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Forest Hills News

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2020



Forest Hills Calendar of Events

FHNA Fall General Meeting (Virtual): See inside! Pages 2-5.

October 16th at 6:30 p.m. Forest Hills is Brewing Again FUNraiser. Page 7.

FLOTL White Rock Lake cleanup second Saturday of every month.

Bulky Trash

September - Trash can go out Thursday Sept. 10th through Sunday, Sept. 13th. Pickup begins the week of Monday, Sept. 12th.

October - Trash can go out Thursday Oct. 8 - Sunday Oct. 11. Pickup begins the week of Monday, Oct. 12th.

www.dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/Pages/default.aspx

Newsletter articles and ads are due Thursday Oct. 1 for the November/December 2020 issue.

Photos courtesy of the Dallas Arboretum

Semi-Annual Report to Members

In lieu of a Fall 2020 General Meeting

By Jane Ojeda

As with so much these days, we cannot hold our usual Fall General Meeting due to Covid-19. Therefore, the FHNA Board has prepared a comprehensive report of our many ongoing activities for this newsletter. Please look through it and see where you can get involved!

Elections: The FHNA Board is charged with presenting a slate of officers every September to be voted upon by the membership. Below is the slate presented. Since no other members have expressed interest in holding these offices, these people will be serving for the next year.

To make our voting official, we would appreciate it if you can make your approval or disapproval official by emailing Secretary Jessica Short at jekillough@gmail.com. Be sure to include your home address.

President: Jane Ojeda

Vice President: Jonathan Wood

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Thank you to these folks for their willingness to serve!



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FHNA Committee Reports of Ongoing Activities – Get Involved!

**Webmaster – Sharon Hill, sharonhill@tx.rr.com.
REPLACEMENT NEEDED!!! PLEASE HELP!**

Sharon has maintained our website, www.foresthillsdallas.com for the past 13 years as a volunteer and is ready to pass the position to someone else. **THANK YOU, Sharon for your service.** She has done a fantastic job of keeping events and name changes up to date as they are sent to her. The site is soon to be rebuilt and updated so the new person would take over a new site.

If you can volunteer as Webmaster, or even offer a discounted professional rate, contact Sharon, or Jane, janevojeda@gmail.com.

Animal Alert! - Chair: Andie Comini, andiecomini@aol.com.

This is a volunteer service to both Forest Hills and Little Forest Hills (whose main volunteer is Maeleska Fletes). *Volunteers 1) respond to calls about lost pets by looking for them, and also returning loose animals they find to their owners, even if they have not been alerted; 2) assist owners with emotional and practical issues when their pets pass away; 3) help get medical attention to hurt animals; 4) solicit donations from pet stores and veterinarians when needed; 5) find homes for pets when needed, for example cat litters; 6) assist senior or unemployed residents with pet food donations.* In a 3-month period, over 30 issues were handled.

To volunteer or donate: contact Andie or go to www.lfhanimalalert.org.

Block Captains – Chair: Andie Comini, andiecomini@aol.com.

Our Block Captains deliver our bimonthly newsletter and occasional flyers to your doorstep. One person typically covers about 15 homes, although some volunteer to do more.

To volunteer: contact Andie. More Block Captains are always needed.

Bulky Trash – Chair: Andie Comini, andiecomini@aol.com.

We publish bulky trash dates in our Forest Hills News, and volunteers place yard signs out to remind neighbors when it is our time each month. Andie also alerts neighbors via the newsletter and email when important changes occur. Recently we publicized the City of Dallas new regulation on limits to the amount of bulky trash each household can put out. If you missed it, go to www.CurbsideManners.com for details.

Beautification – Chair: Tim Simmonds, t.simmonds@working-plants.com.

This committee oversees the maintenance of medians and common areas, including volunteer clean-ups and paid work. The current project to be started soon is enhancement of the Forest Hills sign area at Garland Rd. and Breezewood. Irrigation repairs need to be made after which new landscaping will be installed.

To volunteer: contact Tim.

