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The Reporter

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Forest Hills High Senior Class of 2009



When the Dalai Lama (His Holiness) visited the west some years ago, he was puzzled by a few observations he made while touring the U.S.

One of his concerns focused on our lack of caring for our elderly. In his view, the most valuable people of any society are those who have lived the longest lives.

In Tibet, the life experiences and wisdom of the elderly are deemed invaluable.

(Senior Party Photos, page 5)

Presidential Perspective



Bill Foerster
President

Thank You

THANK YOU, Forest Hills' residents and the FHNA board for the support you have given during my tenure as the president of FHNA. Personally, it has been a rewarding experience and has let me get to know my neighbors and neighborhood better. FHNA has much to do and I believe the efforts and results from the board, committees and residents will continue to grow and enrich our little slice of heaven on earth.

The key to our future success is the continuing support and volunteerism of our residents. Please make contact with the new board and ask how you can help; many opportunities to help can be focused over a short period of time.

Garland Road Vision

Residents please get involved, and provide your feedback; this project will affect every resident of Forest Hills.

The Garland Road Vision (GRV) Project is considering the future plan for the Garland Road Corridor south from 635, past the Arboretum and the Spillway, to the intersection of Garland, Gaston and East Grand Avenues. The GRV Committee is comprised of individuals who represent neighborhoods and individual stakeholders, which abut Garland Road in the designated stretch. The GRV Advisory Committee will oversee an urban planning study for the Garland Road Corridor.

The GRV Committee believes Garland Road can and should be an avenue of accessibility, beauty, and attractive utility to all who live or work near it. The Garland Road Vision hopes to facilitate the process of getting it there using a master plan, with input from all who have an interest.

For additional information, plus answers to FAQ's, please see the GRV website at <http://garlandroadvision.org>.

One Last Comment

Give every day a chance to be AWESOME!!!

Every morning we have a choice of how we will approach the day. Start it Positive and End it Strong with the people and beliefs you value.

War to Save Trees Wages On

There seems to be no let up. And there shouldn't be. Driving around Dallas you'll find acres of development where trees have been cleared for construction of another shopping center. When we see this, something inside all of us should die. I remember talking to Dallas City Reps two years ago lobbying on behalf of saving trees in Forest Hills and being told, "We are pro-development." Translation, "Developers win, period." One new Dallas resident hailing straight from southern California seemed appalled. He said, "What is with you people? Why do you allow these companies to scrape your lush landscapes and no one does anything about it?" The word "scrape" really resonated with me. Left me feeling kind of sick inside. The war to save trees in neighborhoods all over Dallas wages on. A meeting took place on Oct. 12th at Arlington Hall to again hear from residents, arborists and Oncor service company. Here is the million dollar question. How do we keep power lines clear, without butchering trees? One such solution offered, underground power lines. Many neighborhoods like Forest Hills are older neighborhoods. The power lines are strewn dangerously through large, old trees. The slightest wind storm brings chaos in outages and safety. The City needs to find a solution, fast. "I love trees and it just kills me to see trees hacked into V's around power lines. I understand fallen tree limbs cause power outages — but perhaps there's a better way to address pruning." If you wish to weigh in or have a legitimate concern involving your trees within FH and the power lines, please call this **Oncor Hotline Number: 1-888-313-4747**. It is important that "we" as a heavily treed neighborhood weigh in on this matter frequently. The FHNA is very aware of this situation and continues to lobby on behalf of its residents. We approach our discussions with Oncor professionally and with courtesy.



“Atta Boys” . . . for the City Boys!

— by John Mitchell

Forest Hills has been fortunate to have had an excellent response to our requests from the various Departments in the City of Dallas. Dallas Streets, Sanitation, Water Utilities, Code Compliance, Building Inspectors, Police, and Public Works departments have continually been responsive to our needs.

We thought it might be nice to publish this article and pictures to say “Thank you, City of Dallas” for your service.

We also wish to make all the Homeowners aware that your Board of Directors is representing you by making the necessary calls to the respective City Department to have issues resolved.

Not pictured in this article is Robert Curry, Regional Director, Code Compliance and Robert (Rocky) Bruener, Area Supervisor, Dallas Water Utilities Department.

We have many requests in a given year such as: early pick up of tree storm damage, pothole repair, enforcement for code violations, common area maintenance, alley repairs, sanitation receptacle replacement and the list goes on.

