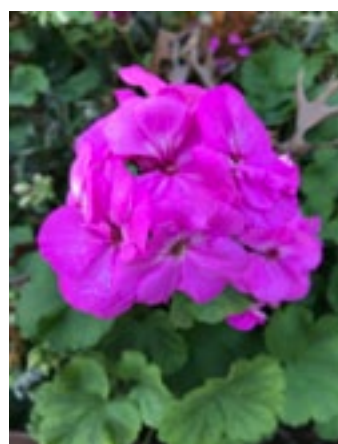
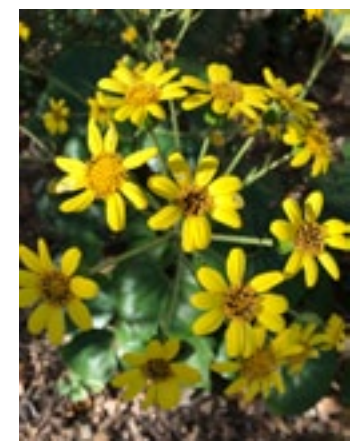
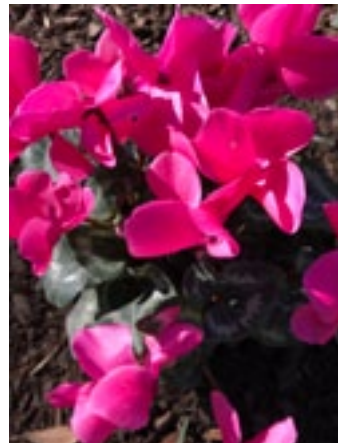
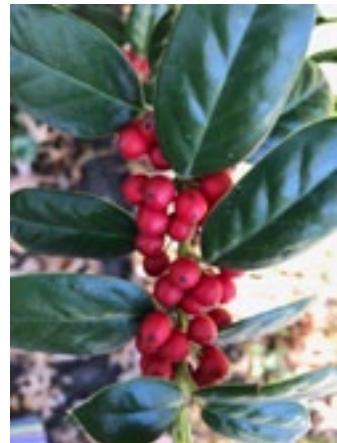




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January - February 2018
www.foresthillsdallas.org



FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Friday,
February 2nd for the March/April

BULK TRASH

January
Trash can go out Thursday 4 - Sunday 7
With pick-up starting the week of Monday 8

February
Trash can go out Thursday 8 - Sunday 11
With pick-up starting the week of Monday 12

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As 2017 has come to an end, we are all likely reflecting on the past and determining where we want to go and this year that may be different. New Year's resolutions were introduced to society several thousand years ago. The concept was originally religious in nature and focused on repaying the gods for bountiful blessings or paying forward certain items as an investment with hope of positive return. Over time, New Year's resolutions have morphed to be one that is more reflective of the individual and oriented toward self-improvement in some capacity. With this in mind, I hope you've focused on your New Year's commitments and chosen to do something that's meaningful.

If you're looking to follow through on these resolutions and have listed one related to Forest Hills, we have got definite needs on the volunteer front and would be happy to leverage your time & skills to help better our neighborhood. Regarding the Forest Hills Board & Liaisons openings, we are looking to fill a few new roles specifically Secretary, White Rock Clean-up, and a few others. We have volunteer opportunities for any time commitment level, so don't feel like you should skip out if you don't have a lot of time to give. Honestly, any bit of time and effort goes a long way. If you're so excited you want sign up now, go to our Sign Up Genius page and let us hear from you :

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Now that I've covered the need for increasing your participation, I'd also like to note our neighborhood is constantly welcoming new families. With this change, new ideas and approaches can be introduced, so don't be shy, reach out and share your ideas with the Board or better yet, feel free to organize a new club or event that draws us together. One of the unique things about Forest Hills is that we gather a few times a year at annual events, enjoy meeting new people and making new friends. So as we move into the new year, jump in with some fresh energy to make something happen. We want our neighborhood to be known as the premiere place to live in Dallas, not just for our lot sizes or access to the lake, but for our fellowship, strong bonds and our community efforts.

May your New Year be off to a great start and I look forward to your help in 2018.

Chris McCauley, President
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Welcome in the New Year and Safety Tips for Valentines!

By East Dallas Veterinary Clinic

2018 Is Here!

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Ring in the New Year should be a time of celebration -
not emergency clinic trips!

Follow these simple steps to keep the start of your New Year stress free!

Valentine's Day is all about the chocolate for us but not for your pets. Keep all chocolate and candy up and away from curious noses. Typically, chocolate is most toxic when it is darker and in solid form. If your pet happens to ingest chocolate, call Poison Control immediately. In addition to chocolate, keep all sugar-free items away from pets as well. Xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in many types of sugar-free candies and baked goods, is toxic to dogs and can cause liver failure. Like any holiday, keep all decorations out of the way of pets so ingestion is not a possibility.

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This year look for more police cars, 15 more crime watch signs and 31 new video surveillance signs on Forest Hills streets! New permanent "I'm IN" lawn signs for all security members will be rolling out too.

