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Forest Hills News

MAY - JUNE 2020



The Shelter-in-Place EDITION

THANK YOU, HEALTHCARE HEROES!



Forest Hills Calendar of Events

There are no events scheduled

The May 17th Garden Tour is Canceled 😞

Bulky Trash

May - Trash can go out Thursday, May 7th - Sunday, May 10th. Pickup begins the week of Monday, May 11th.

June - Trash can go out Thursday, June 4th - Sunday, June 7th. Pickup begins the week of Monday, June 8th.

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SMILE!



Pose next to the Dinosaur in my front yard and send to family & friends!

WE ❤️ FOREST HILLS!

The President's Letter

Greetings Neighbors. Let me introduce myself as the new Acting President of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association. We were scheduled to hold elections at our FHNA Spring Meeting, but of course Covid-19 canceled that event. Therefore, the FHNA Board has named me Acting President, and Jessica Short as Acting Secretary until we can hold another general meeting and confirm (or not!) these positions by a full election. Thanks to Jessica for stepping up to fill this long empty position!

I want to thank Jeff Peterson for his work as President. Jeff was ready to pass the baton before this crisis hit, but now he needs to be even more focused on his family and business. Jeff's business is in the medical field, so you can imagine how much effort he needs to put in. We wish you the very best with it all Jeff!

I have lived in Forest Hills for six years now, and it is definitely my all-time favorite neighborhood! My husband Gabriel and I own a manufacturing business in Mesquite, which is less than ten minutes away if all the lights are green. We are blessed with three children, three children-in-law and five grandchildren, so we have busy lives. Our favorite hobbies are dining out and world travel – but obviously those are currently on complete hold.

What I love about Forest Hills is not just the spacious yards, mature trees and lovely homes. More important is the spirit of this neighborhood where so many people want to be involved with each other. So much friendliness and caring is evident everywhere, and it is even more pronounced now that we are in the current emergency. People everywhere are really stepping up to meet the challenges of life in the era of Covid-19. It's heartwarming to see.

I look forward to serving the Forest Hills neighborhood, now, and in happier times, hopefully coming soon.

Jane Ojeda
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A Young Neighbor Shows Remarkable Leadership in Emergency



Howdy, my name is Cooper Clem and I am a sophomore at Townview SEM and an Eagle Scout. I have lived in Forest Hills my entire life and am quite worried about the COVID-19 crisis. We, as a society, must do whatever we can to flatten the curve. I want to facilitate what I can. Hospitals need n95 masks which are in short supply. A very effective option is to help them preserve what they have by making washable mask covers, which I have been doing on my own. The mask cover goes over the n95 mask and acts as a splash guard, lengthening the time the mask can be used.

Please help me. **I have started a mask cover drive.** If you know how to sew or want to learn this is a great opportunity to help. **If you are interested, email me at sclemdallas@sbcglobal.net.** Please describe your situation, and we can send whatever you need to make the n95 mask covers by yourself. Then we will pick them up and distribute them to hospitals in need. I am working on a video to help beginners through the instructions. It would mean a lot to me and your neighbors in the health profession if you help.

This is a CRISIS. What will you tell your descendants about what you did during these trying times?



Animal Alert! Needs Help!

Animal Alert! needs donations to keep the phone and web going. Basic expenses run a little over \$100 a month. If possible, we like to keep extra funds for food, traps, medical attention, etc. All of the funds have been depleted and I am presently paying the monthly bill myself. So, if anyone can donate it would be greatly appreciated.

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Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery

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Facebook: Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery

Take A Walk Through History and Into The Future

While you take a stroll through Forest Hills, stop by the historical Warren Ferris Cemetery at the northwest corner St. Francis and San Leandro. Enter the cemetery at San Leandro where the model of the Warren Ferris homestead is. While there, be sure to read the historical marker on the St. Francis border with all the details about the 100 plus burial sites. Warren Ferris established the cemetery in 1847, but over the years, it fell into overgrowth and disrepair and gravestones were lost. Through grants and donations, Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is designing and executing a landscape restoration

and beautification plan to the standards of a certified wildlife and monarch butterfly way station. Lots of progress! New growth! Experience the quiet serenity of our wildlife habitat. See what happened there in the past and what is happening now and into the future, right here in your neighborhood!