Please let us hear from you if there is a city related issue that needs to be resolved.



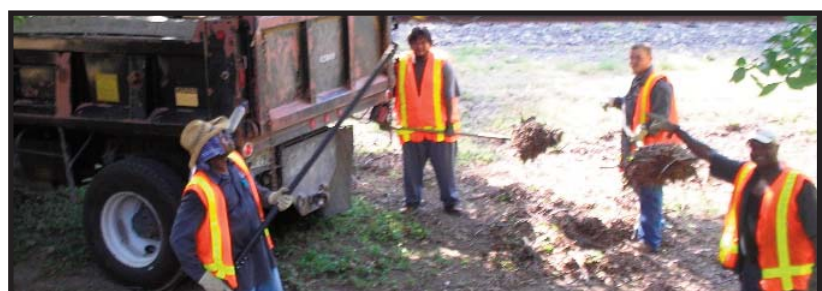
A drunk driver wiped out this fire plug. Rocky Bruener had it all repaired and tested in 5 days.



Crews Cleaning San Cristobal (below)



Tamara Maxie, Dallas Streets Dept. Arranges for Pot holes to be repaired, cleaning up debris in the streets, paving alley's (ie., alley behind Bill Foerster's house had to be repaved due to standing water).



FHNA Board Stays Focused on Key Issues



Steve Bakota
FHNA Board
Secretary

The October meeting of the FHNA had one focus. The Garland Road Vision Project. Over the past several months residents contacted the FHNA members with concerns. Concerns over Garland road construction at dam and its timeline for completion. And new buildings and zoning permits at the entrance to our neighborhood corridor by the dam. Bottom line, the FHNA realizes what concerns neighbors. Many have bought a nice home in what they thought was a nice area. They want to be surrounded by beauty. Many are displeased at the zoning and new businesses popping up on Garland.

On the flip side, the developers of the Casa Linda project have done an excellent job of improving the look of that corridor. They surveyed FH residents and then proceeded to upgrade the look of Casa Linda Plaza. What is still lacking are the two things residents said they wanted most. A book store and a movie theater. Top priorities of the FHNA are as follows: 1) Oncor situation — preserving trees within FH neighborhood 2) Garland Road Vision Project — educating neighbors about project to ensure participation 3) Maintenance and Fund Raising — keeping interior FH clean and safe, and building funds for the future.

No Bark Please!!!

— by Neoma Twining

You knew it was coming. The letter about the inconsiderate neighbor who lets his dog out at some ungodly hour, then forgets about the dog. The dog, enjoying the yard break, barks incessantly to the dismay and irritation to sleeping neighbors in the next house. Who does this sort of thing? What are they thinking? Have you no respect for your neighbor, let alone yourself? (They all know it's your dog.) Forest Hills is such a great community. That doesn't mean we don't have our share of problems.

It's tough being a good neighbor. Sometimes you must endure all sorts of injustices. Only to grin and bear it the next time you and your neighbor are getting the newspaper simultaneously. Just to keep things friendly, you don't say a word. Secretly, you may be fuming a bit at the late hours teenagers keep and their friends with ill-parked cars. I have fielded roughly 7 letters this month alone from neighbors in complaint mode. I must say, all complaints are justified. Instead of confronting the neighbor, they email me. I don't mind a bit. Goes with the editorial territory. I promised these neighbors I would get these handled, so here it goes.

NEW RULES ON HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR: (Applicable to all FH residents and Effective Immediately!)

- 1) **NO BARK:** Please be considerate when letting your dog out. Barking for a bit is fine, but not all night. Or at 5:10 in the morning!
- 2) **PARK IT NICE:** Pay Attention to where your party going friends and teenagers park their cars. Do not park on your neighbors lawn, their sprinkler system or in the street blocking their driveway!
- 3) **TURN DOWN THE TUNES:** Keep the music down. Especially you drummers. No midnight jam sessions or radios on the deck on volume 10!
- 4) **MOW YOUR YARD:** FH prides itself on its lush greenscapes and neighbors find it irritating when one neighbor has a small hay field next door.
- 5) **PICK UP THE TRASH:** Pick up your newspapers in a timely fashion. The driveway is not a trash receptacle

Let's all do our part. C'mon Neighbor . . . Be A Good Neighbor! For the really tough issues, we have lawyers on staff. I am not kidding about this.



