



FOREST HILLS NEWS

November - December 2019

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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Neighborhood Cleanup Sunday November 10

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Sunday December 1
White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles and ads due
Sunday December 1st for
January/February

BULK TRASH
November

Trash can go out Thursday, November 7 - Sunday, 10
With pickup starting the week of Monday, November 11

December

Trash can go out Thursday, December 5 - Sunday, 8
With pickup starting the week of Monday, December 9

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/DCH%20Documents/pdf/2ndMonday2019.pdf>

The President's Letter

Hello neighbors! By the time you get this, the summer weather will have finally broken. I put that in my last president's letter ... and must have jinxed it because we just had the hottest September in Dallas history. As I write this in early October, the heat index is still 100 degrees.



JEFF PETERSON
President

For those of you unable to attend the fall FHNA meeting, we were honored to have our newly-elected Dallas City Councilmember Paula Blackmon speak. Paula provided updates on everything from 3G (plans being finalized, but not starting for quite a while) to White Rock Lake (dredging review under way). She was so gracious to spend an evening with us out of her busy schedule. In the general meeting, we received an update from Bruce Borrett, treasurer, on the sources and uses of our money in the neighborhood association. Tim Simmonds provided an update on neighborhood beautification efforts (with a fall clean-up scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 9 am). Melissa Dermarkar provided an update on FH's official welcoming committee. Carol Lander informed us about the continued efforts of the FH security program to increase participations, which leads directly to more hours of patrolling. With the holiday season coming up, crimes of opportunity will rise as multiple Amazon boxes sit on our porches, and neighbors travel to see loved ones and friends. If you're reading this and haven't become a member yet, please turn right now to the page with the large red "ARE YOU IN?" and turn that no into a yes.

On the neighborhood front, we have many a great set of activities coming up (or that have just taken place) - the FH FUNraiser at Lakewood Brewing on Friday, October 18, and the Warren Ferris Cemetery Fundraising Event on Sunday, October 27. Halloween is always a blast in FH, as we have amazing decorations, lots of people throwing parties for friends and neighbors, and kids trick or treating from all over the area. On Sunday, December 1, we'll have our Christmas Tree Lighting event with a great set of activities for all to enjoy. Big thanks to Carrie Bevers and Sara Winwood for stepping in as Co-Event Chairs! This role has been vacant for some time and involves some of the heaviest lifting. If you are so inclined, please reach out to Carrie and Sara and volunteer to assist them with activities.

Here's hoping everyone has a peaceful and (relatively) stress-free holiday season.

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Forest Hills Dog Attacks

It has been reported that several Forest Hills neighbors and their dogs have been viciously attacked by overly aggressive dogs living in our own neighborhood. And sadly, the owners of the aggressive dogs are not taking responsibility for the actions of their dogs. It is imperative that if you or your pet should be attacked by an aggressive dog you report it immediately to:

Animal Alert! - info@lfhanimalalert.org - 214-930-5910

Dallas Animal Services - go to their page and follow the instructions.

<https://dallascityhall.com/departments/dallas-animal-services/Pages/Dangerous-Dogs.aspx>

Dallas Animal Services encourages responsible pet ownership through continued education and outreach efforts. If a dog has been deemed dangerous in the City of Dallas, the owner must comply with specific requirements to ensure that people feel safe where they live, work, and play. Dangerous and aggressive dog determinations are governed by both Texas law and local ordinances.

An **aggressive dog** is a dog that has injured or killed a legally restrained domestic animal or livestock.

A **dangerous dog** is a dog that makes an unprovoked attack (or unprovoked actions that suggest the dog will cause serious bodily injury in the future) that causes injury to a human.

How to Handle Animal Bites

A person bitten or scratched by an animal should report the incident by calling 311. Dallas Animal Services will investigate the incident and quarantine the animal if the attack caused broken skin.

A person may request an affidavit to request a dangerous dog hearing (if the dog caused bodily injury). To request an affidavit, call 214-670-8313 and an affidavit will be mailed or faxed to you.

