



Annual FHNA Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 6th

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Keller Circle (Forest Hills Blvd & Breezewood)

The Reporter

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Generations of Participation



Shannon Olivia Inman

Five-month-old Shannon Olivia Inman, not shy about displaying her Obama button was a pleasant fixture at Sanger polling sight election day. While Grandpa, Lonnie Blaydes and mom, Colleen Inman, worked the polling place little Shannon smiled and aided in the greeting process.

Shannon is the granddaughter of Lonnie and Kathleen Blaydes, twenty three year residents of Forest Hills. Their three children are now grown and the family tradition of participating in elections, continues.

Photo credit: Colleen Inman

Dallas Recycles Political Campaign Signs



After the election, many people want to know where to deposit the signs from their yards and business locations. Because almost all of the sign materials are readily recyclable, the City has established four temporary drop-off locations to deposit the signs. For the next two weeks – through November 26 – residents can visit any of the four city waste facilities below to deliver the campaign signs. Just put them in the large, green, open-topped containers at each location, and the City of Dallas Sanitation Services department will handle the rest.

Southeast Dallas:

McCommas Bluff Landfill
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8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Monday – Saturday (closed Sunday)
Recycling container is at the Citizen's Drop-Off Center at the landfill.

Southwest Dallas:

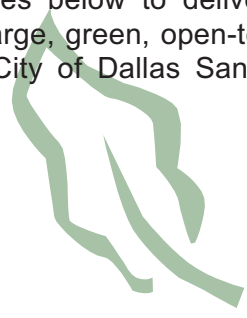
Westmoreland Transfer Station
4610 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Monday – Sunday
Recycling container is at the Citizen's Drop-Off area – just inside the facility gate.

Northwest Dallas:

Bachman Transfer Station
9500 Harry Hines
7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Monday - Sunday
Recycling container is at the Citizen's Drop-Off area – called Dry Gulch Recycling Center.

Northeast Dallas:

Fair Oaks Transfer Station
7677 Fair Oaks Rd
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Recycling container is at the Citizen's Drop-Off area – just inside the facility gate.



For more information on campaign sign recycling, call **214.670.8065**.

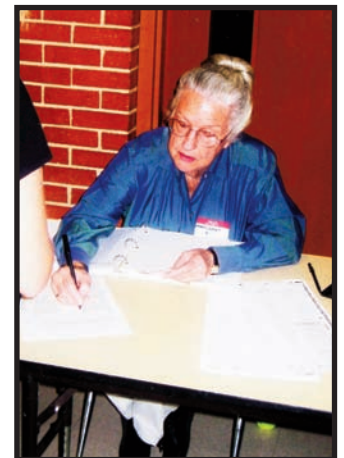
Those Pesky Yard Signs!!



Over the past two months, roughly 220 electoral yard signs littered FH yards. Then came the Walk n Wag signs, followed by a sign from the guy trying to make a buck stringing Christmas lights. Is there no end to this ad campaign madness? We had many complaints but most were tolerant realizing the signs are temporary. Nonetheless, someone had to be the cleanup guy. Teenagers needing service hours to the rescue! They managed to comb through streets plucking as many as they could carry.

We've been on a mission trying to get the placed picked up. Some residents asked to keep the election signs thinking they'll be worth something in the future. Who knows, they could be right.

Many residents weren't quite sure how to dispose of the awkward signs, especially the ones with wire mounts. We found signs sticking out of garbage and recycling bins throughout the neighborhood. The city chimed in, trying to make this messy situation easy. If you haven't noticed, we've made substantial progress in ridding the neighborhood of debris. For that, many are thankful.



*Margaret Smith
Election Volunteer*



Ruth Potter, Election Volunteer

It was fun, however, to walk the streets privvy to everyone's opinion on who should be our next President. We can all agree on one thing, it is a privilege to vote and seems many in FH participated, enjoying that privilege.

Garland Road Vision — Becoming a Reality!