A Growing Project

Last workday, while our volunteers were busy clipping berries, uprooting nuisance saplings and, an abundance of plant activity revealed itself. Recently transplanted grape hyacinths (*Muscari armeniacum*) were in full display and white irises (*Iris albicans*) were just beginning to set bloom. Our trees had tiny leaflets on our Gum Bumelias (*Sideroxylon lanuginosum*) and a pink profusion of petals from the Red Buds (*Cercis canadensis*).

JOIN US by becoming a family member, \$50 a year, or making a donation to support our endeavors.

FriendsOfTheWarrenFerrisCemetery.org

VOLUNTEER workdays at the cemetery.

May: 1st & 3rd Sat, 9:00am-12:00pm

June-Sept: 1st Sat of each month, 8:00am-11:00am

Workdays contingent upon Covid-19 restrictions. Update posts will be on Facebook pages of Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery or Forest Hills Neighborhood Association



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Chalk One Up for Forest Hills!

By Kelly Lamont

Social Distancing can make you feel like the walls are closing in, but with good weather, look how some neighbors have been keeping busy. Many have been outdoors creating special positive message with chalk on their sidewalks and driveways. Such fun for bikers and walkers to stop and enjoy! Check out the work of our many neighborhood artists. What a special place we live in. Don't we all just love Forest Hills? Let's keep it up neighbors!



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Forest Hills Helping Hands

Special note to health care providers! Please contact this group for any help they can give you. They really want to help!

When Covid-19 started impacting our daily lives, an initiative called "Forest Hills Helping Hands" began to provide a way for meeting the needs of our friends and neighbors during this pandemic. To date, over 70 households have expressed a willingness to help out, signing up as a runner/helper! Wow!! It is encouraging to know our neighborhood is full of so many people willing to lend a helping hand, BUT there has not been a huge number of requests that have come in so far for assistance. "Help" does not necessarily mean you cannot manage alone. What about asking for someone to call and chat? Or drop by and talk (at a distance) in the front yard for a while? And if you really can use a little help with picking up groceries or other needed items, PLEASE don't hesitate to let us know. Neighbor to neighbor, let's all take a few extra minutes each day to reach out to our neighbors and friends in Forest Hills to check in on them and see if they need help. If you know of someone living alone, families with small children or newborns, a senior, someone with mobility problems, etc. please reach out to them and check on them!

If you want to be informed of various opportunities to help out, please email foresthillshelpinghands@gmail.com with your name and contact info.

If you could use some help, please email your request to foresthillshelpinghands@gmail.com. You can also make a request by phone. Simply call (214) 971-5089. Be sure to leave a message if no one answers and we promise to get back to you!

Three Cheers for Our BLOCK CAPTAINS!

During this time of being thankful for the little things, please remember to thank your Block Captain. They, like our postmen, deliver the FH Newsletter through thick and thin - no matter the weather or... virus outbreak. They help keep our residents in the know and our neighborhood a tight community.

Next time you see them dropping off your Newsletter or flyer, please give them a smile and a thank you!

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We are very excited to announce the winners of our "Lucky to Live in Forest Hills Contest"
Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Membership Drive!!

And the WINNERS are ...

\$100 Gift Certificate to Smokey Rose
Paul & Andrea Johnston

\$25 Gift Certificate to Greenville Avenue Pizza Company
John Spieker

Chiloso Dinner Gift Certificates
Cathy & Bradley Almond, Paul Gore, Rakhi & Paras Patel

\$25 Highland Park Cafeteria Gift Certificates
Mary Ann & Gary Youngblood, Jennifer & Ryan Cooper, Kathleen Futrell, John & Mary Beakley

Thank you to Greenville Avenue Pizza Company, Chiloso and Highland Park Cafeteria for their generous donations

We couldn't be happier with our Membership Drive! So far this year, in just 3 months, we raised almost \$9,000 - that is 65% more than we raised in all of 2019! We had 59 new homeowners contribute to the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association this year, which is a 47% increase over all of last year! We currently have about 30% of our neighbors contributing (189 homes), compared to only 20% for all of last year. We'll continue our efforts as the year continues and hope to have more participation, but we are off to a really GREAT start!