Liaison to Security Program: Carol Lander, caroltlander@gmail.com.

This keeps us coordinated with the activities and needs of our wonderful **Forest Hills Security Program**. The FHSP currently has 58% neighborhood participation, and along with separate donations, this allows for **55 hrs per week of patrol**. **Our crime rate has been reduced by 50% for serious crimes from 2017, when patrol hours were at 28 hrs/week, to the present, where patrol hours are now 55 hrs/week. More patrols do = Less Crime!**

This year the Forest Hills is Brewing fundraiser will be an online auction event on Friday October 16, 2020. All proceeds will go to the Security Program to fund the extra hours we need for Holiday patrol from Thanksgiving to January. The Forest Hills Security Program is a separate organization from the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association and both are vital to our neighborhood.

To volunteer or donate, contact Carol, or see the Security Page on the FHNA website, www.ForestHillsDallas.org.



Report to Members (continued)

Events – Chairs: Carrie Bevers, cole_carrie@yahoo.com and Sara Winwood, smwinwood@cglobal.net.

This committee organizes our neighborhood social events and activities, so important to enhance our sense of community this year has been a real challenge due to Covid19. However, events in 2020 have included: 1) a distanced but fun “Easter Egg Hunt” for the kids where neighbors put up colored paper eggs in their windows or yards for the kids to spot. There was also an exuberant car parade; 2) A 4th of July car parade. Sadly, our traditional neighborhood parade and picnic could not be held. Our chairs were hoping to have a fall event, such as a chili cook off, but this may not be possible. We will wait on developments to see how we can handle the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting.

Newsletter – Editors: Andie Comini, andiecomini@aol.com and Jane Ojeda, janewojeda@gmail.com.

The Forest Hills News is published every other month and distributed to your doorstep. We continue our long tradition of informing neighbors of activities and important neighborhood information. We include articles that are pertinent and hopefully appeal to our neighborhood. (Don’t confuse the *Forest Hills News* with a new commercial publication, *Life in the Hills*, that is being mailed to residents).

To contribute articles or volunteer editing skills, contact Andie and Jane.

Fundraising – Chairs: Susan Bailey, skbmoi@swbell.net and Carol Lander, Carollander@gmail.com.

This year the major fundraising activity is planned in October to benefit Forest Hills Security only and not FHNA. This is because the Security Program is so important to all, and dues have not been as high as last year due to the Covid 19 caused economic problems or many. Andie Comini organized a fundraiser selling the Social Distancing signs that netted close to \$500 for FHNA. **Thank you, Andie!**

To volunteer or donate, contact Susan or Carol. See information in this issue.

Garden Tour – Chair: Andie Comini, andiecomini@aol.com, Tim Simmonds, t.simmonds@working-plants.com, Greg Stinson, gstinsonstudio@SBCglobal.net.

For years, this three-neighborhood event has been a lovely event and a major fundraiser for FHNA. Three homes from each neighborhood are included, and local artists and artisans have displays in the yards. Again, sadly, Covid19 cancelled the 2020 Garden Tour. We hope it will be back next May.

Membership/Newcomers – Chair: Melissa Dermarkar. Contact welcomtoforesthills@gmail.com.

This committee welcomes newcomers to the neighborhood with information and a small gift, also hosting an annual wine and cheese party, another casualty of the virus this year. The committee conducts membership drives and reminds neighbors when

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Report to Members (continued)

dues are due (Jan. 1 every year). This year a 2-part membership drive has been highly successful in increasing household participation from about 21% in 2019 to over 50% in 2020! Thanks to everyone who sent in their dues, which are only \$50 or \$30 for seniors. **Volunteers are always appreciated!**

Planning and Zoning – Chair: Anita Childress,
anita@txemploymentcounsel.com

Anita keeps us apprised of planning and zoning issues that affect our neighborhood and alerts us when neighborhood participation is impacted. This year we have heard about 1) a proposed concrete plant nearby that would have increased railroad traffic on our southern edge. It was not approved by City Council after neighbors protested; 2) Planning meetings about dredging in White Rock Lake, still about 3 years away; 3) Issues surrounding ongoing construction at Sanger Elementary.

