



FOREST HILLS NEWS

May - June 2018
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White Rock Garden Tour May 20



FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Friday,
June 1st for July/August

BULK TRASH

May

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

June

Trash can go out Thursday 6 - Sunday 9
With pick-up starting the week of Monday 10

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

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Time has flown by and our neighborhood has again begun to bloom. Some of our new trees continue to grow, our new neighbors' yards are winning awards, and again,



CHRIS MCCAULEY

the string of neighborhood events are upon us soon. With all this momentum, I'd like to make mention of our next event that is well worth joining, the Garden Tour! See the article in this issue.

Be sure that if you've got travel planned, notify our security program officers so they can watch out for unwanted visitors around your home. Also, with the heat set to increase, you might like to be mindful of Dallas' watering policy:

All Water Customers

Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems is limited to no more than twice per week according to the MANDATORY schedule – see their website for more info - <http://savedallaswater.com/twice-weekly-watering-schedule/>
Other good things to be aware of, a few ideas from the Dallas Master Gardeners (May):

Planting

- Plant caladiums and elephant ears when night temperatures reach 70 degrees.
- Plant now, ground covers and hot weather annuals such as periwinkles, portulaca, salvia, zinnias, and coleus, and tropical colors like hibiscus, Allamanda, bougainvillea .

Pruning and Plant Care

- Do not prune live oaks and red oaks between Feb. 15 and June 30.
- Check roses, ornamentals, and vegetables for aphids and powdery mildew; check roses for black spot and apply fungicide as necessary
- Check ornamentals, flowers, and vegetables for spider mites, which like the heat.
- Mow Bermuda, to 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches, and St. Augustine to 2 1/2 inches (sun) to 3 to 3 1/2 inches (shade).
- Check for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns (late May to Sept). Also watch for gray leaf spot fungal disease.
- Mulch planting beds to conserve moisture, deter weeds and keep soil cool.

Overall, all is well in the neighborhood, and I hope that everyone continues to participate in the events that are held every few months and volunteer to keep building our great community and making it stronger. Thanks for your time and contribution to the neighborhood.

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Spotlight On:

The Holder Family, Our New Neighbors on San Fernando Way!

By: Nicole Bosworth

Wendy and Chris Holder are both native Dallasites. Chris was born and raised in Garland and graduated from SMU, while Wendy was raised in University Park and attended Baylor. The Holders are recent newlyweds, married in October 2017. The couple was married in their own backyard, and their blended family includes six children and one grandchild- Caitlynn (27), husband Casey (30), and baby Deacon (18 months), Molly (24), Lindsley (21), Matt (19), Margaret (15), and Mary Hayden (13).



Wendy and Chris are both in the banking industry and when looking for a new home, felt endeared to Forest Hills because of the unique community and interesting people. The Holders noted, “there is no other neighborhood like Forest Hills... it’s eclectic and we love sitting in our backyard feeling like we are in the country”. They also love the proximity to White Rock Lake and the Dallas Arboretum, and spend time exploring the local shops and hidden gem restaurants.

In their spare time, Wendy and Chris enjoy being active and working out. On the weekends you might find them sipping Bloody Mary’s on local patios, or enjoying sports on their own. They are excited to meet their neighbors and continue to explore all that Forest Hills has to offer!

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Street Sense

The Mobility and Streets Dept. states that Forest Hills Blvd is a **ONE** lane street. One lane going east and one going west. Only if a road is painted with a dividing line is it 2 lanes. A seam in the concrete does not count as a line. This applies to **ALL** our boulevards: Forest Hills Blvd, Breezewood and San Rafael entrance to and from the neighborhood.

"Drive Like Your Kids Live Here" They do! Please come to a full stop at stop signs. **Slow down, you move too fast.** Remember it is 30 mph on residential streets; 10 mph in alleys. Look out and show care for your neighbors: children, adults, pets and ducks.

When parked on the street and in your driveway or garage, **lock your vehicle doors.** Some say, "I don't want my windows bashed in so I leave my car unlocked". In a neighborhood, it is highly unlikely a forceful entry would occur, since the noise could alert the owner. Of all the BMV (Burglary of Motor Vehicles) reported last year and into this year, the doors were unlocked. Please do not enable these thugs with an open door to crime. They get a little taste, they will be back!