— by Gloria Tarpley

In 2006, then Dallas City Council Member Gary Griffith formed the Garland Road Vision Committee (“GRV Committee”) to plan for the future of the Garland Road Corridor from 635, past the Arboretum and the Spillway, to the intersection of Garland, Gaston and East Grand Avenues. This project is the first Small Area Action Plan under “ForwardDallas,” an initiative approved by the Dallas City Council as the model for future growth of our city. The GRV Committee is made up of individuals who represent neighborhoods which abut Garland Road in the designated stretch as well as individuals representing merchants and institutions, such as the Arboretum and Doctors Hospital. The full membership of the GRV Committee is listed below. The purpose of the GRV Committee is to oversee the urban planning study of the Garland Road Corridor. Without a group such as the GRV Committee, the concern is that a master plan would never be developed much less funded. The rationale is simple: if we show an interest, so may the City Council. The Quality of Life Committee of the City Council has approved this cooperative endeavor. Once the study is completed, the City of Dallas will then implement it, hopefully as one of the projects supported by bond issues in 2010.

It is very important to note — no set agenda or vision currently exists. Rather, the GRV Committee is committed to steering a process in which the wishes of the communities of Garland Road are sought, focused, and implemented as part of the urban planning process. All points of view will be sought through town hall meetings, among other tools. Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (“FHNA”) will be apprised of these town hall meetings as they are scheduled. All FHNA residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and share their vision for Garland Road.

A professional urban planning firm will be hired to author the formal study. The urban planning study will cost an estimated \$150,000. Initial funds have been raised to launch the study process, as a result of lengthy fundraising efforts by the GRV Committee. Donations from individuals, companies, and neighborhood associations such as FHNA help make up some of the funds raised — thank you! The GRV Committee is very grateful for the show of support from all these donors, and the funds, deposited in trust with the Communities Foundation of Texas, constitute a tax-deductible donation. In addition, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) has been immensely supportive of the effort and has dedicated \$120,000 to it. The show of local and neighborhood support for GRV was a definite factor in COG’s decision to fund this effort, and all of us who are neighbors of Garland Road and who are impacted by it should be very grateful for this investment in our future.

The next step of hiring an urban planning firm will shortly be put out for bid by the City and COG, and it is hoped that in short order an urban planning consultant will be designated for the project. This consultant will work with COG, the City, and the GRV Committee as part of the specific planning process. It is anticipated that a workable plan may become a part of the 2010 bond issue process. Forest Hills, the other private donors, and all the various constituencies who make up the Garland Road community will remain apprised of the progress of the planning project. All the neighbors in Forest Hills will have the opportunity to learn about the planning process and have input. Any questions on the project may be directed Gloria Tarpley, the Forest Hills representative on the GRV Committee, who will periodically report to the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Board on the progress of the matter. Garland Road can and should be an avenue of accessibility, beauty, and attractive utility to all who live near it. The Garland Road Vision hopes to facilitate the process of getting it there, with input from all of you – please plan to participate in the process!



Gloria Tarpley
*Garland Road Vision Committee Member
Representing Forest Hills
Past President of FHNA*

Dollars Through the Roof

— by R.M.Oliver

If you knew how much money went through your roof during these past summer months you would be making some major changes to your roof and attic system. The three biggest changes you can make are a properly ventilated attic, a sufficient amount of insulation, and adding a radiant barrier.

Energy Star, a government program encouraging the efficient use of energy, says on their website — www.energystar.gov — that properly venting your attic decreases the entry of heat into the home. This is a money saver because the air-conditioning ducts will receive less of the sun's heat thereby improving the efficiency of the HVAC unit. Air Vent, Inc., a ventilation manufacturer with offices here in Dallas, suggests balancing the amount of intake vents installed at the eaves with the exhaust vents on or near the ridges. They have a roof ventilation calculator on their website — www.airvent.com — you simply enter the square footage of roof and it calculates the amount of ventilation, and several options, for balanced ventilation systems.

Energy Star recommends installing an R-38 insulation which amounts to 10 to 14 inches depending on the type and quality of the product. The most popular product is blown in fiberglass. Other types of insulation include cellulose, denim, and rockwool.