We're Looking for a Few Good Neighbors

Election time in FH rolls around pretty quickly. Every September, the FHNA is at it again. Recruiting, recruiting, recruiting. Consider the investment of your time to be essential to keeping FH the safe, friendly, beautiful community it is. C'mon . . . we need you now, more than ever!! Volunteer today . . . email Leon Russell at leon@rs-attorneys.com to sign up.

Annual Seniors Social Event

The gracious hosts of this years senior social were Mark and Katrina Moran of San Leandro Drive. A backdrop of lush garden extravagance, beautiful home decor and potluck everything for food made for a successful party. This annual tradition has been part of FH's history since 1952. The archives hold photos of the then FH Service League and its dedicated volunteers doing their best to "treat" well-deserving seniors on a special day. This year was no different. Volunteers came out in force numbering greater than actual seniors in attendance. Delightful were the stories told by senior residents who have enjoyed fruitful, quiet lives living in Forest Hills for many years. Special thanks to Mark and Katrina Moran and their delightful two year old, Jessica, for offering up their home. Also thanks to the many volunteers who missed the Cowboy game to be present in body and spirit!



Photos by Olivia Twining and Mark Moran



SECURITY PAGE



HELP THE POLICE HELP YOU

This year the Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) has solved crimes, made arrests, recovered stolen property and most of all prevented more from happening. We believe the program has gone beyond just providing police patrol. The FHSP has encouraged you to be involved neighbors, to keep your eyes open and to call 911.

There is much talk in the law enforcement world these days about Forest Hills' clearance rate (meaning crimes solved and arrests made). The neighborhood is far and above the local, state or national averages for clearance regarding home burglary. Much of this success has been attributed to the Security Program and Forest Hills residents being on their toes.



Crime surrounds Forest Hills. Some of it seeps into our neighborhood and can bump into you.

As a neighborhood we are keeping up our defense against crime and you individually can continue to form daily habits of safety and protection. The more you do to secure your home and protect yourself, the less your odds of being a victim will be. You are safer by being diligent.

There is less crime here than other neighborhoods, because we work hard at keeping it away.

Please continue to FIRST call 911 to report suspicious persons or activities. When a vehicle is involved be sure to get the license number if it can be done safely. You are not bothering the police by calling 911, you are helping them. Let them decide what is important or an emergency. To you an incident might be a small matter; to the police it can be a huge clue in solving a crime.

Second, contact the Security Program FHSPENP@aol.com or 214-535-2077 with a follow-up report. This info can then be given to our patrol officers and to our neighbors.

All this communication can be linked together to solve and/or prevent crimes.

Help the police help you!

CRIME IS PUSHING INTO FOREST HILLS: TIME TO PUSH BACK

By keeping the pressure on these intruders, Forest Hills residents and the Forest Hills Security Police Officers are discouraging the bad guys from visiting or returning to our neighborhood. There is an abundance of evidence that the Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) funded by residents since 2003 is and has been a successful crime deterrent.



IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN THIS WALL OF PROTECTION BY MAKING YOUR PLEDGE

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PAWS PAGE



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Ready, Set, Go: It's Time to Walk, Wag & Run!

The sixth annual Walk, Wag & Run event will offer fun and fitness for runners, families and their dogs on Oct. 24. at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake. Hosted by the Lakewood Service League, this community festival includes 5K and 10K races, a dog agility walk, a 1K dash for the kids, pet adoptions and plenty of Halloween and canine-friendly entertainment.

What began as a neighborhood dog walk has grown into a popular, family-oriented event that is expected to draw 4,000 people from across the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Whether folks come to run a personal best 10K or are aiming to win the dog-owner look-alike costume contest, Walk, Wag & Run includes a wide range of activities for both two- and four-legged participants.

The festivities will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 24. Participants can register for any of the events at walkwagandrun.org. All proceeds will help those in need. This year's beneficiaries are the YMCA at White Rock and For the Love of the Lake.

Find more information about this event at walkwagandrun.org or contact LK Pierotti at lkpierotti@gmail.com or 214-732-5329.

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Catering may go through any Blue Mesa Grill, with 5 convenient locations in the Metroplex area — Dallas, North Plano, Fort Worth, Addison, and Southlake. Simply add the "Operation Kindness Promotion" to your catering contract, and a donation will be made to help our homeless animals!

Operation Kindness is also a proud participant in the Blue Mesa Grill "Tacos for a Cause" Program. One dollar of every gourmet taco sold at the Plano location is donated to the animals of Operation Kindness!