The "Are you IN" campaign has helped bring the security program participation UP to 60% of the neighborhood! Our 2017 patrol hours INCREASED by 25%. We can NOT stop. We must continue to grow in our membership. **WE NEED YOU!**

In addition to contributors who "jumped IN" in 2017, a \$10,000 donation was made by the "Ring of Honor" residents. Their donations of \$1,000 or more helped increase patrol hours and purchase video surveillance signs.

This holiday season, when Dallas crime is generally higher, the Security Program was able to schedule a 50% increase in patrols. Many thanks for the neighborhood garage sale's generous gift, which helped provide a portion of those patrols!

Ring "IN" and Renew New 2018 Contribution Levels

Ring of Honor - \$1,000 +
Platinum - \$750
Gold - \$500
Silver - \$350
Bronze - \$240

Ring "IN" and Renew!

Join "IN" and make January your renewal month and help FHSP plan patrols for the year! Your FHSP payments are tax deductible.

Keeping Your Home Secure

If you are a Security Program member and are current on your payments, you have the benefit of using the Home Watch Program. When you are away for an extended period of time or your home is under construction or vacant, a patrol shift officer will check on your home according to your requests. The home watch form and instructions can be found online at foresthillssecurity.org or requested from fhspenp@aol.com



Police Presence by Anna Seo

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How to Register your video surveillance camera with DPD?

Our Northeast DPD wants our help! Please register your cameras with: Officer Kevin Kelley (kevin.kelly@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us) He will need your name, address, phone number, email, number of cameras and memory information. Questions? Call 214-670-7772

Winter Weather Tips

for your four-legged friends!

It's a common belief that dogs and cats are resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia.

- 1. Keep Pets Inside**
Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather, but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather.
- 2. Provide Choices**
Just like you, pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth. Give them some safe options to allow them to vary their sleeping place to adjust to their needs.
- 3. Make Some NOISE!**
A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, hang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood.
- 4. Play Dress Up!**
If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat. Have several on hand, so you can use a dry sweater or coat each time your dog goes outside. Wet sweaters or coats can actually make your dog colder. Some pet owners use booties to protect their dog's feet; if you choose to use them, make sure they fit properly.
- 5. Provide Shelter**
We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if you are unable to keep your dog inside during cold weather, provide them with a warm, dry, solid shelter against wind. If you're able to, consider providing shelter for stray cats in the neighborhood.
- 6. Be Prepared**
Cold weather also brings the risk of severe winter weather, blizzards and power outages. Prepare a disaster/emergency kit, and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications, as well as heartworm and flea/tick preventives) on hand to get through at least 5 days.

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Spotlight On:

The Roby Family, Our New Neighbors on San Rafael!

By: Nicole Bosworth

Frank and Linda Roby have lived in the Dallas area since the 1970's. After graduating from SMU, the couple never left town, and raised their three children (Shannon, Clay, and Daniel) in the Lake Highlands area. The Roby's also lived in the Park Cities and even sampled high-rise condo living. However, with three children and ten grandchildren, condo life wasn't for them. They soon turned their attention to Forest Hills and expertly remodeled their new home on San Rafael.

Frank and Linda remember looking at Forest Hills many years ago, and never forgot its charm and location. They were drawn back to the neighborhood because it is close to everything that matters- family, friends, White Rock Lake, and the Arboretum. They cherish the large lots and people and experiences that a neighborhood like Forest Hills offers.

Frank works in the healthcare industry- working with large employers in a niche area of healthcare network inefficiency and analytics. He also spends a great deal of time giving back to the community through non-profit board work including the North Texas Food Bank, Dallas Regional Chamber, the SMU Meadows School of Arts, and Austin Street Center. Linda is a Methodist minister serving at Highland Park and First Church downtown. She recently retired from the clergy, but is active in volunteer work for Methodist Hospital where she serves on the foundation board.



Forest Hills Book Club

Members of the Forest Hills book club have been getting requests from neighbors who want to join the existing club. Since our current membership list is 25 members, we recently made the decision to limit members for the time being. It is apparent there is a need to form an additional book club in our neighborhood. If you are interested in joining a newly forming book club contact **Debbie Knight - Geodebknight@Swbell.net**.
Call 214-327-1640.

In their spare time, Frank and Linda cherish time with their children and grandchildren. They often travel to Colorado where they love to hike, fish, and read by the river during the summer. At home, they enjoy long walks around the neighborhood and meeting new neighbors. Frank and Linda are grateful for the generations of Forest Hills neighbors who have made Forest Hills a reality.

Please Welcome the Roby Family to Forest Hills!

Allure of the Arboretum

While most of us are cozied up by the fire, the gardeners at the Arboretum are busy planting the 500,000 spring bulbs that result in the stunning bursts of horticultural color during Dallas Blooms. Don't miss this year's majestic display of tulips, hyacinth, daffodils, and more. Dallas Blooms kicks off on February 28th and continues until April 8th.

The 2018 Dallas Arboretum Food and Wine Festival will be held the evening of Thursday, March 22 from 7:00-10:00. Held during breathtaking Dallas Blooms, the festival features a multitude of renowned chefs from throughout the Metroplex and a great variety of wines and specialty cocktails. Buy your tickets early online at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/food-and-wine-fest>.