A special THANK YOU to those who donated more than the requested dues amount.

THANK YOU to all the wonderful neighbors who are committed to keeping Forest Hills an amazing place to live – it wouldn't be the same without you and your support! **We REALLY are lucky to live in Forest Hills!**

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Ron Balentine & Julie Dunn
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Caroline Marrs & family

been happier to be home all day with us, which is a joy I am so thankful for. Our daily morning bike ride is such an escape for me. This time will be a special memory forever because of my children. I usually do not get this much time with them. I have done soul-searching during this time. I am torn between my obligation to my patients and my devotion to my family. There are no easy answers and I lean on my faith and my family to get through. I have been impressed with everyone's flexibility as we adapt to these changes; I hope we can take away some of these creative solutions for better home-work balance for dual career families! Health care workers, whether physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, medical assistants (as well as other people involved in high exposure jobs) - we are all scared. Every single day we worry whether we are going to get sick, maybe critically ill, whether we are going to bring illness to our families. We are inundated with constant email updates from our jobs, hospitals, and professional societies, Facebook groups, medical journals, and friends in other cities. We consider living apart from our families to protect them. It is incredibly stressful. A text, an email, a note, or a zoom get together means a lot. Now is the time for kindness, compassion, and helping our neighbors (literal and figurative!). We would welcome prayers, too! Oh, and if you have N95 masks, look up how to donate them to a hospital. Please, please stay home as much as possible. Community spread is the reality in Dallas now. Of course, walks and bike rides with your family are safe and good for your mental health! We are so incredibly fortunate to live in such a beautiful neighborhood with supportive neighbors and friends. I want to thank the generous individuals who dropped off hand sanitizer to my porch after an email request was sent out! My office staff is very thankful for the renewed supplies! Thank you, also, to those who have maintained the historic cemetery on San Leandro - my children and I love it so much! We are looking forward to the Social-Distancing version of the Easter egg hunt this week, too. Stay safe and stay home!

In this time of emergency, we talk about the "war" on the Covid-19 virus, and those doctors and nurses fighting the battle on the front lines. We know of three neighborhood families who work in health care and asked them to talk to us about what they are experiencing. We know there are more of you in our neighborhood as well as these three families, and we honor you and thank you all with all our hearts!

We asked these neighbors:

How has your work has been impacted by COVID-19?

How has it affected your family/home life?

How can our neighborhood best help you and other medical professionals?

What's one takeaway you've had during this whole COVID pandemic?

What message do you have for the neighborhood?

Here are their responses.

Caroline Marrs

I live on San Leandro with my husband, John, and our three daughters, Lucy (6), Ila (4), and Audrey (13 months). I am a maternal fetal medicine physician, or perinatologist - which means I take care of women with high risk pregnancies. I work at Medical City Dallas on Forest Lane. Our practice has been adjusting to the near constant changes and evolution of the pandemic. I am still seeing patients 5 days a week, but I am doing some telemedicine to minimize patients' risk of exposure to a health-care setting. Due to community spread, and the high rate of asymptomatic infection, I and my staff wear masks and eye protection all day and are incessantly sanitizing our office space, exam rooms, and waiting room. We are doing our best to protect patients and our staff, while still providing the care necessary to women with complicated pregnancies. Life is DIFFERENT! (Like it is for all our neighbors.) My husband is an oil and gas attorney, working from home. My 1st grader is doing "distance learning" while my 4 and 1 year-olds are doing "distance distracting." I am with the kids in the mornings while my husband works from the guest room, and then he takes over parenting when I head into work. I am so thankful for my husband who is a supportive spouse, amazing dad, and fantastic cook! My kids have never

