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# Forest Hills News

MARCH - APRIL 2020



## Forest Hills Calendar of Events

- Sunday - March 29<sup>th</sup>** Neighborhood Spring Fling
- Saturday - April 18<sup>th</sup>** Warren Ferris Cemetery Tour and Program
- Sunday - May 17<sup>th</sup>** Save the date!  
White Rock East Garden Tour -
- Watch for emails and signs on the upcoming Spring General Meeting

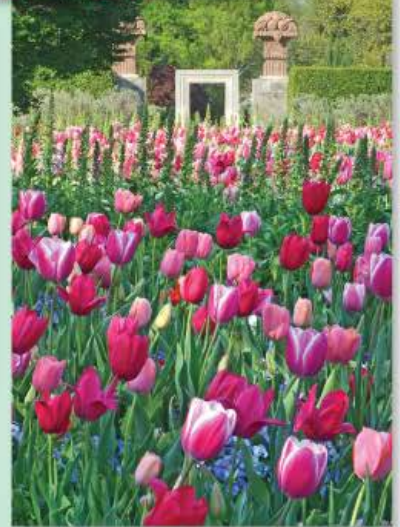
### Bulky Trash

**March** - Trash can go out Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Pickup begins the week of Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

**April** - Trash can go out Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Pickup begins the week of Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

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# Do you have the LUCK of the IRISH?



Everyone who pays their annual Forest Hills Neighborhood Association dues by March 31<sup>st</sup>. will be ENTERED INTO A DRAWING!

The Grand Prize will be a **\$100 gift certificate** to a local restaurant, with additional drawings to other local businesses!

You will also be listed and THANKED in the May/June Newsletter!

\*\*\* It can get confusing, but even if you are "IN" and have paid towards the Security Program, that does not mean that you have contributed to our FH Neighborhood Association. While we work closely together, the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA) and the Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) are NOT the same thing (different Board, different treasury, different responsibilities). \*\*\*

Dear Neighbor -

We really are LUCKY to live in such a unique and wonderful neighborhood! Forest Hills! It is truly a gem, and not to be taken for granted. This does not "just happen" – it takes volunteers and donations to keep Forest Hills a top-notch community and running smoothly! With over 600 homes here we can keep our FHNA annual dues low ... but only if everyone pitches in! Currently, only about 20% of homeowners pay their annual dues! So, we need to put endless volunteer hours into fundraising efforts. In 2020, let's see if we can get 75% of homes to pay their \$50 dues (or only \$30 if over age 65)! The FHNA supports the Forest Hills News, neighborhood events, semi-annual general meetings, Animal Alert! and common areas (electricity/water for the irrigation). zPreferably – dues should be paid beginning of every year, but this year our request is to get it in before the end of the first quarter – MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>. This way, you'll allow us to fully and completely plan our 2020 year, so please help!

To pay your 2020 FHNA dues now via PayPal please go to [www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org)  
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From one neighbor to another, THANK YOU for your contribution to the Neighborhood Association!

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## DREDGING IN WHITE ROCK LAKE

By Jeff Peterson

On January 28, Dallas Park and Recreation hosted a public meeting to discuss the White Rock Lake Dredging Feasibility Study, a project that our District 9 Council Member Paula Blackmon has been spearheading since her election in 2019. The consulting/engineering firm of Freese Nichols was retained by the City to perform the study. At the meeting, the consultants used an interactive presentation to solicit feedback from the approximately 75 or so attendees from neighboring communities. Freese Nichols asked questions such as the types of activities that are done at the lake, concerns of the attendees with respect to the project (e.g., cost, noise, water quality, wildlife impact, disturbances to lake activities and trail uses), and priorities for desired outcome (improving water quality, shoreline maintenance, long-term lake maintenance). The likely method that will be used in the dredging project is hydraulic dredging, which uses a “cutter suction head pump” which pulls out a mix of 90% water/10% sediment. A key to the project is the return of the water to the lake, while capturing and removing the sediment. The participants at the meeting were overwhelmingly in favor of a dredging project, although there is much information yet to compile and studies to be conducted.

The next step will be to complete the analysis in February/March (evaluate methods, alternatives, risk factors, regulations and costs), research funding sources, requirements and timelines in April, hold further community meetings to report findings and gather input, and in May 2020 provide final feasibility study report. The rough timeline from there is that work would commence in late 2021, with a completion in fall of 2022.

Our long-term residents will remember the lake was last dredged in 1998. The last study that preceded that dredging was in 1994, which should give an idea about the time that may take between completion of the feasibility study and completion of the project. In the 1998 dredging, approximately 3,000,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed from the lake. There was a fortunate coincidence at that time – a landowner in Hutchins, Texas needed his gravel pit filled at that time. A dredge boat pumped sediment from the bottom of the lake through 24-inch pipes for the 10-mile journey directly into the pit for 9 months. This time around, there is no immediate repository for the sediment, although there’s some time to locate one.



