broken down, the sum of the parts is worth more than the vehicle.)
3. To use vehicle to commit another crime (untraceable to them).

#### **Home Security Tips:**

This year's holiday season promises to be as busy and wonderfully hectic as ever — shopping, gift-giving, decorating and celebrating with friends and family. Unfortunately, it's an equally busy time of year for home burglars. It's no surprise that with homes full of gifts and packages waiting on porches, this is the time when home and car burglaries rise.

- Lock your doors; Turn your alarm on.
- Don't flaunt expensive gifts to burglars by leaving empty gift boxes from your new computer, flat-screen TV or DVD player on the curb. Break down the boxes and place in large garbage bags to conceal the items. Better yet, take boxes to a recycling center.
- Piles of unchecked mail and newspapers can tip off burglars to an empty house. If traveling during the holidays, ask a neighbor to help keep up your homes' appearances so it doesn't have that vacant look about it. Ask them to park their car in your driveway.
- If you're a current subscriber to the Forest Hills Security Program, you receive the benefit of a police officer checking your home when you are out of town. [fhspenp@aol.com](mailto:fhspenp@aol.com) to request a house check form.
- The enemies of the burglar are time and attention. The longer it takes to enter and the more noise he makes increase his chances of being seen and caught. Homes not easily and quickly broken into are most often bypassed for easier targets.
- Make it hard for them with layers of protection. Not one security measure does the trick. The more lines of defense we have, the less the odds are of being a victim.

The Forest Hills Security Program is a protective outer layer, preventing thugs from entering our neighborhood in the first place; deterring them from going further to test your security system, to penetrate your safe room or to feed your watch dog.

**Pledge the gift of security for your family this Christmas. Forest Hills Security Program [fhspenp@aol.com](mailto:fhspenp@aol.com). Q1 (Jan., Feb., Mar.) Q2 (Apr., May, June) Q3 (July, Aug., Sept) Q4 (Oct., Nov., Dec.) \$60 a Quarter / \$240 a year.**

# Tips From a Neighbor

Got squirrels in your attic or under the house? Mice? Racoons? Other assorted mammals? There is a simple, inexpensive, sure-fired way to get rid of them that does not involve poison, traps, or tedious searching for cracks, gaps, and holes that need to be plugged. Go to an electronics store (e.g. Frye's), purchase two plastic strobe lights (\$15.00 each), place them in your attic (or crawl space), plug them in, adjust the strobe light frequency so they are out of step with each other and wait. In about three days, all such critters should vanish. If you have a light but no electrical outlet in your attic, purchase a socket adapter from a hardware store (\$1.98), unscrew the attic light bulb, screw in the adapter, screw the attic light bulb back in, and then plug the strobes in to the adapter. You are in business! For more information,

## Forest Hills Ranch House Star of American Institute of Architects Dallas Tour of Homes



Josette "Josy" Collins' rambling Forest Hills ranch house is a lot like she is: worldly, connected to nature, thoroughly modern.

Many expected them to bulldoze the modest dwelling and build something grander on the sprawling corner lot. Collins is too much of a purist for that. "It was important for us to keep the original footprint out of respect for the neighborhood," says the tawny blonde, well-toned from morning runs beside the lake.

Seen today, the home's low-slung stance remains unchanged, but the exterior is now adorned with Texas-modern details such as a bronze front entry (Collins' bank-vault door) and standing-seam metal roof. New dry-stacked stone walls replace a former mishmash of salmon-hued bricks and white stucco. The relocated front walkway is shaded by an extended arbor clad in wisteria to dapple the light.

No worries; Collins' latest acquisition is already perched in the front yard and ready for take-off. The gleaming stainless steel bird by Dallas sculptor Brad Oldham was a gift from Collins' husband, who bought it for "his favorite chick."

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## Spotlight on Our Neighbor

Steve Shopoff scored his first "Hole-In-One" during our recent trip to The Homestead Resort in Virginia. On Sept. 22, Steve made a 192 yard hole-in-one on Hole #4 of the Cascades Course.

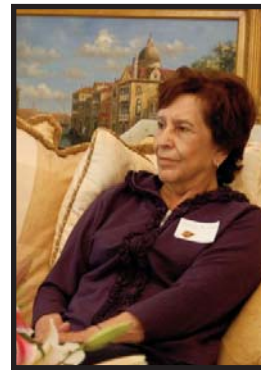
Way to go, Steve!