Liaisons to organizations important to Forest Hills

Alex Sanger Liaison: Peggy Wehmeyer,
pwehmeyer@gmail.com

Peggy is our contact person for our neighborhood elementary school to communicate with the neighborhood and vice versa. There are normally volunteer opportunities for neighbors, especially reading to or tutoring students. Neighbors have also been active helping with the school garden, which has sadly been neglected during this time of school closure and also construction. **To volunteer, contact Peggy.**

Ferguson Road Initiative – Liaison: Daniel Ortman,
Daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org.

Dan keeps us up to date on FRI activities to enhance the well-being of businesses and residents near Ferguson Road. **For information contact Dan and see**
www.fergusonroad.org.

For the Love of the Lake – Liaison: Jeff Peterson,
jeffreypeterson@sbcglobal.net.

Our past President Jeff took this job on after it was vacant for some years. FLOTL exists to enhance the well-being of White Rock Lake, our neighborhood gem. Among other things, they organize a volunteer cleanup the second Saturday of every month. **To volunteer, contact Jeff or see** www.whiterocklake.org.

2020 Financial Report – Treasurer: Bruce Borrett

Year to date information. Expenses include both money spent plus projected expenditures through December. These have been approved by the FHNA Board.

\$19,550.66	Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2020
Income	Actual income through August 13, 2020
\$12,810.00	Membership dues
\$2,171.00	FHNA Membership contributions above requested amount
\$2,000.00	Received from 2019 Fundraiser
\$11,456.50	Newsletter ads
\$475.00	Social Distancing sign fundraiser
\$28,912.50	Total Income as of August 13, 2020
Expenses	Approved through Dec. 31, 2020 – projected so subject to change
\$1,722.11	Membership/Newcomers
\$10,863.66	Newsletter publication
\$1,699.27	Spring and Fall General Membership Meetings
\$3,744.13	Neighborhood Events
\$1,368.00	Storage Unit
\$375.00	Legal/business registration fees
\$1,000.00	Animal Alert!
\$3,685.00	Beautification
\$3,052.26	Utilities for Maintenance of Medians/landscape
\$464.10	Post office/mailing
\$712.50	Bank/PayPal charges
\$28,595.48	Total Projected Expenses 2020



Spotlight on Sanger



By Peggy Wehmeyer

Construction Update:

The construction continues in full swing with Alex Sanger Preparatory School adding 23 new classrooms, computer and science labs, a dance studio, and a middle school gym. The dual language school will serve pre-K through 8th grade students. The principal hopes Sanger will soon qualify to become an international baccalaureate school, TAG school or STEM school. Once construction is completed in January, Sanger will have a new façade, additional parking spaces, a fire lane and all the portables will be removed.

Our Opportunity to Make a Difference in Extraordinary Times

When I moved to Forest Hills six years ago, one of the things that struck me was the contrast between the beauty and prestige of our neighborhood and the elementary school in its midst. How lovely, I thought, that we have a little neighborhood school inside our Forest Hills bubble. But I learned quickly, by the signs in my neighbor's yards, that almost everyone sent their children outside the neighborhood to private schools, many of them miles away. Once I began volunteering at the school, I understood why. Even though Sanger Elementary is situated on the Forest Hills "side of the tracks," almost all of its students come from the apartments off of Ferguson road, on the "other side of the tracks."

When school starts this month, whether virtual or in person, more than 75% of the children who learn to read and write in Forest Hills will come from economically disadvantaged homes, with mostly single parents who work multiple jobs and have to rely on the school for food assistance. **Even more heartbreaking is that most of these children are home alone all day and many evenings while their parents work... now glued to school issued laptops.** It dawned on me a couple of months ago, as I was trying to grasp how I could make any difference in the midst of a pandemic and a nasty partisan war over how to rescue our country from economic and social collapse, that the answer

might be quite simple, and right in my backyard. When I saw there was a vacancy in the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association for an Alex Sanger liaison, I signed up. What better way, I thought, to tune out the shouting on the political right and left and leverage my "privilege."