On sale now, season ticket packages will secure you a leisurely standing date night with your love for the 2018 spring or fall Cool Thursdays Concert series. What a great Valentine's Day present! Learn more at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/cool-thursdays-concert-series>.

Did you know that teachers and educators are eligible for complimentary admission to the Main Garden and Children's Adventure Garden? Simply present a valid educator picture ID or educator ID plus driver's license at the ticket booth for admittance. Teachers can even take advantage of 10% off their first year of membership!

Neighborhood Tree Lighting

A jolly time was had by all on Sunday, December 3rd at the annual Forest Hills neighborhood tree lighting. Residents mingled over cocoa and cookies. Kids decorated cookies and ornaments. A tinsel-draped Christmas train circled the event putting a smile on the face of every child that climbed aboard. And the Jolly Old Elf himself was there overseeing all the fun from the seat of his sleigh where he visited with each child.



Around 5:30, FHNA President Chris McCauley welcomed everyone and then led the children in a countdown to flip the switch on the tree lights. It was a glorious sight and a fine way to usher in the holiday season!

Many thanks to Jane & Gabriel Ojeda for their generous sponsorship of this year's train. We would also like to recognize Brad Huddleston for his mad tree lighting skills and his wife, Lara who coordinated the event. To the many neighbors who helped set up and tear down, we appreciate you too!





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November

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I love the large lawn that leads your eye up to this beautiful modern interpretation of a classic farmhouse. The landscape design works perfectly with the style of this home. Tall pecan trees dot the front yard and rose bushes provide a hedge along the front porch. The planting beds are planted with - gray cotoneaster, Japanese maples, Indian hawthorns, hydrangeas, purple Chinese fringe and Mexican petunias.

December

8107 Santa Clara
Jon & Melissa Marzolf

Ok...I'll just put it out there...I am obsessed with this house...love it! I don't even know how to categorize the architectural style - slightly Spanish or slightly hill country or ranch-ish, but whatever style it falls into it works beautifully! The front yard had a holly hedge that followed the perimeter providing privacy, but recently the homeowners removed the portion of the hedge that blocked the street view...the result...magic! A Tanyosho pine punctuates the approach to the front porch - the planting beds follow the porch and contour the home are filled with variegated Pittosporum, Nandina, Japanese yew, Japanese maple and Chinese purple fringe. Kale and pansies will provide color through the winter.

Welcome Newcomers!

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.

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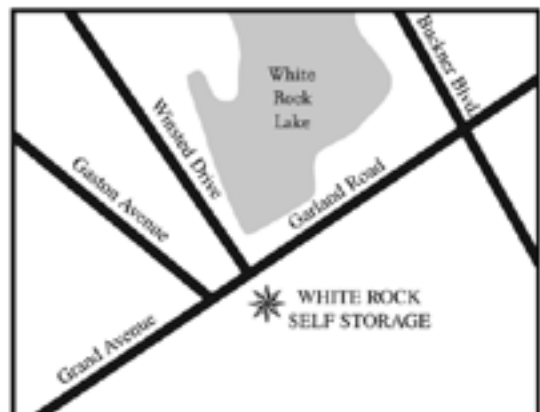
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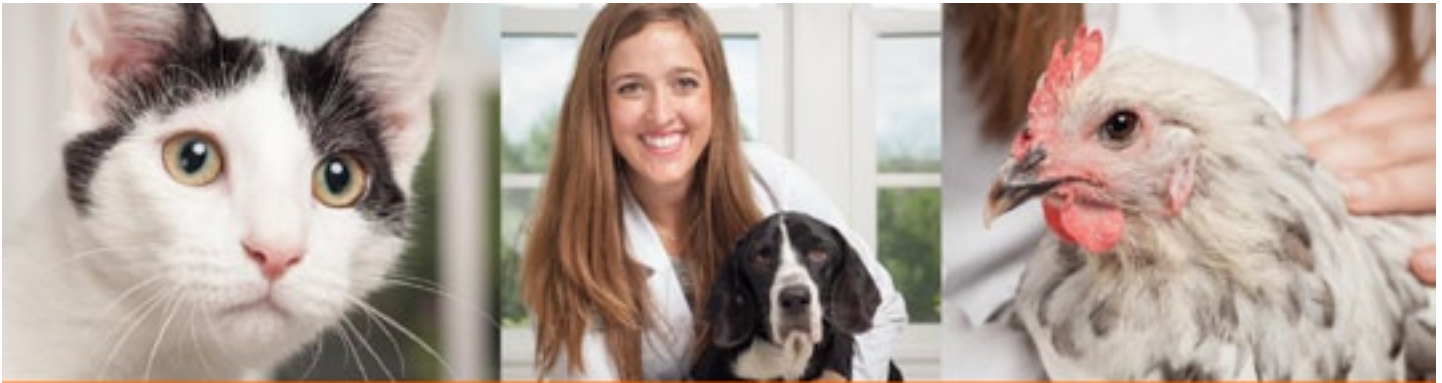
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