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# SPRING Flings

## Forest Hills Neighborhood Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, March 29th, Noon - 3 pm**

**Location: Forest Hills Tree Grove**

(San Benito between Whittier and St. Francis)

**Hop on over for a Petting Zoo (1-3),  
Picnic Lunch (bring or pre-order from One90 Smoked Meats)  
and Meet and Greet Your Neighbors.**

**Egg Hunt at 12:30. To participate, please drop off 12 filled  
eggs per child at 8247 Forest Hills Blvd by Mar. 27th.**

**You won't want to miss out on the fun!**

**More details to come via Email, Facebook, and [www.foresthills.org](http://www.foresthills.org).**

**Contact Event Chairs: Carrie Bevers [colecarrie@yahoo.com](mailto:colecarrie@yahoo.com) or**

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# WE WANT YOU

## Volunteer Coordinators needed

to oversee the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and  
Community Picnic. You can volunteer solo or  
with a friend. Plenty of neighbors will pitch in  
to help, but we need someone to coordinate  
their efforts.

## Interested?

For more information and to volunteer in any  
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## Annual White Rock East Garden Tour-Save the Date!

On Sunday, May 17th, 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!*

Volunteering to help with this event is really fun! Shifts are only two hours and will give you a chance to meet neighbors and participate in a fundraiser for Forest Hills Neighborhood Association projects. Be part of this fun event!

To Volunteer Contact: Greg Stinson - (214) 934-5939  
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**PLEASE CONSIDER on the day of the Tour:** To be on the safe side... if you live within a block or two of these three homes, it would be best to make sure your cars are parked in your driveway. Be careful out on the streets (joggers/bikers/children/pets) as we will have many visitors on this day. Are you interested in perhaps being on the Garden Tour in the future? It's great fun, gets your yard in shape for the rest of the season and helps raise money for Forest Hills! Please contact [AndieComini@aol.com](mailto:AndieComini@aol.com) (214) 328-0508 (land line) to learn more about it.



## 2020 Forest Hills Garden Tour Yards



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Michael Ferguson  
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# Spotlight on the Arboretum

By Terry Londecker

Named by Architectural Digest as one of the "15 Breathtaking Botanical Gardens to Visit This Season," the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden presents Dallas Blooms, the largest annual floral festival in the Southwest, from February 29 to April 12. Themed "Sounds of Spring", Dallas Blooms showcases an explosion of color from 100 varieties of spring bulbs and more than 500,000 spring-blooming blossoms, thousands of azaleas and hundreds of Japanese cherry trees. Presented by IBERIA-BANK, Dallas Blooms features six majestic musical topiaries including a harp, guitar, saxophone, bass, violin and piano, some of which are eight feet in length - perfect for photos and social media posts. **Alan Walne**, Dallas Arboretum board chairman, said, "Dallas Blooms marks that Spring has arrived in the South! We invite the community to experience one of the country's most colorful floral displays this Spring where more than 250,000 people will visit this season".

Each week showcases a different genre of music from Texas country to Classical Rock, including live bands each weekend. Dallas Arboretum's *A Tasteful Place*, a garden that celebrates growing, harvesting and preparing fresh food, also features classes in the themes of each music genre.



## Teen Spotlight

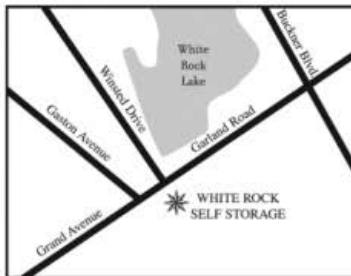
Hi Forest Hills neighbors! My name is **Sofia Molina**. I am 16 years old (driving since August, and I love it!), and a sophomore at Bishop Lynch High School. I am a junior varsity cheerleader, and I also participate in track and cross country. The best part about high school is being around friends. When I am not in school, I love going to the mall or going to lunch and dinner with friends. My favorite place to eat in Dallas is Flower Child - can we please get a Flower Child in East Dallas!?

The best place I've ever traveled to is Roatan, Honduras. I recommend that everyone go there! I am always asked where I might want to go to college or what I might want to study. The truth is, I am only 16 and right now I am just enjoying being 16! Need a babysitter? Text me at 972.639.6247. I'm super fun, and I need gas money (can you believe my parents make me pay for my gas?! I love living in Forest Hills. We have the lake, we have trees, and all we need now is a Flower Child restaurant!