Sanger not only teaches disadvantaged kids to read and write but supports their families through a host of before and after school enrichment and sports programs. COVID has decimated that, leaving children isolated and more at risk than ever.

"Is there anything your Forest Hills neighbors can do to help?" I asked school administrators. "Yes," came the immediate response. **"Now more than ever, we are needing community assistance as we help our students and families transition back to school,"** wrote Sanger's reading coach, Gillian Arteguin. Would you consider giving one hour a week, day or night, to read to a child online? It's that simple. The main help Sanger students need is reading assistance. What if we put together a team of neighbors to support our school through online tutoring and mentoring? The school has provided all the students with laptops and will provide everything we need to pull this off. My husband and I are signing up. **Please join us!** We'll start in October.

If you can help, send me your name and contact information and someone will be in touch. One thing I can almost guarantee: If your experience volunteering at Sanger becomes anything like mine you'll find that you're the one whose life is changed most by befriending a child in need.

Thanks for considering joining the effort and making a difference – and brightening a child's life.

Your neighbor,
Peggy Wehmeyer pwehme@gmail.com



Forest Hills is Brewing Again – 2020 FUNraiser!

This year due to Covid 19, our FUNraiser will not be at the Lakewood Brewery, but we still plan on having fun and raising funds for the Forest Hills Security Program. An online auction, Friday October 16, 2020 and smaller “pod parties” the month before the event, will enable us to still get together and raise funds for the FHSP. The ticket to bid online will begin at \$15.

Our goal? \$20,000 to pay for extra holiday hours and maintain 55 hr/week of security patrol until January 2021.

How will we do this online?

The Security Program contracted with One Cause, a software company that caters specifically to nonprofit fundraising. This program will assist us with the Silent Auction online, registration, ticket sales, check out, reporting and more. It is user friendly and we are so fortunate to have Annelise Pedersen and Laura Ann Deutscher who have volunteered to set up the platform. More detailed information will be available soon on our webpage www.foresthillssecurity.org.

What do we need?

Sponsors and Auction Items

A special thank you to last year’s Sponsors: Lee & Kelly Lamont, Harry Morgan and Dave Perry Miller, Forest Hills Chapter Chats, Friends of Forest Hills, The Zavala Family, Kevin & Keri Black, Linda & Rob Westerberg, Vikki Rae & Eddy Espinosa, Denny & Lori Hunt, San Fernando Farms, and Bob & Carol Lander. We raised close to \$4000 in Sponsorship funds last year. Although this year we are not in a venue, we still have expenses: the auction software, funds to assist with creating a fun party atmosphere, and to help us reach our goal of \$20k. Please contact Carol Lander at carollander@gmail.com, or text 972-571-6526, if you are interested in being a Sponsor. Susan Bailey and her committee are now starting to solicit for auction items And They Want You! Last year, we made almost \$10,000 from the silent auction! We need, gift certificates to restaurants, custom jewelry, artwork, wine baskets, plants, virtual classes of all kinds, sports memorabilia, etc. If you have or work for a business/create artwork/-can offer services/classes or know of anyone who would like to be promoted to our neighbors with free advertising, please call/email Susan Bailey or Carol Lander to get your item in the auction. Perhaps there’s a special item in your home you are willing to donate! There will be a \$10 ticket to bid online, beginning in early October. If you would like to donate or join the fun on her committee, please email Susan at skbmoi@swbell.net or text 214-906-0622.

Other ways to raise funds?

How about a Street Challenge? Pod Parties for Patrols! Will your street be: Security’s Sponsor



Street for 2020? With small, safe neighborhood distancing gatherings within our “pods”, we are staying connected. These events can become fundraising opportunities. A neighbor, (or 2) sponsors the event: a wine/ cheese party, bingo, driveway drinks, your choice, and all funds raised are for the FHSP.