By not taking a stand you put other neighbors and their dogs in jeopardy of being attacked too...

By Melissa Dermarkar

Newcomers Party

The Newcomers Committee happily hosted its semi-annual *Wine and Cheese Party* on Sunday, September 22nd. Turnout was exceptional and there was a great positive vibe. Since January 2019, we have had 36 new families move into our lovely Forest



Hills, and 13 of those new families were able to attend the event. The purpose of this gathering was to help welcome our newcomers, encourage the development of new relationships among neighbors and continue to foster and grow a sense of community. Conversations were plentiful and so good that no one left the party a "stranger". Board Members and Committee Chairs were also invited to the event,



and 7 members took time out of their Sunday afternoon to welcome our new friends and

answer questions - thank you to those members for making such an impactful contribution to our community!

It was very encouraging seeing new relationships form, connections made and contact info shared. **Carol Lander** was on hand to answer questions about our Security Program and share firsthand the amazing results of how the program has decreased crime through increased patrol hours.

This "new" Newcomers Committee started last January, and its initiative has been very well received, with lots of positive feedback. **Melissa and Lee Ann** deliver all newcomers a handwritten card welcoming them to the neighborhood, and offer to visit with them as well. The short visit includes giving them a small housewarming gift, the directory, and a revised Welcome Packet filled with useful information, including info on the Neighborhood Association, the Security Program, the history of the area, area resources and important phone numbers. Many sincere thanks to **Judy Whalen** for staying on top of who is moving in and out of Forest Hills, and for passing that information on to the committee - we couldn't do this without Judy's input and help!

Both Melissa and Lee Ann have truly enjoyed being one of the early contacts of these newcomers, and have loved meeting so many lovely people in the process! This is just one more small way to help keep Forest Hills the amazing community it already is!



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Bronze - \$240

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www.foresthillssecurity.org

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Home Watch Request:
fhspenp@aol.com

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fhspenp@aol.com**

**WE NEED TO KNOW TOO!
Your reports Help us, Help you!**



joinUS!

Forest Hills Security

Our Security Program is Working and Making a Difference

Our 1-23 Campaign and the tireless efforts to promote the Forest Hills Security Program HAS made a difference.

- Participation went from 33% of the neighborhood in 2017 to 62% in 2019. A 50% increase!
- Patrol Hours have doubled from 28 hrs weekly in 2017 to 50 hrs in 2019. Double protection!
- Crime went down from 46 incidences in 2018 to 22 in 2019. A 50% decrease!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE! Let's keep moving toward our goal of 80% participation in 2020!

The Forest Hills Security Program Annual "Sign In" day is January 23, 2020.

Our "IN" Coming 1-23 signs will be around the neighborhood to promote awareness for this campaign. Let's make this the day when we rally our friends and neighbors to Join In, Stay IN and Get Back "IN" to keep our neighborhood safe and secure!



More Patrol Hours = Less Crime

It is proven with more Patrol hours, we have decreased crime. Let's go from 62% to 80% of the residences "IN"vested in maintaining the beauty, safety and security of this idyllic neighborhood.

This once a year January revenue allows the Security Program to forecast with certainty, the police patrol coverage for the whole year.

Please go to www.foresthillssecurity.org choose your level and 1-2-3 CLICK and you are "IN". JOIN US!

IT DOES MATTER! CALL 911!

ALL incidents need to be reported. No incident is too small, even if you know nothing can be done about it. The Forest Hills Security Program uses your reports to track number/kind of crimes, times they occur and other statistics to fight crime. Our mission is to follow the trends and schedule our ENP patrol when the bad guys are out. So please, call 911 so we can have documentation and a paper trail. If it is a serious or a minor incident and our patrol is on, they will hear the 911 call and respond in minutes. If it is not an emergency begin your 911 call with: "This is not an emergency, but I want to report an incident." Having the protection of our officers patrolling during peak times is critical. Help us help PROTECT you.





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Forest Hills Bulletin Board

Joggers and Dog Walkers Please be More Careful!