Don't forget that you and your pup are invited to join us for a "Yappy" Hour at the Plano Blue Mesa on Tuesday, October 27th for great drink specials and a complimentary quesadilla bar!

**10% Donation includes food purchases only. Alcohol sales are not included.*

Bark Less, Wag More

THE FOREST HILLS ANIMAL ALERT! PROGRAM

To report a Lost or Found Animal 214-930-5910
Animal Control..... Call 311

Yard of the Month

Yard of the Month for September goes to Kevin and Neoma Twining, 8130 San Benito Way. Kevin and Neoma are long time residents of our neighborhood and very active in our community. Thanks to them for adding to the beauty of our neighborhood with a lovely well manicured front garden that is always decorated with flowers of the season. Always a pleasure to walk or drive by their home.



Congratulations are in order for Brian and Amy Lauten, 8130 Santa Clara Drive. Their yard is brilliant with color and such a pleasure to walk or drive by. Thanks for all your hard work in creating a beautiful spot in our neighborhood.



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Two Angry Moms



*Son Noah, husband Ken,
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Janie the poodle*

The members of Altrusa International Inc., of Downtown Dallas are hosting the Dallas premiere of *Two Angry Moms*. The movie screening event, led locally by Project Chair (and our own FH neighbor) Barbara Clay, chronicles what happens when

fed-up Moms start a grassroots revolution aimed at getting better, healthier food choices into our school cafeterias. Thanks to Barbara's mission to share this vital information to all that are interested, Altrusa also donated \$10,000 to have a Spanish-translated version of the film produced as well!

The screenings are being shown on Saturday, October 24th at the historic Lakewood Theater and are sponsored in part by: Andrew Ormsby Catering, Highland Park Cafeteria, Barnes & Noble and Whole Foods!

For more information on screening times and to register or purchase ticket, log on to www.altrusadowntowndallas.org.

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SAN LEANDRO

Allen Mason 8000 block
Gary & Eileen Grass 8200 block
Becky and Paul Bordelon 8400 block

GROVELAND

Scott & Stephanie Sparks 8500 block

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 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

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CAKE BAKING CONTEST — CARROT

2nd — **MARY EHRENBERGER**

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Mary Erhenberger and Barb Michaels

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Neoma Twining
Newsletter Editor

Dear Editor:

I keep wondering why Forest Hills doesn't set up a hotline, at least for residents. It seems we have many pressing issues and I would like to see a direct line put in so residents can weigh in on critical matters. Can you help?

Response: This is an excellent idea. The board is considering such a hotline. We have researched the idea. Other neighborhood associations have these. Look for details in the next few months. A good idea is to check the website periodically to see where the board is on this issue.

Sanger News

Sanger Elementary got some sprucing up to greet the students and teachers for the new school year. Early Childhood PTA volunteers donated their time and resources to plant fresh plants and flowers in the pots on the entry porches. A few new pieces of playground equipment and mulch were added to the school yard. Initial work has begun on the RealGarden. Six teachers, Dr. Allen and two community volunteers attended a two day Dig-In seminar about the learning garden program. Mark Ingraham of Casa Linda is the parent representative, and Katrina Moran of FH is the community representative. The design meeting will be held in October.

The Sanger PTA installed its new board for the coming year. FH resident Neal Farris was elected president, and is supported by a strong cast of neighboring residents: Gretchen Thigpen of Casa Linda will serve as VP, Jason Sellers of FH is the secretary and Mark Ingraham of Casa Linda is the treasurer. The talented fifth graders and their teachers concluded the meeting with some hilarious songs and a skit.

The Early Childhood PTA had their first official play date on September 21 at the Casa Linda Park. ECPTA furnished snacks and drinks as families gathered to play with other pre-school families in the Sanger Elementary area. The Early Childhood PTA is a growing membership to help future Sanger families form friendships and make Sanger a stronger school for all students. Want to join? Contact Jen Dickerson at jen.dickerson@gmail.com or Megan Beakley at meganb@roundtabledq.com.



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Date: October 24th, Saturday
Time: 4 pm - 6 pm
The Russell's 8327 San Fernando Way

FHNA General Meeting

Nov 5th @ 7 pm - 9 pm
Location - TBA

Holiday Food Drive - Oct 24 - Nov 15

Dec 5th - FH Tree Lighting & Caroling

FHNA Fall Events



For more details check out
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