Heather and Thomas Siegrist

Tom is an Administrator with Baylor Scott & White Health and Heather is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Baylor Dallas. We continue to go to work and care for patients. People are scared, but through courage and compassion, we all show up and push through. PPE supplies, testing capacity, life-saving medical equipment, are either in very, very low supply, being rationed, or meticulously being tracked and planned for worst-case scenario. There is a strong sense of community and support, the spirit of **we ALL are in this together** is strong. Each day brings a new challenge, and each day we grow stronger and more resilient. Work is deeply challenging, but we have a job to do now more than ever. Our son's daily routine has been the most impacted part of our life. He is 4 ½. Given that we must continue to go to work despite the shelter in place orders, it is particularly challenging for us. Our son's school is now 100% virtual, which is great, however we must orient his daily caregiver to the school's program. We are covering his home care day-by-day and have been relying on close friends and his Uncle. If anyone in the neighborhood has any good leads on a full-time Nanny, we are actively searching for strong word of mouth recommendations. In the midst of this, we are also expecting baby boy number two in late September. Remain calm, stay informed, and do your part. The collective stress in our community is higher than ever, avoid adding additional stress to your lives with things that are either out of your control or non-productive. Recommendations change daily as more data and information become available. Don't get overwhelmed with what could have been done but look forward to what we can do now. We are growing stronger each day, our family believes a silver lining is not





Heather & Thomas Siegrist & son



Tina Westmorland & family



far, and where we all find strength is through HIM. Balance the individual need of stockpiling PPE for your family and loved ones while understanding that people in the 'war zone' are in very low supply. Do take care of your family but try to avoid overdoing things like PPE as there are other family members like ours taking care of yours who are in great need and at risk for getting this virus. Do your part, social distance, wash hands, and hold yourself and those around you accountable. If you are sick, call your doctor and follow their orders and stay home. Pray, keep your faith, and maintain your rationality. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know. (Response given April 5th).

Tina Westmorland

Tina shared her thoughts and responses with Jessica Short via phone. The following is a summary of their conversation.

Tina is a surgical nurse with a certification to serve as first-assist in robotic surgeries. She has privileges at a number of hospitals in Dallas. She is married to Matt, a retired general surgeon. They have two adult children, Rachel and Luke. Tina and Matt have lived in Forest Hills for ~30+ years. Tina has always known she wanted to work in the medical field. She loves interacting with fellow nurses and doctors and is fascinated with the intricacies of the human body. She loves scrubbing in on surgical cases – and seeing how smart the human body is as it relates to the way it can heal and repair itself. At this point, elective surgeries have pretty much been postponed. The cases that are still happening are surgical oncology – and only ones that really can't wait. Impact on family life: Tina's daughter, Rachel, was supposed to get married in May. They moved the wedding to September. Luckily for the most part, the vendors were all accommodating! Tina's message to the neighborhood: Wash your hands – don't touch your face!! Follow the rules! We can do things safely – but you have got to follow the rules. Also, please only use what you need – don't deplete supplies.

Caroline, Tom, Heather and Tina, and all those neighbors working so hard in the health field, we honor you, we thank you, and we ask that you please call on us for anything you need! If you can use helpers to pick up food, bring you treats, make a meal, run your errands, say a prayer or anything else, you have 70 Helping Hands eagerly waiting to do something for you! Email foresthillshelpinghands@gmail.com. Or call (214) 971-5089. Jessica Short and Melissa Dermarkar are coordinating this effort.

**"Social-Distancing"
Stay Safe
Friends & Neighbors!**



"Social-Distancing" Signs

Since our big FHNA fundraiser, The East Dallas Garden Tour, has been cancelled, we thought of a little fundraiser. The Social-Distancing signs you've seen around the neighborhood are available for \$20, slightly more than our cost. Many who have purchased them also gave additional donations. Please consider buying a sign and being part of the Social Distancing movement!