While Lakeland is still closed, lots of people drive through the neighborhood. Larry Paschall, who comes through in the dark early morning writes: "I cannot tell you the number of walkers/runners I have come upon in the street wearing dark colored clothes. Very rarely do I see anyone in light colored clothing or with anything reflective. One morning I passed a woman dressed in black walking a black lab!"

Bulky Trash – Man on a Bicycle

Forest Hills Dates are IN the second week of the month, but you are ONLY allowed to put your trash out Thursday - Sunday of that week. Any earlier and you may get an expensive ticket.

Apparently, there is a man who rides his bike through neighborhoods, takes pictures of items put out ahead of time and sends the pictures/addresses to City Code Enforcement. They are then obligated to go and ticket the homeowner – even if it's just few twigs or branches. So be sure not to put ANYTHING out until it's time.

Parking in Forest Hills

Homeowners have reported getting parking tickets for their car parked in the wrong direction, so be sure to park correctly - with the direction of traffic. Our Forest Hills Security wants you to know they are not the ones giving you the tickets.

Running Forest Hills STOP Signs

If you are running our Forest Hills STOP signs - please stop! Be careful at intersections as others may not stop. Many of our neighbors have reported an increase in the number of people shooting through our STOP signs. Some are people passing through our neighborhood (Lakeland is still under construction) but others have been identified as our own neighbors. Security states that the STOP sign runners seem to really be frequent at the intersection of Forest Hills and Breezewood.

Spotlight On

The Byrne Family, Our New Neighbors on San Cristobal!

By Nicole Bosworth

Our new neighbors Michael and Maria Byrne are happy to be back in the Dallas area after living in many parts of the U.S. Michael is originally from Southern California, and Maria was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They have four daughters and two grandchildren. Their daughters are in different places, too- one in Los Angeles, one in San Diego, another in Tucson, and the youngest in New Orleans.



When they first moved back to Dallas, their hunt for the perfect home was focused on the area by St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, where they were married in 2010. Three days before they were scheduled to fly to Dallas to view many houses in that area, the listing for their new "home" in Forest Hills appeared on Maria's laptop! Even after living in Dallas since 1971, Maria was unfamiliar with Forest Hills. The new listing offered exactly what Michael and Maria wanted, and as soon as they arrived in Dallas, they viewed the house first and KNEW it was the one! Maria and Michael were also able to locate several current residents and one former resident who were eager to help their new neighbors by answering questions and offering personal insights. Maria said, "They were instrumental in helping us make our decision".

Maria and Michael love that Forest Hills feels like an escape from the city! Maria recounted how ironic it is that they left the beach in a relatively small town to come to the big city and find peace and quiet. They constantly marvel at the natural beauty and said, "it is incomparable to any other neighborhood in Dallas". They admire Forest Hills for its mature trees, diverse architecture, proximity to White Rock Lake, the Arboretum, and downtown, but, Michael and Maria say the most valuable quality of Forest Hills are the residents! Maria said, "In all our years living in a variety of cities and neighborhoods, neither of us has experienced the warmth and friendliness of our neighbors as we do here. We feel so welcomed and included. We are genuinely thankful and happy to call Forest Hills HOME".

Michael is an avid baseball player and was thrilled to come back to Dallas and rejoin his previous team. Maria has been running for over 30 years and in many different locations including a marathon in Anchorage, Alaska. Maria said that running in Forest Hills "is one of the prettiest routes"! Maria and Michael both enjoy traveling, watching movies, reading, and are active in the St. Aquinas Thomas parish.

There were many reasons Forest Hills and their new home was the perfect fit, but Michael and Maria remember the day they viewed the house fondly- almost as if the new home was calling their name! While they were viewing the house for the first time, standing in the back speaking with the agent, Michael heard his name repeatedly being called out. It turns out their future neighbor, Jennifer Dickerson, owns a most loveable dog named Michael! Michael and Maria felt that was a sign, and the rest is history. They've since gotten to know Jennifer and her family more and more since they moved in and feel blessed to have such caring, loving and considerate neighbors.