# The 2010 Fall Senior Social Was A Great Success!

The Forest Hills Seniors gathered at the lovely home of Bill and Mindy Foerster on October 24, 2010. They enjoyed homemade treats provided by their neighbors and an entertaining afternoon with author and humorist, Rose-Mary Rumbley, PhD. Rose-Mary, an expert on the history of Dallas, offered an informative talk about East Dallas and Forest Hills. Her charisma inspired many of the seniors to share their own historical stories leading to a lively roundtable discussion. As always the seniors were gracious and appreciative for the opportunity to gather with each other again and to meet some of their neighbors who served on the host committee.

The Forest Hills Service League extends special thanks to the seniors for taking time from their busy schedules to join us for a fabulous Sunday afternoon. We would also like to thank the Foerster Family for their gracious hospitality. Last but certainly not least, we thank the many neighbors who provided the delicious food along with the hard working set-up, host and clean-up volunteers who made the day such a success.

Our desire is to invite all seniors to this event. If you have a special senior on your block who was not included and would like to attend next years celebration, please e-mail Katrina Moran, F.H. Service League Senior Social Coordinator at [katcancook07@yahoo.com](mailto:katcancook07@yahoo.com) or call 214-280-8915.





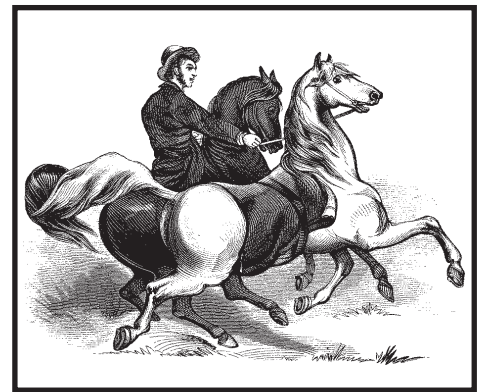
# Forest Hills Past Tense

Excerpts from *Land is the Cry*, by Susanne Starling —  
a book about the founder of our community, Warren Angus Ferris.

In 1839, Warren Angus Ferris (1810-1873) was a pioneer, who surveyed the Three Forks of the Trinity; surveying most of the land east of the Trinity—including most of Kaufman, Van Zandt, Hunt, Rockwall, Dallas, Collin and Denton Counties. His surveys determined the line of streets and roads that shaped the future urban Dallas County. Many believe he has never received the recognition he deserves and should be remembered as the “Father of Dallas County”.

In 1849 Warren Angus Ferris settled down after years of surveying to farming east of White Rock Creek within the borders of what is now Forest Hills. His log cabin stood on the eastern edge of a large grove of trees about 200 yards east of the present junction of St. Francis Drive and Garland Rd., where wild persimmon and native pecan trees flourished. A hundred peach, pear, plum, and cherry trees were planted by Ferris for his orchard. He had six head of horses, 30 head of cattle, 80 head of hogs, 2 dogs, 3 cats, 200 chickens and hives of bees. 85 acres of his property was cultivated where he harvested wheat, oats, corn and cotton. The thickets of White Rock Creek provided some of the best hunting. Everywhere deer, turkeys and prairie chickens were thick as ants on the hills and bear, panthers, wolves and wildcats kept to the river and creek bottoms. Buffalo, wild mustangs and maverick cattle roamed the grassland west of Dallas on Grapevine Prairie. On the creek near where the spillway of White Rock Lake is presently located, Ferris built a gristmill. He fished in White Rock creek and Ash Creek that runs along Barbaree now.