To order: Email Andie Comini, andiecomini@aol.com. Include, how many signs you want, your address, and phone number. I will deliver to your home, calling beforehand. Please have either the correct amount in cash or a check made out to the FHNA in an envelope with your name and address on it ready for me to swap out. **Thank you to these folks who have purchased signs.** The funds go to supporting FHNA, reminding people to stay safe, increasing neighborhood spirit and making for many smiles!

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Looking for Something Fun/Helpful You Can Do During This Saf- er-At-Home Time?

Nearby CC Young Retirement Home needs our help!

They are asking for FH residents (kids to adults) to use this time to please draw/write cards of greetings for the many residents that are facing this time alone in their rooms.

Perfect project for our little ones to do those creative "refrigerator art" projects! Once you have your cards ready, drop them off in a box marked CC YOUNG ART on my front screened porch. Andie Comini - 1737 Whittier Ave @ Eustis corner (Dino out front) I will then get them to CC Young as they now have a very strict protocol in place as to how they can receive mail and deliver to their residents. They are so grateful for any SMILES!



A BIG thank you for participating in the FHNA Easter Egg Walk and Scavenger Hunt!!!

We are all spending a lot more time at our homes this Spring and many neighbors are passing the time walking, riding and scooting the blocks of Forest Hills. To make this Easter season 'eggstra' special, FHNA hosted an Easter Egg Walk and Scavenger Hunt. Neighbors colored their own unique eggs and hid them in their windows to brighten the hood. In addition, twenty golden eggs were hidden throughout the streets of Forest Hills and tons of egg detectives spent part of their days searching for them. We had over seventy seekers spy at least five golden eggs!!! They were rewarded with a special treat from TCBY at Mockingbird and Abrams. Thanks to Melissa Dermarkar for coordinating the treats. And, many thanks to ALL that participated in the hunt and to the neighbors who graciously 'hid' our golden eggs in their yards!

Some of our colored egg spotters searched harder than others AND the winners are... *Arjun and Jaya Patel spotted an astonishing 324 colored eggs!* *Olivia and Ian Johnston rounded out with 308!* *Honorable Mentions (over 200 eggs spotted!) 271 - Sydney, Cooper & Dillan Lohz - 252 - Quinn Mann - 233 - Grace & Palmer Jordan - 230 - Everett & Wyatt Cassidy*



Last Minute FH "Socially-Distanced" Parade! Honk-Honk-Honk

On Easter afternoon Forest Hills residents were treated to a last-minute spirited parade. Close to 25 vehicles of all kinds met in front of Alex Sanger school before weaving up and down every street in FH honking and waving to surprised residents. The only requirement was to be in a car/truck as no walking, tricycles, bikes, etc. were allowed. Happy kids and exuberant adults were the order of the day making for many smiles for participants and spectators alike.



Support our Local Restaurants

Many restaurants, particularly the dine-in kind, are challenged during this Stay-at-Home time. Some may not be able to weather the financial storm. Apparently one neighborhood favorite, The Lot, will not reopen.

So please, support those that are open for take out or delivery if you can. The CDC states you will not get Covid-19 from food, and recommends you disinfect the outer containers of take out upon receipt, then wash your hands and safely enjoy your meal.

Below is a partial list of open restaurants(at time of printing) provided by neighbors that have used them. Sorry if we missed you!

