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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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August

Thursday 10 - 13

Trash pick-up starts the week of Monday 14 - Friday

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Summer.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break. In updating on neighborhood activities, there are not too many surprises to share over the past few months. As many of you may have noticed, we have continued our tree planting (Mowmentum) plan with about 10 tree plantings along the San Rafael median, and a few others along Forest Hills Blvd. This planting activity will pick up again in the Fall as we target at least 20 more trees to add some extra green to our neighborhood and provide more shade for us and generations to come.

On the event front, we are only days away from our annual Fourth of July event held at the Keller's. For those of you have not attended this event due to being out of town or being new to the neighborhood, this is certainly one to join. We start early in the day at 10:30am for a brief parade route of a few blocks and then end up at a great big green pasture of a yard that is heavily shaded. Best of all, as you look around you will see a few hundred neighbors and kids providing a great opportunity to socialize with those you know, and make friends with new people you meet. Beyond the Fourth of July event, we are already in the process of organizing another garage sale event for the Fall. If you are around, I highly advise joining the volunteer crew that coordinates this fundraiser as it's highly active and offers pizza and doughnuts, a great combo.

Lastly, I wanted to share a brief update on the activity you can expect at Sanger. By now, Sanger will have held its two weeks of summer school and they are likely in the process of installing a new quad building in the rear of the property. As this takes place, and in anticipation of the new school year, please be mindful of no parking zones and fire hydrant areas. Our liaison for FH will continue to work with the principal and others to make sure parking and all traffic flow continues to work for everyone.

Thanks.

Chris McCauley, President
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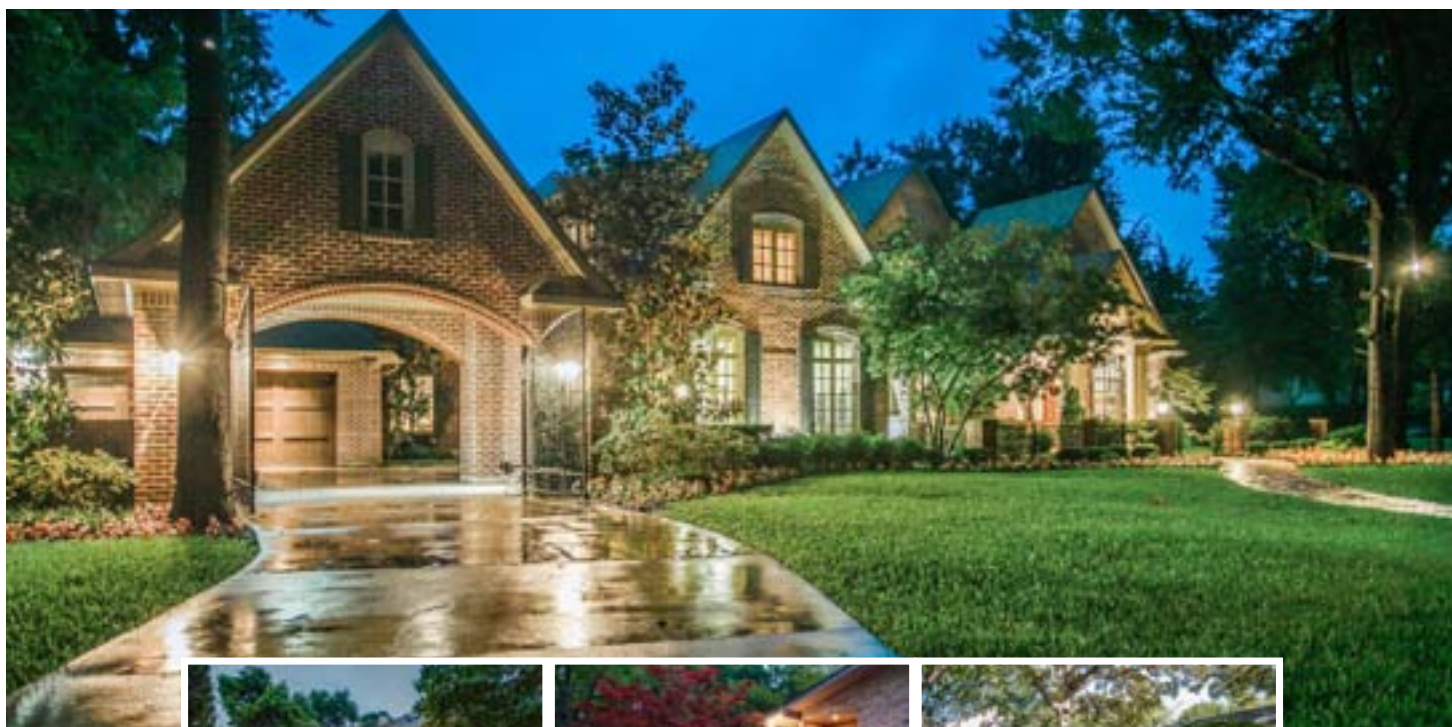
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Ask Security Chick:

Goodbye Forest Hills

Twenty five years ago, my husband Bob, 4 year old son Randall and I moved to Forest Hills. We had no idea we'd chosen a special neighborhood where we would make so many friends who would see us through life's ups and downs.

The three of us walked our dog every evening, meeting the neighbors. Barb Michaels encouraged me to join the FH Garden Club. I did, not knowing this was the stepping stone to the best 25 years of our lives.



A few years later, Barb decided she and I should go to the White Rock East Garden Tour & Artisans planning meeting. This tour showcased 6 houses in the neighborhoods of Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda. Barb wanted Forest Hills in the tour. She and I both knew the hosts of the meeting who were also the founders of the tour. They welcomed us.

The other committee members - a bit reluctant. Lots of references to how "BIG" Forest Hills people wouldn't be interested in their little tour. Barb and I kept sitting closer to each other on the sofa. At the end of the meeting, they relented and FH was officially part of the tour. The rest is a great history. We can all agree our tour makes the 3 neighborhoods a community like none other.

My darling Bob died January 2, 2016. Friends and neighbors gathered around and never let me go. Bob designed, constructed and managed amusement parks and I worked with him. My grief counselor explained that for 42 years I was "Bob and

Lottie" and lived in a magical, Mickey Mouse, roller coaster world. Unfortunately that wonderful time is no longer. Now I must go find "Lottie Kate". I can't find her here in my "Bob and Lottie" bubble. I'm hoping to find her in Santa Fe. So this is goodbye and we thank you all for the wonderful friendships, love and memories that will last forever.

Everyone leads very busy lives. However, if you can give just a few volunteer hours or participate in a neighborhood activity I guarantee Forest Hills will give back to you more than you dreamed. Certainly saved my life.

To you Dear Ones, I thank you all.
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Spotlight On:

The Crockett Family, Our New Neighbors on San Leandro!

By: Nicole Bosworth

July and Chris Crockett, their son Cameron (11 months), and their four-legged fur babies, Frankie, Max, Sunny, and Andrew (a 14 year old cat) recently moved to Forest Hills from Los Angeles, where they spent the last nine years. July and Chris are both originally from Texas- July from McKinney, and Chris from Lake Highlands, and met at UT Austin where they were on the waterski team. July and Chris have been married ten years, and when Chris' company recently announced they were opening an office in Dallas, they knew it was time to move home and be near family.



The Crocketts were looking for a welcoming neighborhood in East Dallas when they discovered Forest Hills. They liked the central location and family friendly atmosphere. They were drawn to the large lot sizes and beautiful homes that line the streets, and were excited to have a large yard for children and dogs to run and play!

In their spare time, July enjoys playing tennis and being outdoors, while Chris watches sports and home brews. The Crockett family loves lake life, and looks forward to being out on the water again soon now that they are back home in Texas.

Please Welcome the Crockett Family!

White Rock East Garden Tour 2017

Special thanks to all our Forest Hills volunteers helping at all the homes!

Such a great tour this year AND such fun! Thank you all so much for taking the time to volunteer - we could not have done it without you all! - From Greg Stinson.

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Fireworks can be scary for dogs and cats. To avoid any missing pets this 4th of July or summer, keep your animals indoors in a safe, secure location. If your pet is microchipped, be sure all information is updated in case anything should happen. It is a great and permanent way to ensure your pet gets back to you safely! Ask your veterinarian about microchipping if you have any questions. Also make sure their collar is safely secured with appropriate ID tags as well.

Heat stress or heatstroke in animals is also a concern during the hot summer months. Unlike humans, animals do not sweat - they do lose some heat through their pads but not enough to keep them cool during the extremely hot temperatures. Panting is the main way they lose excess heat and moisture.

Heat stress typically occurs when the pet's panting cannot cool the body to a reasonable temperature. When this happens, damage to vital organs will occur. Excessive panting/drooling, anxiety, discolored gums and tongue, lethargy, lack of coordination, diarrhea and vomiting are all signs of heat stress in animals.

