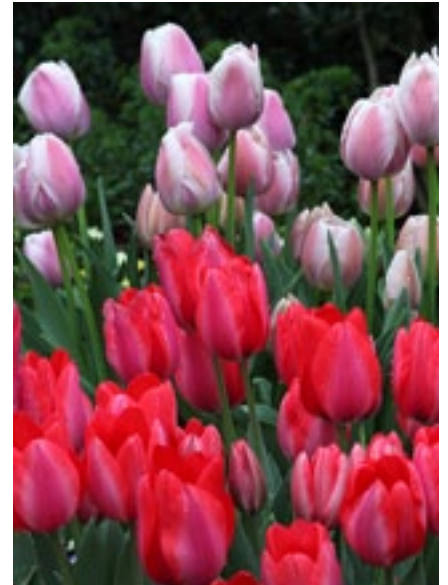
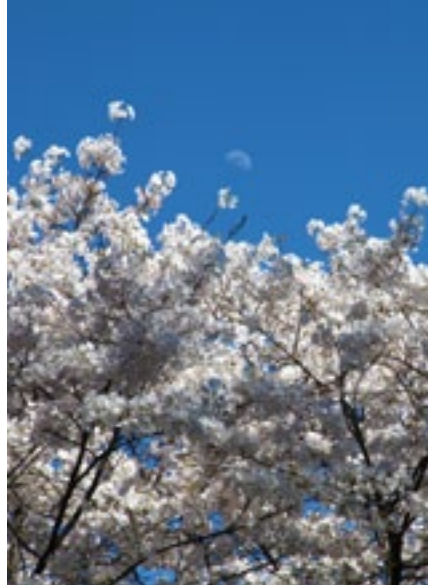




FOREST HILLS NEWS

March - April 2018
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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Friday,
April 1st for the May/June

BULK TRASH

March

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

April

Trash can go out Thursday 5 - Sunday 8
With pick-up starting the week of Monday 9

http://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/pages/brush_and_bulky.aspx

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well it's halfway through Winter now and Spring is just around the corner.

Time to come out of hibernation as many of us will be spending more and more time outside tending to home and garden as well as socializing with friends and neighbors. On that topic, I have a request. It's a sincere request that requires repetition. Please show your love for our unique, great neighborhood by volunteering to join the Forest Hills Board or support one of our events. At present, we've got a great group but are lacking a few Board roles to round out the team – Secretary, Sanger Liaison, and Events Chair. We need people to step up and help continue our efforts to build community and stay connected with the various organizations around us.



CHRIS MCCAULEY

A perfect example is my neighbor [name to be added] who reached out asking if we had coverage for the Community Emergency Response Team program, a program that educates and helps neighborhoods plan for weather-related (ice, wind, etc.) or other issues that may impact neighborhoods while the City is busy trying to address the greatest need areas. My response was, no, because we didn't have enough people. Thankfully, his response was to volunteer on the spot to be our liaison to this group and feed any relevant info back in to be shared with everyone. We need more folks like him to take ownership of already identified needs. For example, we're looking for someone or a pair of neighbors to do fundraising so we can invest in improvements like signage and increased landscaping in the medians. Beyond the fundraising, there are plenty of fun event ideas that would get us together more often than 4th of July and Christmas, but we need new people to take the lead! If you can jump in and help, e-mail me at chris.mccauley1@yahoo.com and I'll find you something fun, first come first served... Lastly, some brief information. Our delayed plantings for additional trees are in motion. Also, the Gaston/Garland intersection improvement vision of (hopefully) bike lanes, sidewalks raised medians and pedestrian safety is still a few years away from breaking ground. See details at <http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/public-hearings/2018> and search for the Garland Road/East Grand Avenue.

Thanks for your time and contribution to the neighborhood and I look forward to seeing more of you join the ranks soon.

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Spring officially starts this month!

With the new season, it's time to go over some springtime reminders to help your pets' health and happiness!

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Easter Treats

The Easter bunny is great! He leaves all kinds of goodies and treats for our kids and pets. Be sure the Easter bunny only leaves behind pet-friendly items for your four-legged children. Keep the chocolate goodies and all lilies up and away from pets' reach.

Traveling

It's time for Spring Break! It's always nice to get away and have your pets join the ride. Keep your pets safely secured in a car with a crate or a pet-approved seat belt (available at pet stores). Some dogs like to have the wind in their face while riding, but try to avoid this as debris from the road or other vehicles can get in their eyes and face. If you plan on taking a trip on an airplane with your pet, contact your veterinarian as soon as travel arrangements are made to double check all documentation that might be needed.

Cleaning

Out with the old and in with the new! Spring-cleaning time is here. While we tidy up our homes, be sure that all cleaners and chemicals are put away from curious noses. Read the label and follow all instructions for proper use and storage. If your pet happens to get into cleaning products, contact the **Pet Poison Help line at 855-764-7661**.