- **Andreas - Gaston**
- **Alfonso's - Buckner Blvd.**
- **Bennys Classic Grill - Garland Rd**
- **Canne Rosso - Grand Ave.**
- **CHILOSOS - Casa Linda**
- **Chipotle - Garland Rd.**
- **Cheesecake Royale - Garland Road**
- **Chic-fil-A - Garland Road**
- **Dickies BBQ - Garland Rd**
- **Diggs Tacos - Gaston**
- **Dugg Burger - Casa Linda**
- **El Fenix - Casa Linda**
- **El Vecino - Buckner Blvd.**
- **GAPizza Company - Peavy**
- **Ginger Thai - Mockingbird**
- **Good Friends - Peavey**
- **Hello Dumpling - Peavey**
- **Hong Kong - Garland Rd.**
- **Humble Pie - Garland Rd.**
- **Jason's Deli - Mockingbird**
- **Jersey Mike's - Gaston**
- **Keller's Drive-In - Northwest HWY**
- **Keller's Hamburgers - Garland Road**
- **Kozy Kitchen - Lakewood**
- **La la Land - Greenville**
- **La Madeleine - Mockingbird**
- **Lakewood Brewing Company**
- **Liberty Burger - Lakewood**
- **Lovers Pizza - Garland Rd.**
- **Maya's Modern Mediterranean (Casa Linda)**
- **McDonalds - Garland Road**
- **Nothing Bundt Cakes - Casa Linda**
- **Penne Pomodoro - Lakewood**
- **Raisin Canes - Gaston**
- **Resident Taqueria - Audelia Road**
- **Sealini's - Lakewood Village**
- **Schlotzkys - Casa Linda**
- **Sevan G&G - Greenville Ave**
- **Smoky Rose - Garland Rd.**
- **SONIC - Garland Rd.**
- **Subway - Casa Linda**
- **Taco Joint - Mockingbird**
- **TCBY - Mockingbird**
- **Torchy's - Casa Linda**
- **Verona's Italian - Garland Rd.**
- **Wabi House - Greenville**
- **White Rock Alehouse - Gaston**
- **Urban Vines - Garland Rd.**
- **Zoes - Lakewood**



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Thank You Coke Family



Yes, the Coronavirus is bad news... But the good news is that more and more of our neighbors are out walking our beautiful neighborhood than ever before! And one family has really kicked in to put smiles on all that pass by their handiwork. In the last newsletter we told you how teenager Grayson Coke had started his own company (Prestigious Lawns, 469-340-8672) and offered to take care of keeping the two triangles at Santa Clare/San Pedro/Whittier in shape for the neighborhood. After much rain and neglect, the triangles were in really bad shape. As a surprise and gift to the neighborhood, the whole Coke family of Forest Hills Blvd. worked an entire weekend cleaning up this eyesore and making it a beautiful place for our residents to enjoy. They also donated 30 bags of mulch to the project! So, when out for your next walk, drop by and enjoy! Thank you Coke Family!



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YARD OF THE MONTH



March 2020
David & Martine Buhmann
8122 Santa Clara Drive

Martine likes to have something blooming in this storybook garden all year long and March has

been a parade of blooms: first the Saucer Magnolia Tree, then the fancy pink Iris purchased from the Iris sale in Hico, TX, and the unusual China Snow Fringe Tree. "The garden is always evolving!" It's what she and David (her yardman/husband) love best about the yard.

When they purchased this vintage cottage 25 years ago, Martine enlarged the foundation beds around the front door, and David tried to tame the over grown privet hedge out by the sidewalk, but neither knew what to do about the ragged entryway. Luckily, they consulted Master Gardener and Morning News columnist Skip Allen who in time became a life long friend. He suggested they create a whimsical border with perennial plants rather than fencing the yard. "Skip had the vision for the design." The resulting garden today pays homage to this talented master and is a pleasure to behold.



April 2020
Karen Fling & David Hille
8351 San Fernando Way

There's a changing of the guard at "The Institute of Devine Mercy" (read the mailbox) where jewel toned

Salvia, Dianthus and Snapdragons are coming into bloom. When Karen and David purchased this former Catholic convent 20 years ago, there was a circular driveway, lots of dirt and fabulous trees. From this blank canvas an eclectic outdoor living space evolved. Spectator benches were placed around the children's play area. Dwarf Youpon Holly encircled the drive. Reclaimed iron works were installed. Karen designed the garden to look beautiful from within the house. To her, the most spectacular view is of circular drive viewed from above. From this vantage her 'ribbon hedge' wraps around 20 pockets of seasonal color.

Although she now relies on gardening help, Karen has always enjoyed what she calls the "physicality" of caring for a yard. "The feeling of having a free day where you roll out of bed and go into the yard with your cup of coffee and work until the sun goes down is still the best!" In Karen's eyes, this award belongs to Chuck Walton, Ruibal's Roberto Vergara, & her service providers Jose Luis Gonzales & Mario Juarez.