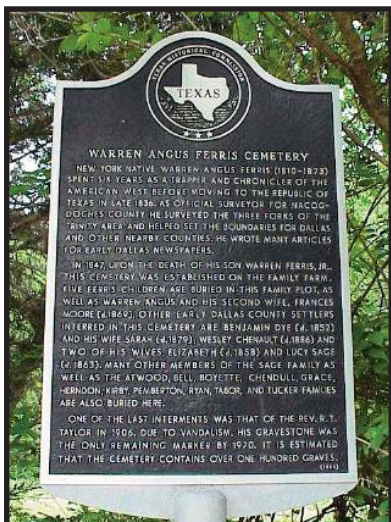
In the 1860's notorious Belle Star was often seen riding into this wooded area we now call Forest Hills. During the civil war and reconstruction, a little community called Rinehardt grew up along the Old National Road, between Dallas and Duck Creek (Garland). It was here Ferris' neighbors gathered for impromptu horse races, a common entertainment in a community where several farmers like Ferris raised fast horses. With boots pounding on rough plank floors, they clapped to lively fiddle music and danced till late hours at winter sociables. Folks came from surrounding counties to the shady White Rock Creek banks to hear three to five sermons a day by Methodist circuit riders. They gathered for funerals. Ferris' family cemetery (St. Francis & San Cristobal) grew as Warren allowed neighbors' loved ones to be buried there.



Warren Ferris made his last survey for R.C. Buckner in 1871, and continue to give instruction to many young men like John R. West. Young boys, who encountered the short, stocky fellow with the Van Dyke beard and piercing blue eyes, were fascinated by the old man who was willing to thrill them with his stories of frontier adventure, told in his cultured diction.

Ferris died in 1873 and was buried in the Warren Angus Ferris Cemetery. In 1988 it received a Texas Historical Marker, bringing long-overdue attention to the accomplishments of this pioneer Dallas settler.

After the homestead was deserted by 1875, the old log cabin here became a stopover for drifters, as did the vacant Ferris farmhouse he had built later. Some said the James boys (gang) stayed there and Sam Bass and his gang holed up in the farmhouse prior to their robbery of the Texas & Pacific train in Mesquite in 1878. The house was destroyed by fire around 1909.



*“The past does not repeat itself, but it rhymes.” — Mark Twain*

*“History does not belong to us; we belong to it.” — Hans-George Gadamer*

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# My TWO Beloved Careers in Music

*Molly Grogan, Board-Certified Music Therapist:*

I graduated from SMU in 1981 with a degree in Music Therapy and Practice MT for a decade following my clinical/internship work at Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital. I started a Music Therapy practice, Dallas Academy, in the 80's and have built a prosperous music & performing arts department there over the decades. I thrive on my work with children and teens with special learning needs including autism spectrum, ADHD, dyslexia, etc. I'm especially motivated by seeing so many young children and teens develop because of their therapeutic and educational experiences in music. I've been the band lead singer and manager of Dallas Unlimited ([www.dallasunlimited.com](http://www.dallasunlimited.com)), since 1991 — one of the rare bands that have been consistently called-on and working steadily for the last 2 decades for DFW's finest event entertainment.



## Halloween Fun!



# Second Chance Treasures Offers Hope for Homeless Pets



Second Chance Treasures, the unique gift, antique and upscale resale shop benefiting the homeless pets of East Lake Pet Orphanage, is celebrating their move to a new larger location. Now located at 10101 Garland Road next door to Sali's, the shop has expanded its inventory in a space nearly 4 times as large as the previous site.

The store now offers bees wax candles, locally handmade soaps, and a full line of greeting cards, gift bags, collectable magnets and note cards. Also, because pet lovers are often garden lovers, shoppers will find an array of garden statuary pieces from St. Francis to St. Siacre, the patron saint of Gardeners. Additionally, garden urns, bird baths and dog and cat figurines from the Biltmore estate



collection offer a focal point for any home or landscape. Other treasures include art, antiques, books, glass, silver, crystal and a range of collectables for children to adults.

There really is something here for everyone!

For those people looking to down size or re-do, Second Chance happily accepts donations 7 days a week at the back door of the store. Donations are welcomed from clothing, to household items and furniture. The store even accepts recyclables from rags to scrap metal and old electrical cords, all to help homeless pets! Do you have large furniture to donate or estate liquidation



needs? You can call for convenient week end home pick ups! The shop is currently in great need of beds, couches and dressers.

Second Chance treasures may also be the place to find your new best friend! As of last month, the shop also began featuring pets for adoption on site daily. All pets have been vaccinated, health screened, treated for parasites, temperament evaluated, socialized, micro chipped and spayed or neutered. Are you not ready to adopt? Are you not sure if your child is ready for the responsibility of owning a pet? Would you like to help homeless pets? Ask about foster care, dog walking, cat cuddling, and store help opportunities. Volunteering offers a great community service and helps those pets that so desperately need your support!