Partying for Patrols? Sippin’ for Security! Whatever you want to call it. We start these parties a month before the event and hope to have at least one on all 13 streets in the patrol area. Take out beer from Lakewood Brewery is available, (our way to support them). Who is IN? No limit to how many neighbors can have these events. If all 13 streets had just 1 party, we could raise a significant amount of money and have fun!

Please contact me at carollander@gmail.com, or text 972-571-6526, if you are interested in hosting any of the party idea challenges. Also, I am open to any other ideas that you may have or have had past success with. Neighbors, with your help, we CAN and WILL have another successful Fundraiser!

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Updates on FRI Activities



By Daniel Ortman

CreekSide—Ash Creek Urban Reserve

It is with great pride that Ferguson Road Initiative announces CreekSide, a 4.5-acre urban reserve. CreekSide is the new 'brand name' for the Ash Creek Greenbelt Project. The new name emphasizes the creeks that run through our community and connect our neighborhoods, schools, and parks. Running parallel to the lower Ferguson Road corridor between Samuell Boulevard and Lakeland Drive, CreekSide will be preserved as a beautiful, lush, green space and native hardwood forest reserve adjacent to our vibrant and growing community. It is the result of collaborative planning efforts between FRI, the City of Dallas, Parks and Recreation Department, the Urban Land Institute and funded by a grant from the national 10-Minute Walk Campaign.

Tying into CreekSide is **White Rock Hills Park**, at 2229 Highland Road, the first phase of the future recreation center which will be in phase two, funded through Dallas' next bond program. The park is currently expected to be completed in November of this year, but the grand opening is postponed until fall 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trinity Forest Spine Trail

The construction of Phase I will begin at the Santa Fe Trail, connect to Highland Road and continue southward to Samuell Blvd. Phase II will continue from Samuell Blvd. to the Lawnview DART station. The South Phase of this trail will run from the Lawnview DART station to Pemberton Hill Rd. near the Trinity River Audubon Center. The Trinity Forest Spine Trail will connect to White Rock Hills Park and the future recreation center via a new bike path planned for completion in 2022.

These new amenities will transform our recreation desert into a health and recreation destination. CreekSide neighborhoods will be within a 10-Minute Walk from a bike path or hiking trail to many parts of Dallas. This will be a huge asset for Forest Hills families, allowing us to bypass Garland Rd. and major intersections!

Ash Creek Trail

The future Ash Creek Trail will be nestled between Ferguson Road and Forest Hills and will connect Highland Rd. to St. Francis Park, creating a network of thriving communities along this greenbelt. The CreekSide-Ash Creek Urban Reserve will offer recreation and a natural respite for our residents. We believe it will be a catalyst for quality economic development in a community that has been traditionally underserved. Creating a safe, walkable urban environment, with connections to Dallas' vast network of parks, trails and recreation centers, will help make our community and the broader East Dallas area a place where people will have a sense of pride and will want to live and raise their families.

As always, for more insight or to donate, see our website (www.fergusonroad.org/). Please consider joining or otherwise supporting FRI, which supports our neighborhood and the rest of Far East Dallas. Email me with particular questions at daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org. I'll speak to those directly, or in the next issue of the *Forest Hills News*.

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Forest Hills 4th of July Parade!



On Saturday, July 4th, 18 vehicles lined up on San Leandro near Lakeland just before 9:00 am to kick-off a very different type of July 4th parade. Gone was the usual Forest Hills Blvd. parade with many participants both in the parade and lining the street followed by a yummy lunch and a multitude of activities for the kids. Due to the virus, participants had to be in their car or golf carts from beginning to end. No bikes, wagons or walkers this go around.

The parade was open to any and all that wanted to join in the fun as long as they were in a vehicle. Some decorated. Some didn't. Some were new cars. Some were classics. Something for everybody! There was no decorating contest but had there been... a van with over the top red, white & blue decorations with some of our Highland Road neighbors would have taken top honors!

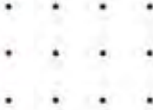
And as with the Easter Parade, the 4th of July Parade was cheered on by neighbors as it made its way up and down each street in FH.