Allergies

Just like humans, pets can suffer from allergies too! Allergic reactions in pets can cause sniffing, sneezing, itching, and swelling of the affected area. Be sure to have your veterinarian's phone number ready if you notice any of these signs!

Fleas

April showers bring May flowers... and bugs! It is important to have your pets on year-round flea and heartworm prevention! Our seasons in Texas can be sporadic so help your pets out by purchasing a monthly flea and heartworm prevention from your veterinarian. If you have any questions about which type is the best for your specific pet, contact your veterinarian.

Always contact your veterinarian if you have any questions or concerns about your pets' health! Keep you springtime safe and healthy for your whole family!

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Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign! Yes Signs are IN!

As you drive through our beautiful neighborhood, please notice our new Video Surveillance and Crime Watch signs, purchased thanks to increased participation in our security program. These signs around the periphery of our neighborhood, along with increased patrol car hours, give the perception of a community that Does Not Tolerate Criminal Activity. Our FHSP continues on many levels with the message "Don't mess with Forest Hills."

Oops!

Our apology to these 2017 Security Program contributors, who were inadvertently omitted on the "Special Thanks" page of the last newsletter. FHSP and the neighborhood greatly appreciated their support!

Chris & Tamela Southan
Jim & Grace Evans
Ellyn Biltz & Cathy Link



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

Register Your Security Cameras - Help Police Help Us

Please consider sharing your video surveillance system and contact info with the Northeast Dallas Police Department. This resource can help solve and prevent crimes. If a crime happens, a Police Officer or Detective can check the database for cameras in the vicinity of the crime. They have successfully made arrests in many cases where a surveillance video captured the suspect in the act. Register your cameras with: Officer Kevin Kelley (kevin.kelley@dpcd.ci.dallas.tx.us) He will need your name, address, phone number, email, number of cameras and memory information. Questions? Call 214-670-7772



joinUS!

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New Book Club Started

The second Forest Hills Book Club is underway! At the first meeting we decided on a shared food and discussion format. We will read a variety of book genres. Meetings will be once a month with a regular date/time still to be decided. The first book we're reading is a biography on the New York Times bestseller list: **Leonardo Da Vinci** by **Walter Isaacson**. Further books will be decided at our next meeting which is Sunday March 11 at 5:30 pm. If you're interested in joining the single requirement is that you love books. For information contact **Jane Ojeda**, janeojeda@fritzpak.com, 214-274-7029.

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Trash Talk

(BRUSH AND BULK COLLECTION 101)
WHEN IS FOREST HILLS' WEEK?

- Using a calendar, count the number of Mondays in each month.
- TIP: Do not count the weeks themselves, count the Mondays.
- Forest Hills is WEEK 2 - collection is the week of the second Monday.
- You can be fined up to \$2,000 for putting out items at the wrong time.

HOW SOON CAN ITEMS GO OUT?

Dallas Sanitation Services picks up brush and bulk trash once per month. Items must be set out

- By 7 am on the MONDAY of your collection week.
- But not earlier than the Thursday before your collection week.

WHAT GOES IN?

- Trim Limbs
 - Shrubbery
 - Bagged Leaves
 - Other bulky items*
- Furniture *
 - Appliances*
 - Carpet*
 - Mattresses*

*Separate bulk items from brush, limbs and leaves



RECYCLE!

- Think about items you can cut up and recycle before putting them at the curb. (cardboard boxes, plastic, paper.)

WHAT DOES NOT GO OUT?

- Grass clippings ***
 - Construction debris *
 - Bricks, concrete, rocks, dirt**
- *To dispose of construction debris call 311 to request Cost Plus Service.
**Bricks, concrete, rocks and dirt should be taken to McCommas Bluff Landfill for disposal.
*** Grass clippings should be mulched back into your lawn or added to your home compost pile.

WHERE?

Put materials on curb in front of your home.

NOT on medians or vacant lots.

NOT in the street or protruding out into the street from the curb. This presents a traffic hazard! *

*You can be fined for putting trash out at the wrong time AND in the wrong place.

Allure of the Arboretum

Dallas Blooms is in full swing at the Dallas Arboretum. Come check out “A World of Flowers” showcasing different regions of the world. In addition to the 500,000 blooming bulbs, enjoy global activities and entertainment based on a rotating weekly cultural theme at the International Crossroads Village. On Fridays during Dallas Blooms, step into the International Market to shop for art and goods from a featured region such as Mediterranean, Europe, Asia, and the Americas. For a complete list of Dallas Blooms activities, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/dallas-blooms>. Dallas Blooms continues through April 8th.



In its 12th year, Artscape brings together 100 talented artists from across the country. Visit the garden during this fine art and craft show and sale over April 27-29 to admire paintings, sculpture, photography, mixed media and more.