For more information call, email or visit Second Chance Treasures 7days a week.

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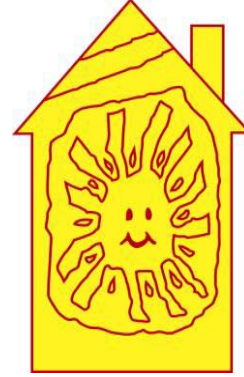
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We apologize if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed for remodeling or when a home is purchased directly from builder or previous owner. Our info comes from MLS Real Estate listings. For any oversights, please contact Judy Whalen 214-535-2077 [jwreps@earthlink.net](mailto:jwreps@earthlink.net) 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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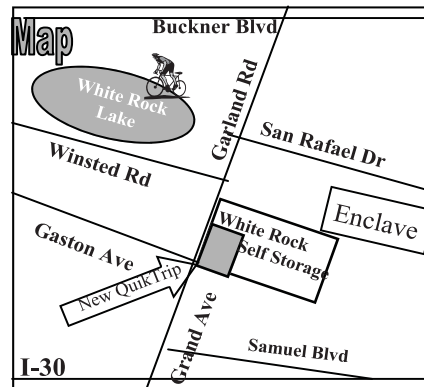
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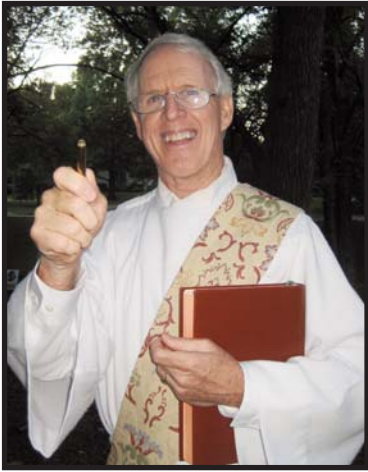
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# PAWS PAGE



## Sponsored by East Lake Veterinary Hospital



The neighborhood stars came out in force on Tuesday, October 5 for the Pet Blessing and Micro Chip Clinic held in Forest Hills Park at St. Francis and San Benito Way.

Dr. Ellsworth and her two helpers, Patti and Sarah, with East Dallas Veterinary Clinic set up to do the Micro Chipping. Immediately a man drove up with a cute Cocker Spaniel puppy saying his wife had sent him to have the pup chipped. We were off and running!

Within minutes others started showing up with dogs of all types, colors and sizes. Those not registered with Animal Alert! took a few minutes to fill out the form while others got Micro Chipped. So many dogs showed up that Deacon John Kelly from Holy Trinity Catholic Church decided to start with a Pet Blessing and would do several more as the evening progressed. He did a

wonderful job of giving us the history of St. Francis and Pet Blessings, then a scripture about the animals followed by a personal visit to each dog and family member. He told us how animals are gifts to us and hold a special part in our lives and finished with a little container of holy water he shook on each dog.

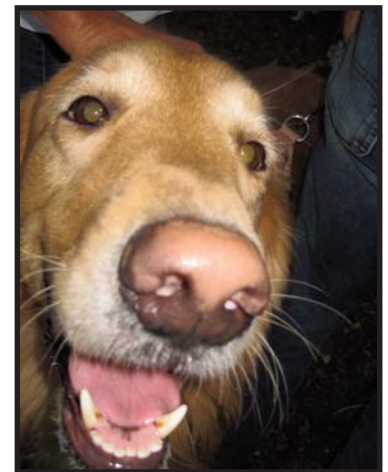
Deacon Kelly would perform this wonderful ritual several more times as groups of dogs would arrive. As a large group of dogs were grouping together, Judy Whalen called out to Deacon Kelly "One more time with feeling!" Everyone, including the dogs, got a good chuckle out of this!

This year we went to the dogs! No cats, rabbits, turtles, hamsters, etc. From several counts we had around 50 dogs show up for the event. We also had several visitors/pups visit from Little Forest Hills and Barbaree making it a really good neighborhood gathering.