Spring is popping up all over and so are the new **2018 Security IN signs!** INforcers have been busy planting them in the yards of all that have contributed for 2018. It's a **NEW** year so be sure you stay "IN" and encourage your neighbors to be "IN" to receive a new metal sign. If you have not received yours, contact fhspenp@aol.com

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@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



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New Book Club Started

The second Forest Hills Book Club is up and running and still inviting new members. Everyone is welcome, no matter where they live. We meet monthly on a Sunday at 5:30 p.m. for a shared food and discussion format reading a variety of book genres. 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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Keep Pets Safe in the Heat - Basic Summer Safety

From The Humane Society of the United States - http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/pets_safe_heat_wave.html

Never leave your pets in a parked car

Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die. Learn how to help a pet left inside a hot car »

Print our hot car flyer [PDF] and spread the life-saving word »

Watch the humidity

“It’s important to remember that it’s not just the ambient temperature but also the humidity that can affect your pet,” says Dr. Barry Kellogg, VMD, of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. “Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly.”

Taking a dog’s temperature will quickly tell you if there is a serious problem. Dogs’ temperatures should not be allowed to get over 104 degrees. If your dog’s temperature does, follow the instructions for treating heat stroke.

Limit exercise on hot days

Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet’s paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating.

Don’t rely on a fan

Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don’t cool off pets as effectively as they do people.

Provide ample shade and water

Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don’t obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse.

Cool your pet inside and out

Whip up a batch of quick and easy DIY peanut butter popsicles for dogs. (You can use peanut butter or another favorite food.) And always provide water, whether your pets are inside or out with you.

Keep your pet from overheating indoors or out with a cooling body wrap, vest, or mat (such as the Keep Cool Mat). Soak these products in cool water, and they’ll stay cool (but usually dry) for up to three days. If your dog doesn’t find baths stressful, see if she enjoys a cooling soak.

Watch for signs of heatstroke

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness.

Animals are at particular risk for heat stroke if they are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease. Some breeds of dogs—like boxers, pugs, shih tzus, and other dogs and cats with short muzzles—will have a much harder time breathing in extreme heat.

How to treat a pet suffering from heatstroke

Move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to her head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over her. Let her drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take her directly to a veterinarian.

Prepare for power outages

Before a summer storm takes out the power in your home, create a disaster plan to keep your pets safe from heat stroke and other temperature-related trouble.



Photo: Shagly Photography-Wags and Waves 2014

Annual White Rock Garden Tour

May 20, 2018

Don't miss this great annual event! On Sunday, May 20th Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates partner to showcase nine beautiful gardens - 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.

For those who have attended this event, you already know that it's almost always held on a beautiful day, helps burn a few calories if you walk from site to site, and provides a good excuse to make new friends and meet your neighbors. For those seeking new ideas on how to design your back or front yard, it provides a wealth of ideas and to make things even easier, the artwork and plants for sale may be perfect to truck back to your home and create a new experience.

This is a wonderful experience, and also one of our major fundraisers of the year for the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association. Come and enjoy your neighborhood and bring your friends!

See the website, www.WhiteRockgardentour.org. Tickets will be available in early May and can be purchased directly from the website prior to the day of the tour for \$12.50. Day of the tour they are \$15.00 and can be purchased at any of the gardens and the plant sale. We will be taking credit cards.

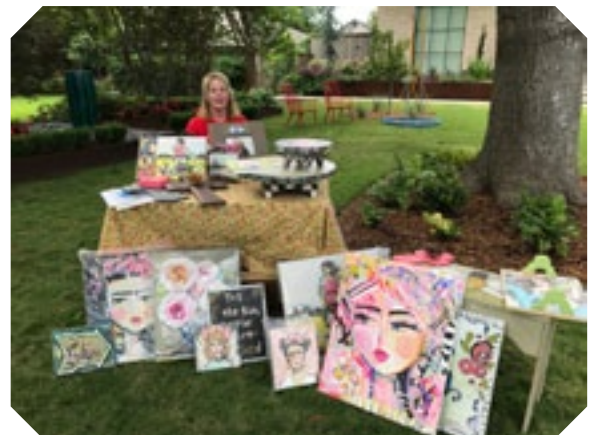
Here are the three Forest Hills gardens being showcased this year.