Looking for a fun family outing on a beautiful spring night? Cool Thursday Concerts start back up at the end of March. Load up the family, a picnic basket and some blankets and wander across the Garland Road to enjoy the musical stylings of a variety of local bands including Emerald City, The Molly Ringwalds, Walk The Line and Bruce in the USA. For the complete lineup and concert tickets, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/cool-thursdays-concert-series>. Can't pick just one? Spring for season tickets and see them all!

In search of a unique gift idea for a special friend or celebrated family member? Consider the Name A Day Tribute Program at the Arboretum to honor a loved one. In addition to framed signs commemorating your loved one at the entrance to the garden, your donation secures a number of complimentary tickets so that your honoree and guests may visit the Arboretum on his/her special day. For more information or to peruse available dates, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/support-volunteer/name-a-day>.

Annual White Rock Garden Tour

Save the date!

On Sunday, May 20th Forest Hills will be participating in this wonderful annual event once again. Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates partner to showcase nine beautiful gardens - selecting three from each of the three neighborhoods.

In addition, local artists will be displaying their artwork in each of the gardens and there will be a large plant sale open to the public.

Congratulations to the three families who will have their gardens featured this year!

Josy and Marty Collins - 8205 Forest Hills Blvd.

Barbara Clay and Kenneth Bernstein - 8246 Forest Hills Blvd.

Becky Oliver and Gerald Conley - 8318 San Fernando Way

To Volunteer Contact:

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YARD OF THE MONTH

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January

Jeff and Omitz Barfoot
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This linear mid-century modern home is elegant in its simplicity, and so is its landscaping. The planting beds are mostly comprised of evergreens in varying heights and textures that give you interesting foliage and color all year. These beds are comprised of creeping juniper, pittosporum, Chinese frindge, mugo pine and a weeping yaupon .



February

Randy and Heather Lindley
8531 Santa Clara Drive

As you pass by February's yard of the month you are greeted with purple pansies that brighten up the most drab winter's day. The stone used on the façade of this home is mimicked in the edging on the planting beds, tying them together beautifully. The planting beds are filled with winter hardy plant material that endures even through the coldest of winters. The beds are filled with pittosporum, Chinese frindge, dwarf yaupon, and golden privet. The entrance is flanked with potted upright junipers and yellow pansies.

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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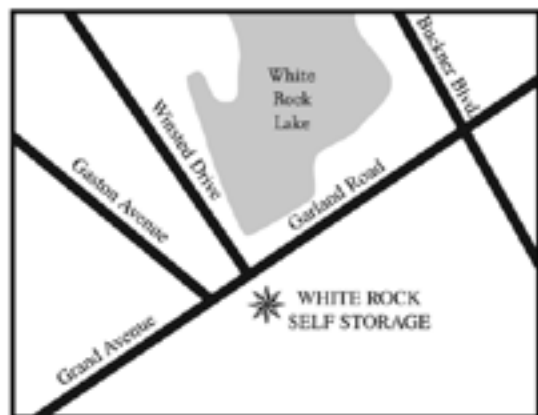
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New city ordinance: Tethering and Confinement

Tethering

All animals, including cats, must be confined at all times. This means that any animal must be restrained at all times in a fenced yard, in an enclosed pen or structure, or by a hand-held leash if in the custody of the owner unless the cat(s) belong to a Trap, Neuter and Release program.

Reference: 7-4.7 Dallas City Code

Effective February 1, 2018:


An owner of a dog may only tether a dog if the dog is in the owner's immediate possession and accompanied by the owner, as required by City Code, Section 7-3.1. In addition, the owner of a tethered dog shall:

- (1) not allow the dog to be tethered in any manner or by any method that allows the dog to become entangled or injured;
- (2) use a properly fitted harness or collar that is specifically designed for the dog; and
- (3) attach the tethering device to the dog's harness or collar and not directly to the dog's neck.

Confinement

Dogs that are kept outdoors require an area that is at least 150 sq ft. for each dog six (6) months of age or older. The confining structure must be constructed with materials that will not allow the dog to escape, but still provide access to its doghouse, a building or shelter.

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A new year is all about resolutions – so why not include your pet in your resolution this year? The SPCA of Texas recommends: -



- Be sure your pet is up to date on all vaccinations this year.
- Be sure your pet has proper identification and consider microchipping your pet at a local clinic for a more secure form of identification.
- Get your pet tested for heartworms and have them on prevention year-round.
- Have your pet spayed or neutered to prevent overpopulation.
- Consider making extra time to take your pet on a walk or having time to play with your pet indoors. Both dogs and cats will love the extra attention.
- Give your pets a little extra love this Valentine's Day. Offer your dog or cat a special treat that they will enjoy and be sure to keep all the chocolate away from curious noses.
- Our pets are like family and they should be reminded of that! The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to make a promise to your pet that you will keep them safe, healthy and happy for the rest of their lives.

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