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# Forest Hills Service-Oriented and Entrepreneurial Kids ...Go Kids!

Forest Hills is lucky to be home to several successful service-oriented and entrepreneurial residents. It seems the spirit is being passed down to some of our kids! We want to highlight some of them:

In January many Forest Hills residents stopped by "Gardner's Lemonade & Cookie Stand" on Forest Hills and Breezewood where 50% of all proceeds were earmarked to help the homeless with the Vogel Alcove. Gardner (6), the adorable son of Brooke and Scott Fedro kept busy serving treats along with a big smile. Shows what a little kid with a big idea can accomplish!

Working their best smiles and sales techniques were brothers Atticus (10) and Harry (8), sons of Christen and Greg Richardson on Santa Clara. These boys were serving up cold Topo-Chico on a warm January afternoon at the corner of Santa Clara and Breezewood. Who can resist two hard working cute brothers? Bottoms up!

Grayson (16), teenage son of Amy and Rob Coke, started out to make a little extra money by asking neighbors if he could rake their leaves. As his client base grew, he formed his own company, Prestigious Lawns. Grayson now juggles his high school classes with his successful business. Starting this spring, he has offered to help maintain our medians and the two "triangles" at Santa Clara and Whittier. Grayson plans to keep our common areas clean of litter and the triangles' landscapes looking good. In return, he will be putting signs with his contact information there. Grayson has a bright future ahead of him!

Do you know a young person showing interest in helping others or starting up a grass roots company? Please contact the editors: Jane Ojeda [janeojeda@fritzpak.com](mailto:janeojeda@fritzpak.com) or Andie Comini [andiecomini@aol.com](mailto:andiecomini@aol.com).





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# YARD OF THE MONTH



**January** - Lee Ann & Marshall Hunt  
8258 San Fernando Way

Lee Ann and Marshall Hunt have created a slice of the Hill Country with their sprawling "German Texas Farmhouse". The acre-plus landscape reflects their

passion for art and western aesthetic.

A modern post and rail fencing, softened by Pink Muhly Grass and Wax Myrtles, defines the yard. Ornamental Cabbages and colorful Pansies flank entrances and corners. Thirty-six new trees have been added to the existing canopy and four raised beds provide seasonal color. Extensive foundation plantings include flowering perennials like native Hibiscus, Dutch Iris and Floribunda Roses because Lee Ann loves flowers - "Wisteria is one of my most favorite things," already planted and awaiting the future arbor that will frame the front walk.

In the largest raised bed, celebrating Marshall's Native American heritage, is "Peaceful Journey", an imposing bronze by Santa Fe artist Bruce LaFountain. The bronze mailbox installation is by Marianne Caroselli. Titled "A Letter from Grandmother," it depicts two gleeful children reading a letter. The most whimsical piece, "Sunday Ride" by Allen Wynn, rides among Crepe Myrtles in the side yard, to honor our White Rock Lake cycling lifestyle.



**February** - Michael Ferguson  
8417 Santa Clara Drive

When it came time to move his young family into a home with a safe, large private yard, Michael, a native East Dallas boy looked to Forest Hills and built his dream home in "...a modern Santa Barbara style, with a red tile roof, arched doorways, a fountain out front..." He trusted

Randy Hardin to design a garden that would feel lush, like the California coastal landscapes he admired. Randy added dimension to the front by extending planting beds into the yard and filling them with perennials of different heights and textures. The richly varied space moves the eye across and through a landscape framed by two young Live Oak trees at the street and a trio of Red Oak, Japanese Maple and Texas Mountain Laurel by the driveway. As you walk up the drive, you discover a river stone and cement block path nestled between lush beds. Encore Azaleas and Indian Hawthorns are interspersed with less-expected perennials like Agaves, Yuccas, Blue Fescue and Kaleidoscope Abelia.

The fabulous backyard has room for Michael to throw the football with his boys or just relax around the pool with cascading waterfall, the fire pit, under the poolside pergola or on the covered patio. On May 17<sup>th</sup> come feast your eyes when this garden will be on the White Rock Lake East Garden Tour.

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# FRI/FHNA

SAVE THE DATE AND GET INVOLVED!

By DANIEL ORTMAN



March 7 will be FRI's annual Operation Beautification Litter Clean-Up Event. As in previous years, we'll meet at Walgreens (2301 Lakeland Dr.) shortly before 9 a.m. to get a map and either receive your assignment or request the area you would like to work on.

*The overall time commitment is 9 a.m. – noon.*

Join us for good fellowship, breakfast and coffee provided by our friends at McDonald's, and donuts from Ferguson Donut. Join neighbors, service and civic groups, faith communities and community court as we go out and clean up! Rain or shine! Please bring canned food to help out our partner, *White Rock Center of Hope*, to replenish their food pantry.