There is a lot of talk on the radio and amongst homeowners about radiant barriers. The most commonly installed product is a paint applied to the underside of the roof deck. This coating is not a radiant barrier. It is a low emittance coating that at best reflects up to 75% of radiant heat. A true barrier is an aluminum sheet backed with structural paper applied between the rafters. With proper ventilation this product can block up to 97% of radiant heat.

As with all major home improvements the cost must be weighed against both aesthetic and economic concerns. While these energy saving changes might not be directly related to your home's overall curb appeal they do contribute to its longevity which is always a wise economic choice.

Next time we'll take a look at your roof. Why do we keep installing shingles that wear out in the sun and are easily destroyed in our numerous hail storms?

The Business of being “Green”

The FHNA board receives calls from plenty of businesses wanting to reach our constituency of FH residents. Not all are legitimate. Some are mediocre, and some are really good businesses. How do we know this? We perform our own due diligence before making a broad recommendation for a service company approaching our residents. Especially those businesses offering “green” services or anything to do with tree preservations, pruning, planting, etc.

If the company chooses to advertise with us, we will allow them newsletter space, (see article above) in an effort to introduce themselves based on the type of service they are offering. Our mission is to provide residents with information.



Andie Comini, Gloria Tarpley and Steve Bakota

Forest Hills Fall Festival — 2008

— Story by Shelly Clem; Photos by Lottie "Flash" Minick

The Forest Hills Fall Festival for 2008 was a smashing event. We had another picture perfect Fall Day. The immense crowd enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of food, music and games. John 'Elvis' Ehrenberger once again rocked the house. There were plenty of prizes handed out to the kids at the games.

The kids were wound up after eating their prizes in 'Jumping for Donuts.' Worn out moms and Dad's then let their kids burn off some energy in our Cardboard Box Spider Maze and 2 jump houses! The Ortman's built a terrific coffin touch and feel box (the author's personal favorite was a tie between — Toe Nails and Guts!!!)



The costume contest went well. Our winners ranged from Barkley 'the winning Bee Dog', a polka dot princess, a 'baby' pumpkin and Lottie 'Flash' Minick — whose exuberance is present no matter what the costume!

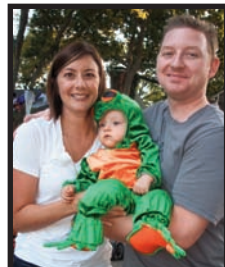
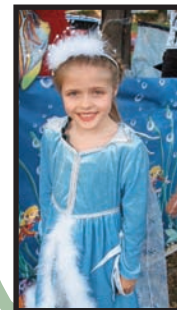
We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and or provided food donations to make this another great event. This list includes but is not limited to Karen +Win Bruening, The Children's Network, the FHNA Service League, Judy Whalen

and McGruff the security dog, Shay and Jess Barfoot, the Bakotas, Mrs. Kiewit and her brownie brigade, Neil and Patty Goya, and Chico — the Forest Hills Grill Master. The list goes on and on.

Thanks again, Forest Hills for a great party. We enjoyed hosting the festival for the past 3 years and we are looking for a host home for next year's event

On a side note: Tony Comell, last year's FHNA Christmas light winner, and Troop 535 have graciously agreed to decorate the Christmas Tree this year at Keller Circle.

We are in need of light donations or money to buy more lights for the tree. Please email Mike Clem at sclemdallas@sbcglobal.net or call him at 214-403-7547 if you have any lights to help out with. We need any and all donations by Monday Nov. 24th. Start planning and decorating your houses for Christmas, we need to rival Swiss Ave. this year!





THE FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM

— by Judy Whalen

WE LOVE LUCY!

Lucy Barnett, a Dallas Police Detective in the NE Assault Unit — Crimes Against Persons Division is one of the newest patrol officers with the Forest Hills Security Program. Barnett having 15 years experience as a patrol officer and 4 with the mounted unit joined the Dallas police department in 1988.



FHSP Officer, Lucy Barnett

Lucy has always felt a warm closeness to Forest Hills growing up in nearby Old Lake Highlands and making many a visit to her Grandparents in Lakewood. Cruising our neighborhood streets brings back many a memory.