Please Welcome the Byrne Family to Forest Hills!

FHNA Fall Meeting

September 24, 2019 at Times Ten Cellars

If you were one of the more than 65 neighbors at this meeting, you know a good time was had by all! Highlights of the meeting run by President Jeff Peterson are described in the President's Letter on Page 2. We were very happy to have our Councilmember Paula Blackmon present and speaking to the group. We had updates on Treasury, Security, Newcomers, upcoming Neighborhood Cleanup on Nov. 12, our big new FUNraising event on Oct. 18, and the Neighborhood Tree Lighting on Dec. 1.

Also discussed was the problem of aggressive dogs in the neighborhood. See our article on that in this newsletter. It was suggested that we might want to go to an electronic only newsletter to save money. Some folks brought up their experience that readership dropped in a similar association when they went to electronic and others pointed out that many older residents are not big computer users. So, no changes at present.

One important project that needs updating is our Neighborhood Directory. Our current one is years old and a lot of new people have moved in. No one is spearheading this effort yet so ...Volunteers anyone?



Councilmember Paula Blackmon talks to the group

How great to be part of such a happy, vibrant neighborhood!



Susan Bailey talks about the Oct. 18 Forest Hills is Brewing FunRaiser



New Event Co-Chairs Carrie Bevers and Sara Winwood



Carol Landers describes the great success of Forest Hills Security



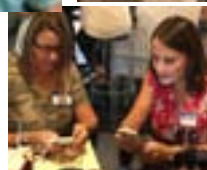
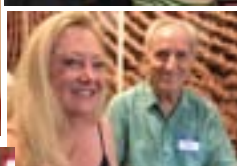
Bruce Borrett gives the Treasurer's report



FHNA President Jeff Peterson



Melissa Dermakar talks about the Newcomers Committee



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Important Dallas Animal Services Legal Changes Regarding Lost and Found Animals

By Andie Comini

We'd like to share a heads-up about an important shift in policy at DAS regarding lost and found animals: Until recently, Dallas residents who found loose pets and wanted to save them from going to DAS could file a report, then keep the pet until the owner was found. If no owner was found, they were free to keep or rehome the pet. However, DAS has changed its approach in a way that now puts residents at the risk of litigation: If you have found a new home for a pet and the owner resurfaces, you can be charged with theft!

We all want to help a lost pet - but no one should end up in a lawsuit.

If you DO want to save the pets you find legally, you should take them to DAS and "pre-adopt." They must stay there for 72 hours, and if no owner comes forward, you can pick them up and adopt or find a new home. Feel free to reach out to me if you have questions and remember to report all lost and found animals to Animal Alert! 214-930-5910 or info@lfhanimalalert.org

Dallas Animal Services Released This To Clarify the Laws When an Animal Is Found

So what do you do if you find a loose or lost pet? It's important that you follow the proper process to ensure they have the opportunity to be reunited with their owners and to comply with the law. According to Dallas city ordinance Section 7-4.12, a person commits an offense if he takes possession of a loose dog and fails to make a reasonable effort within 72 hours to locate the dog's owner by:

- (1) calling the telephone number listed on the dog's tag;
- (2) taking the dog to a licensed veterinarian for a microchip, tattoo, or other identification screening and calling the owner identified through the screening;
- (3) calling 311 to request that animal services pick up the dog for identification screening and impoundment; or
- (4) delivering the dog to the city's animal shelter for identification screening and impoundment.