**A special thanks to our event underwriters: Frost Bank and Young Chevrolet.**

For more information on how you can help and participate, contact our event coordinator, Andrea Hernandez, 214.324.5116 or [andreafernandez@fergusonroad.org](mailto:andreafernandez@fergusonroad.org). As always, for more insight, look at the FRI website, <https://www.fergusonroad.org/>. Please consider joining or otherwise supporting the organization that supports our neighborhood, and the rest of far East Dallas, <https://www.fergusonroad.org/membership/donate/>. Let me know if you have particular questions about FRI and I'll try to speak to those directly, or in the next issue of the *Forest Hills News*. [daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org](mailto:daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org).



## WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

8441 San Pedro  
Jeff & Lynne Walters

8115 Santa Clara  
Jim Lob

8184 Santa Clara  
Benjamin & Lindsay Hunter

8350 Santa Clara  
William & Rebecca Clarke

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. Let us know of any oversights.

Also if you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, please contact us with names/addresses, so we can extend a big welcome. [welcometoforesthills@gmail.com](mailto:welcometoforesthills@gmail.com)



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# Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery

By Julie Fineman

Imagine a spectacular blue wave of Texas Bluebonnets stopping traffic at the corner of San Leandro Drive and St. Francis Avenue. To make that happen, last October a hundred folks cast Bluebonnet seeds to celebrate the Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery (FWFC) kick off fundraiser party. Now, they have taken root and should be a feast for the eyes as well as sustenance for native bees and other wildlife come mid-April. The bluebonnet is actually a legume, named as our State Flower by the Texas Legislature in 1901. Many other Texas wildflower seeds were also cast at the event; Indian Paintbrush, Pink Evening Primrose, Indian Blanket, and Mexican Hat. Learn more about Texas wildflowers at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Mark your calendars! Landscape architect, Michael Parkey, will give a tour of what's flowering and will recap progress on the Ferris Cemetery native prairie restoration program on April 18, 9-10:30am.

*January was an amazing start of the year for FWFC. Past and upcoming news includes:*

- An official partnership with the Discovery Garden.
- Discovery Garden board member John Wilt is now a FWFC board advisor.
- Approximately 25 plants and 5 trees were donated by the Discovery Garden through John and planted by seven folks who showed up on a snowy Saturday Volunteer Day.
- Ongoing Volunteer Days are the first and third Saturday of every month during winter/spring months from 9am-12pm. Summer, the first Saturday of every month, 8-11am.
- Pat Baldasaro, Registered Professional Land Surveyor with PJB Surveying, gave the FWFC a topographic and tree survey to inform Michael Parkey's detailed restoration plan.
- Stephanie Beckham of Dallas Aerial Surveys and colleague Ryan Johnson will capture UAV imagery to link to the FWFC website, for a fly-through video.
- A new bat house is being completed by Jerry Chenault with installation shortly.

Come join us to volunteer, receive our monthly newsletters and become a family member. Support our endeavors for \$50 per year at [www.FriendsoftheWarrenFerrisCemetery.org](http://www.FriendsoftheWarrenFerrisCemetery.org).

Alicia McClean, Volunteer Coordinator, planting as it snows



John Wilt's plant delivery from the Discovery Gardens



Bluebonnet Seedling



Snowy Volunteer Day: Michael Parkey, Christina Frey, Doug Gilpin, Alicia McClean, John Wilt



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### OFF to a GREAT Start!

Thanks to the 33% of the neighbors that joined **IN** on our Annual Sign Up Day. Carol and her "deputies" are still putting out 2020 stickers. If your sign says 2019, **Time to Renew!**

## IHOP with a COP!

Our Forest Hills is Brewing Fundraiser last October offered IHOP with a Cop as an auction item. This past Super Bowl Sunday, four young men from our neighborhood had the opportunity to have breakfast with Sergeant Mike Mata.



Luke Lamont, George Winwood, Liam Rainey, and Lanham Bevers learned about the different aspects of being a policeman such as Sgt. Mata's role in our neighborhood patrol and his position as President of The Dallas Police Association with its 3,000 members. The boys asked lots of questions, had a chance to wear handcuffs, learned about tasers and more. The boys came away with an even greater knowledge, appreciation and respect for our men and women in blue. When asked what he found most interesting, Lanham Bevers replied, "He is just like us and everyone liked him."



Special thanks to Sergeant Mata for taking the time to meet with these young men and to their parents, who purchased this auction item to help support our FHSP.



# We can do this!

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