- 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



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March

Josy and Marty Collins
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March's Yard of the Month will be on the White Rock East Garden Tour this year. This unique contemporary home is set back from the street with the most luxurious green lawn that is dotted with tall pecan trees and beautiful sculptures. From the street an arbor completely covered in wisteria leads to the entrance – gorgeous! A variety of grasses, Japanese maples, yaupon holly trees and cast-iron-plants fill the planting beds that follow the front of the home. The Garden Tour is truly fortunate to have this beautiful garden on the tour this year!

April

Barbara Clay and Kenneth Bernstein
8246 Forest Hills Blvd.

This home that is “nested” so charmingly into the landscape will be featured on the White Rock East Garden Tour this year. A winding stone walkway from the street is flanked by planting beds that lead you to the front entrance of this home. The curved beds sweep along the walk and are comprised of Chinese fringe flower, creeping phlox, creeping jenny, Pittosporum, holly fern and mondo grass. Redbud trees and oaks provide a canopy that further “nestle” this home into the landscape. What a treat to have this garden on the tour this year!

Welcome Newcomers!

8300 Block San Benito
Eric & Sara Winwood

8400 Block San Fernando
Christopher & Wendy Holder

8300 Block San Leandro
John & Caroline Marrs

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!

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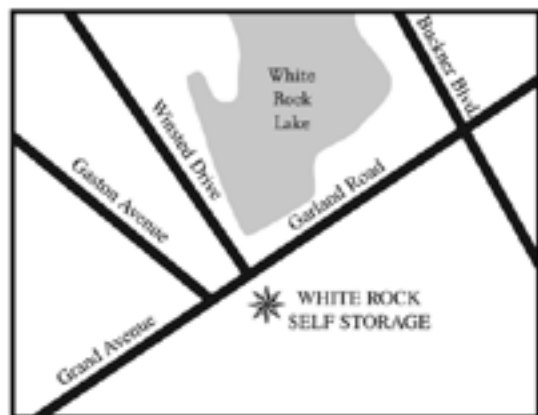
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Allure of the Arboretum

The featured exhibit for the summer of 2018 at the Dallas Arboretum is Wind Sculptures in Motion - The Kinetic Art of Lyman Whitaker. Running from April 15 through July 31, guests to the garden will be mesmerized by groupings of hand-crafted copper wind sculptures sprinkled throughout the 66-acre grounds. The 122 delightful works of art range in height from 5 to 27 feet tall. Lyman Whitaker has spent 30+ years creating innovative sculptures that are a study in movement and wind currents. The sculptures have an organic feel and seem to draw their inspiration from the plant life around them. Don't miss this soothing and spell-binding summer experience. Learn more at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/visit/seasonal-festivals-events/kinetic-art-lyman-whitaker>.

A Tasteful Place is proving to be a new favorite at the Arboretum. Guests love coming out to the garden for the multitude of edible events, the most popular of which is a complimentary cooking class offered every Monday morning at 11:00 a.m. The class, which is taught by El Centro College, combines a demonstration, cooking class and tasting to showcase an item that's currently in season.

In practical news, the Arboretum purchased eight acres in the area near Big Town where they will put greenhouses to shelter off-season plants and cultivate from seed. Years of experience has taught that they can grow their own seedlings much more affordably than purchasing them; these new greenhouses will perpetuate their ability to do so.





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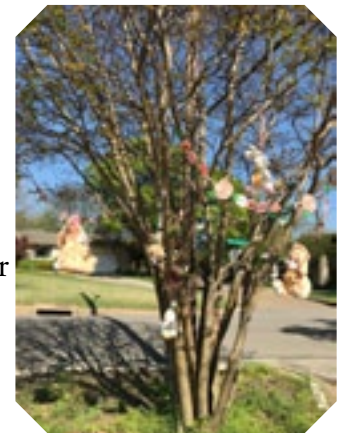
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Decorated Easter Tree in Forest Hills! Hippity Hop!

Here came the Easter rabbit!

Along with numerous rabbits - there were chicks and other festive decorations! In the dark of the night a trio of Forest Hills residents were spotted decorating the tree in the triangle at the corner of Santa Clara Drive & Whittier Ave. One of the rabbits spilled the beans (carrots) - it was Keri McCall of Santa Clara Drive and her two daughters - Kate and Claire. Three cheers for their fun creative spirit!



Vicki White has sold 40 houses in Forest Hills totaling just under \$23 million in the last 10 years!



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