Judy Whalen and St. Rod Dillion were also present to visit about our Forest Hills Security Program. They are doing their best to "take a bite out of crime"!

Several neighbors like Gary and Eileen Grass that do not even have pets showed to give their support while Lottie Minick was busy snapping pictures right and left of the furry fun. Andie Comini, Shelly Clem, Barb Micheals as well as Cynthia Daniel from Barbaree were also present to help with set up and register the animals.

Plans are already underway to have another Pet Blessing and Micro Chip Clinic in late spring. This time we hope all the other types of critters will join us!



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## *Yard of the Month*

Yard of the month for September is awarded to Todd and Sarah Blanchard at 1615 San Rafael Dr. In the midst of record breaking heat in the summer of 2010 their yard looks cool and inviting. Thanks for keeping our neighborhood beautiful!



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## *Yard of the Month*

October Yard of the Month is awarded to Roy and Barbara Anderson at 8258 Santa Clara Dr. Five large caliper trees were recently planted in their yard — three in the front and two in the back to replace some very old trees that are in decline.



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## Garden Club News



### **Nancy and Jerry Allegro:**

*by Lottie Minick*

Lottie: Wow, Forest Hills is so excited to have you two celebrities. Nancy, you're world renowned for your expertise growing award winning orchids. Jerry, you're the star of the White Rock Lake Artists' Studio Tour and one of the premier sculpture artists at the State Fair of Texas. Jerry, I know you're one of the art tour's organizers. When did the mud call to you to make your beautiful works of art?

Jerry: I purchased a class at the forest hills neighborhood auction at the Creative Arts Center. After my first ceramics class about 12 years ago I became a clay addict and am still hooked today. I still take ceramic classes at night at SMU to keep fresh ideas as it is so important to see what other artists are doing.

Lottie: Nancy, you and Jerry were green before green was popular. Tell us about your solar dryer and your wonderful greenhouse and orchids.

Nancy: Yes, my solar dryer is a time honored clothes line. The greenhouse houses orchids which were my grandmothers and some are over 75 years old. Currently I have added chickens and Jerry built a coop and pen. We love those fresh eggs. We can also make jelly from the fruit trees in our yard and try to live a lot off of our property.

Lottie: Nancy, it's time for you to host one of the garden club meetings and make all of us think we could grow at least one orchid. The Forest Hills Garden Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month and is open to all.

Nancy: Would love to, our home is always open.



# Alex Sanger News



## Sanger Garden Community

FH residents and Dallas County Master Gardeners Katrina Moran and Susan Stephens will be meeting weekly at the Sanger Garden to assist Sanger Teachers with garden related curriculum.

Please contact Alessandra Neal, Sanger Garden Coordinator, [mneal@dallasisd.org](mailto:mneal@dallasisd.org) or Katrina Moran, Sanger Garden Community Volunteer Coordinator, [katcancook07@yahoo.com](mailto:katcancook07@yahoo.com) for more information.

Volunteers are welcome to join the garden team to help work with the children or dig in the garden on weekends.

If interested in volunteering, please go on line to register as a DISD volunteer: [http://www.dallasisd.org/partners/volreg\\_form.cfm](http://www.dallasisd.org/partners/volreg_form.cfm).

After your volunteer status is approved by DISD, please check in at the office for visitor registration and a badge on each visit during school hours.

## Sanger Volunteers

Many members of the neighborhood wish to help out at the school but simply do not know how to get started. To address this, Sanger has implemented a new Volunteer Program. A more direct interaction between the teachers and volunteers provide more direction and clarification regarding when the volunteers are needed and what the volunteers can do to help out. If you are interested, email Gretchen and indicate the times of the day you can volunteer, and any area of interest you have (such as arts/crafts, reading, math, or general). ANY ADULT VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL BE WORKING DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK. Access the DISD website to begin the approval process — [http://www.dallasisd.org/partners/volreg\\_form.cfm](http://www.dallasisd.org/partners/volreg_form.cfm). Finally, make plans to visit the Winter Art Fair at Sanger on Saturday Dec. 11 from 8-5. Local artists display and sell their wares. Jewelry, art, clothing, and food for sale.

Visit Sanger's new website for up-to-date information about our neighborhood school: [alexsangerelementary.org](http://alexsangerelementary.org).

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