The virus may have stopped our usual parade activities but could not put a dampener on our 4th of July enthusiasm! Thank you to all who participated this year. And a big Thank You to Lamont Real Estate for dressing up the entire neighborhood with flags!





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TEEN SPOTLIGHT

By Kelly Lamont



Georgia Summerford, 15, has lived in Forest Hills for almost 3 years. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School where she was a member of the National Junior Honor Society and Student Council Treasurer. She also ran track, cross country and was a cheerleader at St. Thomas.

Georgia currently attends Ursuline Academy where she will be a sophomore this fall. She has loved Ursuline and enjoyed meeting many new friends. She starts her second year as a Varsity Cheerleader for Cistercian Preparatory School.

Georgia has been a Girl Scout for 10 years. She earned her Bronze and Silver awards and is currently working towards her Gold Award. Also involved in the Mockingbird Chapter of National Charity League, Georgia volunteers her time with various organizations such as The Forum Senior Living Center, The Family Place and PB&J with Love.

In her spare time, Georgia loves to shop, cook, and spend time with family and friends. She has attended Camp Longhorn-Inks Lake for 5 years and hopes to be a counselor there one day. Georgia loves living in Forest Hills and can often be spotted running or riding her bike throughout our beautiful neighborhood!



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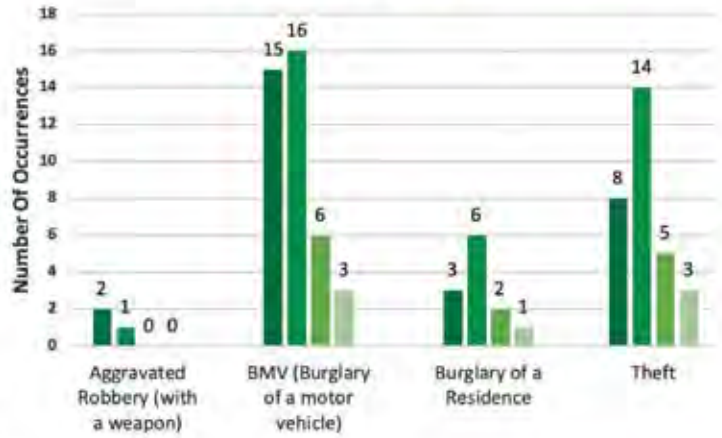
Our Forest Hills Security police officers, patrolling 55 hours per week are committed to keeping the 634 houses in our community protected. Serious crime has been significantly reduced, as well as property theft and car break-ins. But we must continue to keep up our guard and stay vigilant. If you see something suspicious, do not hesitate to call

911 and stay on the line, even if you get a recording, someone will answer shortly. If our FH Security officers are in the neighborhood, they will come immediately to you. Thugs are still roaming day and night in our neighborhood looking for any opportunity. Lock up your gates, garages, cars and firearms. Turn your alarm on anytime you leave your home.

2017 - 2020
(thru 6/30/20)

Forest Hills Reported Crime Data

■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020



Our neighborhood police can only patrol the amount of hours, that we can afford to pay. If you want to see more patrol cars, join the Security Program at the highest level you can afford.

Go to www.foresthillssecurity.org to make a donation, renew your membership and join IN!

More Patrols Hours = Less Crime

CRIME STAT COMPARISON	2017	2018	2019	2020
Aggravated Robbery (with a weapon)	2	1	0	0
BMV (burglary of a motor vehicle)	15	16	6	3
Burglary of a Residence	3	6	2	1
Theft	8	14	5	3

Crime stats are lower because of your participation, which has given us more patrol hours.

FOREST HILLS IS BREWING!
ONLINE



Forest Hills is Brewing Online!

Covid-19 will prevent Forest Hills from gathering as we did last year at Lakewood Brewing Company, but it will not keep us from having fun and raising money for the Security Program. This year we will have an online silent auction and other activities, **Friday October 16, 2020.**

Forest Hills Security's goal for this event is to raise \$20,000. That is what we will need to maintain our current level of patrol, add

holiday shifts and make it until next year's January 1-23 campaign.