When attending Bryan Adams High School she was in the Chamber Choir and Concert Choir and it was that musical interest which lead her to joining the Dallas Police Choir in 1998 and then becoming their Director in 2004. The choir, a 4-part SATB A'cappella choir has been invited twice to perform in Germany and in 2004 traveled to Normandy, France to perform for the 60th Anniversary of

D-Day. (They do accept donations, which are tax deductible, supporting their travel/performance endeavors). There is no charge for performances and Lucy says, "we will perform for just about anyone who will have us!" You can find schedule, donation and performance info at www.dallaspolicechoir.com. A Patriotic/Inspiration and a Christmas CD are also available for sale on their website.



Lucy with her police horse, Ruler



Police Memorial Service in Austin

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Adam White & Larry Jennings, Owners



Sadie is embarrassed!



Lillie deep in leaves!

Scanner Gun!

Animal Alert! is very busy removing lost and found pets off our streets in our neighborhood. We average about 5 "rescues" per week. That is a high number of lost pets and we are proud to say that we are able to return many of them to their families.

Remember to keep a collar with up to date tags on your pets and have your pet micro chipped. Your vet can quickly microchip them for you. This allows the vet to "SCAN" a found pet to see if there is a micro chip with the owner's name, address, phone number, etc. It really helps us in being able to find you when we need to get your pet home safely.

Animal Alert! is trying to save up enough money to buy a Scanner Gun to help us in identifying the owners of an animal. When we remove an animal off the street and get it to safely in one of our dog runs, we also check to see if the pet has been micro chipped. It would make things so much easier and safer for our volunteers and the animals if we did not have to try and get them in a car and up to a vet to be checked. With our own Scanner we would be able to quickly determine if they have a micro chip and give us the needed information to unite the pet back with their family.

The cost of the Scanner is \$200. We are asking for any donation no matter how small to help us cover this cost. Just give me a call at (214) 328-0508 and I will drop by and pick up your donation or you can mail it or drop it off directly to me: Andie Comini, 1737 Whittier Ave., Dallas, 75218

Jack and Jill - The Story of Two Pointers

I recieved a call from a friend in a neighboring community. She came upon two beautiful pointers lying exhausted in someone's front yard. Her call was purposeful. She knew FH had a strong Animal Alert! program, and we could give advice.



Jack and Jill

We quickly got the two large german pointers off the lawn and into a safe, fenced backyard. Their paws were bloody. It was clear they had been running for some time. No doubt, they were buddies. You could tell by how they cuddled on one another and stayed close.

They were laid on comforters and given plenty of food and water. They slept peacefully overnight courtesy of my friend's generosity.

The next morning, they were carried into a vet's office to see about the paws and a check up. Fortunately for this owner, the microchips revealed a phone number and owner name.

Yard of the Month

The Forest Hills Yard of the Month for October is awarded to Kelle and Cary Buresh at 8539 Santa Clara Dr. I am sure many of you have watched the amazing transformation of this house and the front gardens over the past several months. Congratulations are definitely in order to the Buresh's for contributing to the beauty of our neighborhood.

North Haven Gardens mails a \$25.00 gift certificate to the homeowner.



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Forest Hills Model

Ty Farris, a 5th grader at Alex Sanger Elementary, recently walked the runway at Fashion in the Park. It was an exciting show for everyone involved since it was the first time they had a "tween" show.

Ty's been modeling since she was 2 and is represented by the Kim Dawson Agency.



To get a coveted

spot in the "You've Got the Look" fashion show, she had to audition 3 weeks prior with other size 10 and 12 boys and girls.

The next step in the process was the fitting. All the kids came in and tried on their changes to make sure they fit properly and accessorize the

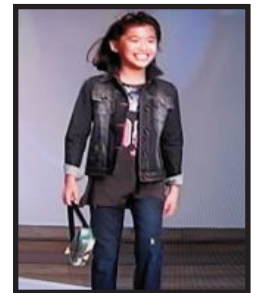
way the team of stylists envisioned. Ty had 4 changes that she loved — of course she wanted to keep them all.