If your pet is overheated, take them to a cooler area - anywhere with a fan or air conditioning. Use cool towels to help cool your pet off. Place them on the neck, armpits, and between hind legs and you can also gently wet the ears and paw pads with cool water. Offer cool, fresh water for the pet to drink but no ice cubes as they can be too cold and cause the pet to go into shock. While taking action to help cool your pet down, call their veterinarian to bring them in ASAP for professional treatment.

If your pets have to be outdoors for an extended period of time, provide them a shady area to relax in with plenty of cool, clean water to drink. Limiting outdoor exercise during the hottest parts of the day also protects your pet from heatstroke. Hot sidewalks can actually burn your dog's pads! Depending on the type of dog you have, professional grooming could help remove some of the fur that could cause the animal to get overheated. The only - and best - way to completely prevent your pet from heat stress is to keep them indoors. Also, never leave your pet in a parked car for any amount of time.

Fireworks and outdoor festivities are fun for us, but they are factors that can cause harm to your dog or cat. Providing your furry friends a safe, cool place to lounge during the hot days is the best way to prevent any health issues!

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Annual White Rock Garden Tour

On Sunday May 21, 2017 the neighborhoods of Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates featured a self-guided tour of nine wonderful gardens. Each of the gardens had artisans from these three neighborhoods showcasing their beautiful art for visitors to admire and purchase. In addition, a fabulous annual plant sale was held at the park in Casa Linda Estates. Proceeds from the tour will be divided among the three neighborhood associations. Forest Hills will use its share for neighborhood beautification.

We want to thank the garden owners from our neighborhood who gave so generously of their time and graciously opened their backyards for delighted visitors to enjoy.

Forest Hills garden owners for 2017 were:

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

This tour would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers from Forest Hills. **Barb Michaels, Andie Comini, Greg Stinson, Tim Simmonds, Rita Hendricks, Becky Bordelon** and **Lottie Minick** represented our neighborhood at all of the planning sessions. Special thanks to **Cynthia Daniel** (our neighbor on Barbaree) for coordinating all the artists.



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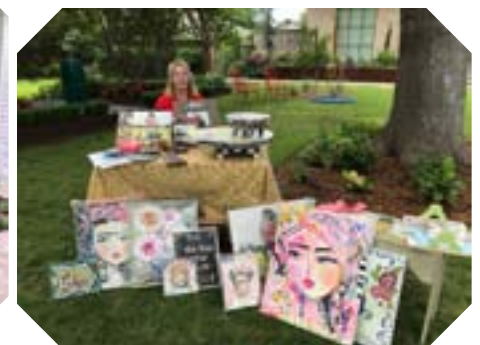
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8247 San Fernando Way
Ron Balentine and Julie Dunn

Sensitively restored Tudor home (featured this year on the White Rock East Garden Tour) is tucked back on a gorgeous treed lot. The yard is almost completely canopied by large trees that shelter the home from our hot summer days. One look and you realize that this is a "gardeners" garden - with perennials, ferns, hostas, ornamental grasses and planted pots accenting the plantings.

June

8555 San Pedro
Dennis Reed and Rita Hendricks

Soft and natural plantings accentuate the charm of this shingle and brick home. The beds are filled with a variety of plants that provide color throughout spring and into the summer. Beds contour the home's stone walkway leading to entrance are filled with cosmos, roses, sunflowers and potted mandevilla. In addition redbuds and crepe myrtles provide more color spring and summer!

Doing Some Summer Cleaning Out?

Think Forest Hills Garage Sale!

We are already beginning to collect and store items for the upcoming fall Garage Sale set for Saturday, October 7 at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on Highland Road again. So, as you start to do your summer cleaning - think about donating those unwanted items to our Garage Sale! Also, if you should have any spare space in your garage or a storage unit to help with storing items for us please let us know.

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By Lara Huddleston

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Subscriptions to the **Cool Thursdays Concert series for fall** of 2017 are still available. Concerts will be held Thursdays from September 7 - October 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the evenings on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn. Gates open at 6 p.m. If you have never attended an Arboretum concert, it is quite a lot of fun. Bring a blanket, a picnic and the family and pop a squat on the lawn for music by some fantastic cover bands. No time to pack a picnic? Grab a bit from one of several food trucks. See the lineup and buy tickets at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/cool-thursdays-concert-series>.

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