Find more detailed information about the event, ticket sales and the recruitment of sponsors and auction items in a separate article within this newsletter.

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*We are excited to announce the winner of our latest
“Luck of the Irish” drawing!*



**Congratulations to Carol Gantt,
who won a \$75 gift certificate to Urban Vines!!**

A very SINCERE THANK YOU to all the wonderful neighbors who participated in this latest Membership Drive! Because of you, we were able to raise an additional \$5,730!! We had 106 new homes contribute in the months of April, May, June and July! That brings our Membership fundraising efforts to a grand total of \$14,981 in 2020! WOW! We really appreciate your support!

The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association is extremely grateful to the 303 homes who paid their annual dues for 2020! Last year, we only had about 20% of homes pay their annual dues, and as of now we have nearly 50% of our neighborhood participating! We clearly couldn't be the amazing community that we are without neighbors paying their dues!

It is not too late to pay your 2020 dues if you haven't done so yet! Please visit our website at www.foresthillsdallas.org and click the yellow FHNA Dues button! At the end of the year, as a small token of our thankfulness, we will print the names of all 2020 contributors in the newsletter – hope to see your name on that list! A huge thank you to all the neighbors who have donated above and beyond the requested amount. Your additional contributions do not go unnoticed!

And just a reminder that the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association dues are completely separate from the wonderful Forest Hills Security Program! If you are not sure if you are up-to-date with your FHNA dues, please email foresthillsdallasmembership@gmail.com and we can double check it for you!

From one neighbor to another – thank you for helping us keep Forest Hills amazing!!

We're lucky to live in Forest Hills!

Thank you to all the neighbors listed below who donated from April 1st – July 31st! You helped us raise \$5,730!

Jack & Korbet Annis
Richard & Kathleen Arthur
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Christopher & Ashley Black
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Tom & Julia Cearley
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Lisa Tomaselli & Lori Bailey
Luann & Gary Tunell
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WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

8106 Barbaree Blvd.
Ken & Stacey Hernandez

8200 Forest Hills
Randy & Lisa Roberts

8567 Forest Hills
Joshua & Sarah Aull

8130 Garland
Joshua Frenk & MaryAnn Thompson

8515 Groveland
Jonathan & Christina Haywood

8319 San Benito
Craig & Medora Koenig

8335 San Benito
Jarret Sayas & Melissa Ciproso

8254 San Cristobal
Tyler Wagner & Amanda Tumey

8255 San Cristobal
Scott & Christine Cameron

8367 San Fernando
Tom & Sarah York

8131 Santa Clara
Benjamin & Kathryn Sarpong

8239 Santa Clara
Mauricio & Maricela Garza

8463 Santa Clara
Tom & Wendy Rettinger

8506 Santa Clara
Zach & Lauren McKinnon

Welcome Back!
8249 Forest Hills
Ketric & Christa Sanford

8310 Santa Clara
Lee & Terri Higgins

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 at welcometoforesthills@gmail.com with names/addresses, so we can extend a big welcome.

YARD OF THE MONTH

By JULIE DUNN

July 2020 - Bill and Lisa Daves
8566 San Pedro Parkway



During the 3 years that they have lived at the corner of San Pedro & Lakeland, Lisa and Bill have created a welcoming yard that is as functional as it is attractive.

The landscaping shelters this Modern Prairie style home without overwhelming it, softly framing the house while directing your gaze toward the entryway. Here, magnificent blue glazed pots and mature Sago palms flank the front door. Red sun-loving Begonias cascade around the steps. And a bank of blue Salvia and yellow Lantana envelope the foundation.

Canopy of Pecans, Red Oaks, Lacy Bark Elms and Red Bud varieties drape a handsome walkway made of concrete squares and narrow stone slabs. A stone placard with fire-etched inscriptions reads "The Daves" as you approach the home, and "Go in peace" as you leave.