On Oct 13, the show started at 5:00 but Ty had to be there at 2:30 for rehearsals. After rehearsing for an hour, the kids had their hair and make-up done by the top pros in town.



Those attending the Lorifina sponsored event not only saw some fabulous fall fashions for tweens, but were served kiddy martinis, listened to cool music by DJ Lucy Wrubel and received a gift card for a Lorifina doll.

After the show Ty beamed and said, "It was so much fun . . . I felt like such a super model!!"



Welcome New Neighbors!

Paul and Lynne Ferguson 8500 Block of San Fernando

We apologize if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed because of remodeling or when a home is purchased from a builder or previous owner as most of our information comes from Real Estate MLS listings.

For any oversights, please contact Judy Whalen 214-324-9894 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!



Garden Club News



— by Lottie Minick



Barb, Josephine, Mary, Lottie and Katrina — hosted by Katrina.

The November Garden Club took place at the home of Katrina Moran. The members had a bulb/plant exchange and received a handout on winter bed preparation. Katrina is a Dallas County Master Gardener and we are always grateful for her knowledge and expertise. But remember that you don't have to be a gardening expert to join us — we welcome all neighborhoods who have an interest in gardening and keeping our neighborhood beautiful. We will not meet in December but reconvene again on Thursday January 8th at the home of Lottie Minnick. More to come in the December newsletter or check out our neighborhood website — foresthillsdallas.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:



Neoma Twining
Newsletter Editor

Editor,

There have been a number of articles in the newsletter about tree preservation, reforestation, and general "green" topics. What specifically is the FHNA considering in an effort to promote a "greener" FH neighborhood?

Response:

Thank you for this question and it could not be more timely. In this issue alone we are featuring a company specializing in "green" roofing. All across the metroplex, not to mention the country, businesses are shifting to "green mode" and offering services designed for impact. The FHNA is very aware of this movement and continue to gather input and offer the best we can find in terms of services and information to you, the residents of FH. We all realize the importance of living better, breathing better and keeping our world thriving. FH is a small piece of the puzzle but to those who love our little "forest," it could not be more important.

Want to reach Neoma for Newsletter input? 214-202-1862 • ntwining@swbell.net

Sanger News

Good News for Sanger students! With the DISD financial situation being what it is, as well as budget cuts and layoffs; Alex Sanger school kept their entire staff. As a parent with a young child at Sanger this brings me a "sigh of relief." Some of you may know that my husband John is a Sanger alumni and now so are our two older children. Years ago when John and his sisters were at Sanger, the students designed and painted the pictures on the walls in the cafeteria. They are still there to this very day! Some would have painted over the mural years ago, but somewhere along the way, the childrens' artwork always managed to win out! You may wonder what this has to do with anything. Well, my point is that this example exemplifies the spirit at Alex Sanger Elementary School: It's about the children and always has been. With schools all around us losing teachers, it's comforting to know that Sanger is doing great! For me personally, I'm grateful every morning when we walk into "our" school!

East Lake Veterinary Hospital Receives AAHA Accreditation

East Lake Veterinary Hospital of Dallas has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

Only 15 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association.

In order to maintain accredited status, East Lake Veterinary Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's consultants.

"East Lake Veterinary Hospital belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the highest standards in veterinary medicine," says Anna Worth, VMD, AAHA president. "AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of over 900 standards covering patient care, client service and medical protocols. By attaining accreditation, East Lake Veterinary Hospital is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients."

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association is the only organization that accredits veterinary practices throughout the U.S. and Canada for dedication to high standards of veterinary care. Approximately 3,000 AAHA-accredited practices pass regular reviews of AAHA's stringent accreditation standards that cover patient care, client service and medical protocols. For pet care information or referral to an AAHA-accredited practice, visit www.healthypet.com.

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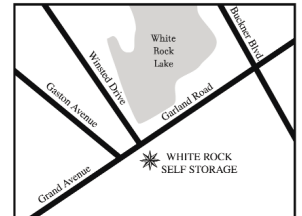
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Forest Hills Children's Network



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