LET'S GET GARDENING! By Julie Dunn

While we're all stuck at home, gardening is a great way to spend some time outdoors with the family. Kids love to play in the dirt and everybody could use a little exercise, right? Take pictures to send your loved ones as photo bouquets. And hey! Submit your favorite photo to the newsletter. We might use it. It's easy to plant something that will flower or fruit. All you need are pots, seeds or nursery plants, and compost. Our local nurseries and hardware stores are making it so easy to order for pickup and in some cases for delivery. So, let's support our local businesses and get going! *Kathy Glenn has some great tips:*

Try growing some HERBS. A sensory garden is a great way to involve the kids in planting & harvesting for the dinner table.

- Small starts of basil, oregano, mint, rosemary, thyme, and fennel will grow quickly in containers to produce fillers for bouquets, salad mixes and the cook pot.
- Some VEGETABLE plants can go directly into the ground for a jumpstart on summer. Others will grow from seed at this time of year in a sunny spot. Kids especially enjoy measuring weekly growth and cooking the harvest.
- Okra, and squashes are easy to germinate from seed and are good for grilling, and sautés. (Note: Pick the okra when it's 2" to 3" long, before it becomes a sword to use against siblings!)
- Beans are the quintessential veggie, fun to grow on a fence or on a homemade trellis or tepee.

Everyone loves FLOWERS.

- Grow your Zinnias, Cosmos, Black Eyed Susan, or Sunflowers from seed. Just scratch up a sunny spot, scatter, and cover with a little soil.
- Petunias, Geraniums, Hibiscus and Snaps all do well in pots. Our nurseries have a huge selection of annuals and perennials in stock.

And for those of us with lots of shade, fashion a "growing table" to place your pots on so that you can move it around to sunny spots as needed. Remember to document, draw, and take pictures to share.

SEE YOU IN THE GARDEN!

Some open local suppliers: Ace Hardware - 214-821-5680, Brumley's Gardens - 214-343-4900, Elliott's Hardware - 214-660-9838, Redenta's - 214-823-9421, Ruibal's - 214-324-4800, Walton's Garden Center - 213-321-2387.



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That during these tough Shelter in Place times so much good has come out.

MORE neighbors are...

Out getting some fresh air and exercise. Meeting and interacting with each other from a safe distance. Smiling, greetings and waving to each other. Reaching out to help each other. Working from home and able to spend quality time with their kids. Working in their beautiful gardens. When times get tough, Forest Hills residents get tough too but with a heart. Know we are in this together and, as the chalk art says, "this too shall pass."



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Forest Hills **IN** Together

The months since the last newsletter brought a new and worrisome experience to us all. The Coronavirus hit the world and Forest Hills. With it came sheltering at home, social distancing, telecommuting, homeschooling, stressing out, and more. We worked hard to stay healthy and safe, looking out not only for ourselves but our neighbors.

When the going got tough, the tough went walking in beautiful Forest Hills! They walked the streets and waved at neighbors, realizing they were not alone in this uncharted journey. Many got calls from neighbors asking if they needed anything, some found food like a container of chicken soup or fresh eggs on their doorstep, others received daily texts or took part in Zoom meet-ups. From these months of isolation, but with community connection, many of us came to realize how fortunate we were to have had our neighbor family to help us through uncertain times. A neighborhood where we all are truly **IN** together.

Those red signs in our yards, mean more than you are **IN** the Security Program. It means our whole neighborhood, sign or not, is **IN** our neighbor family.

Let's celebrate Forest Hills!



Our Forest Hills Family Tree

It was such an uncertain and scary time when this article was due! Hopefully, now a month later as we read this, we know more, things are better, and we are moving forward. One thing is for sure, it is even MORE essential to

continue to have our Forest Hills Security patrol and our social connection. Please double check to see if you are current with **your 2020 membership** with both the Security Program and the Neighborhood Association. Both branches need you as a vital member of the Forest Hills family tree.

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