Although the Daves call themselves "gardening fools", there's nothing foolish about their garden design: The Nellie Stevens Hollies planted inside the line of existing pink Crepe Myrtles help further shield the property from the busy Lakeland thoroughfare. A new berm protects the corner where San Pedro intersects Lakeland. Plants to include beloved cacti and agaves were chosen for their water wise easy care and year around interest. Nothing feels utilitarian and yet, all of it was purposefully designed. This is a hard working landscape, as attractive as it is practical.

August 2020 - Chris and Courtney
Pاناتier 8457 San Benito Way



Five wild green parrots happily feast at the bird feeder, so very much at home in this large open landscape! What better reward for having transformed a neglected corner lot at the intersection of Whittier and San Benito into a stimulating native garden in just ten months.

The biodiverse landscape that surrounds this "modern Prairie tree house" may seem like an unusual choice for a contemporary home, but it is well in keeping with an East Dallas esthetic. Pink Muhly grasses soften a xeriscaped berm. Native Mountain Laurels and Desert Willows dot the perimeter. A whimsical teepee flags a wild patch marked "nature garden." Everything seems to embrace an experimental and adventurous spirit.

Chris and Courtney knew they didn't just want a lawn; "We wanted the landscape to kind of spill out from the house." A walkway made of oversized dark slate stepping - stones helps achieve this effect. It carries you through a lush understory of shade loving sedges and Japanese Maples into a sunny yard. Milkweeds, and Rock Rose, Beauty Berries, Buddleias, and Salvias gently shelter this family friendly yard where there is plenty of space to enjoy and explore. Creatures of all kinds are drawn to this welcoming habitat including curious pedestrians who stop to investigate. What's new, what's changed? There's a lot going on at the Panatiers!

Forest Hills Car Enthusiast Club

By Denny Hunt

In the last issue of the Forest Hills Newsletter there was a short article about forming a Forest Hills Car Enthusiast Club. We now have 13 members and a wide variety of unique automobiles! If you missed the first article, it is not too late to join in on the fun. Also, you do not need to own a special interest car. All that is required is an interest in cars.

We will be planning a get together of some kind as soon as the pandemic permits. If you want to join like-minded neighbors, send your contact information to dennyhunt@sbcglobal.net or 214-908-8975.





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Where in the World is "Away"

These days where we throw things "away" is the ocean, rivers, lakes, and, of course, landfills. The environmental section of the July/August Forest Hills News inspired me to add my two cents about how we can each do our part to create a cleaner Earth simply by changing some of our daily habits.

8 Ways to Make a Difference

- Keep reusable grocery bags in the trunk of your car, and always use them even if you forget to bring them inside. Bring your unbagged groceries out to the car and load them there.
- Never say yes to a plastic water bottle. Buy a water bottle and bring it with you wherever you go. Yeti is made in Texas! Buy 2.5- or 5-gallon water jugs for your home. Water Event delivers Mountain Valley Springs in glass jugs.
- Buy fruits and vegetables whole, naked, and loose at the grocery store to avoid plastic shells, plastic bags, and plastic trays covered in more plastic.
- Bring your own to-go boxes to restaurants. When you order carry out, ask for the least amount of packaging. Eat less carry-out.
- Buy a 12-pack of stemless glasses for entertaining at home. Everything tastes better out of glass than plastic. Or ask guests to bring their own drink to outdoor gatherings.
- Buy reusable hot beverage ware to bring to your favorite coffee shop. Drink your coffee on premises in a real mug. It tastes better!
- Contribute to our ecosystem – buy organic products.
- Start a compost pile. See what happens.



Ring in the new year with a new kitchen.



FEATURED: *Clemont Street*



FEATURED: *Bluffdale Drive*

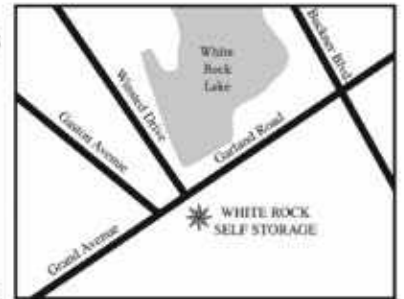


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