We do recommend that you create a Found Pet Report on our Animal Alert! website, but this alone is not considered a reasonable effort to reunite the pet. It is also important to know that even after following one or more of the steps above, including reporting to DAS, you are NOT the legal owner of the animal. The only way for legal ownership of the animal to be transferred is for the animal to come into DAS for its proper stray hold; Section 7-2.5b specifies that this hold must occur at the shelter: "the director shall hold the animal at an animal shelter for a period of 72 hours, after which the animal becomes the sole property of the city. "We appreciate your help to lawfully reunite pets with their families and continue to save more lives! #BeDallas90"

Forest Hills Residents - If You Lose Your Pet

Report to Animal Alert! by emailing a photo and details of the animal to info@lfhanimalalert.org

Complete a lost or found pet report through Dallas Animal Services database system. Visit PetHarbor.com to submit a report or review the ones already posted and increase your odds of a reunion. Go to the Dallas Animal Services shelter to look for your pet. If you live near the city limits of other towns, visit their animal shelters, too! Spread the word on social media pages like NextDoor, Facebook (including local neighborhood and community pages), and Twitter.

Post "Lost Pet" flyers in the community, including at local veterinary offices. Ask your neighbors, postal delivery workers, yard crews, etc. if they've seen your pet.

If DAS Has Your Pet

There are fees associated with daily boarding, impoundment, vaccination (if you don't have proof of current rabies vaccination), microchipping and spay/neuter. You may speak to a representative at the Lost and Found desk to discuss the fees or access them online http://dallas-tx.elaws.us/code/coor_appsid834932_ch7_artii_sec7-2.6

Don't Forget to Microchip - In Dallas it's the law!

Forest Hills Fall Cleanup

By Tim Simmonds

Sunday November 10, 2019

Come help us clean up our beautiful medians! We will pick up trash and debris and do some light trimming. Meet at the corner of San Pedro and Whittier at 9 am, where we will break into smaller groups and go to work in various locations. You can also join in later by just finding us working around the neighborhood and jumping in! All day or a couple of hours – any help is appreciated.

Things to bring (if you have them): gloves, hand pruners, pruning saws, water, sunscreen, plastic bags and small chain saws. And most important – willing hands!

We timed this so bulky trash will pick up everything the following week. No hauling anything away!

Questions? Contact Tim Simmonds at 214-532-6793 or t.simmonds@working-plants.com.

Our Forest Hills Brewing FUNraiser was a HUGE SUCCESS!

We raised at least \$15,000!!

This supports our FH Neighborhood Association, FH Security Program, Sanger Elementary, White Rock Center of Hope and Ferguson Road Initiative! Our goal was to have 125 people attend and to raise \$10K, so when we sold 166 tickets and netted at least \$15k we were elated! Our neighborhood establishments donated the live and silent auctions items with 117 coming from over 60 businesses.

It was a glorious fall evening, with absolutely perfect weather, in a beautiful setting with great people. Many of our neighbors were new to the neighborhood and we hope this encourages their participation within Forest Hills and openness to new friends here.

Thank you to Canne Rosso plus our wonderful NEIGHBOR Sponsors: Wim Bens and Brenda Busch at the Lakewood Brewing Company, Lamont Real Estate, FH Chapter Chats, Becky Oliver, Harry Morgan and Dave Perry Miller, along with Friends of Forest Hills, the John Zavala family, Kevin & Keri Black, Bob and Carol Lander, Eddy and Vikki Rae Espinosa, Rob and Linda Westerberg and Denny and Lori Hunt who covered all the major expenses from the start!

Thanks to **Greg Stinson** and **Tim Simmonds** for the donation and creation of the 16 gorgeous live plant centerpieces! The sale of these Beautiful arrangements brought in \$720! What a beautiful gift that will carry on in our homes.

We thank each of you who bought a ticket, came out and supported our auctions! Thanks to our Co-Chairs: **Susan Bailey** and **Carol Lander** for arranging our First Annual FUNraiser! They spent weeks working out all the details and admit that without the help of SO many neighbors we could NEVER have pulled it all together. Susan was a master at procuring auction items, while Carol focused on marketing and finding our Event Sponsors.

Melissa Dermakar did an incredible job keeping track of the ticket sales and making the name tags! Our Forest Hills Security Program Treasurer, **Ken Bernstein**, took care of all our Financial issues. **Annelise Pedersen** and **Linda Westerberg** were responsible for the display of all the great auction items. **Vikki Rae Espinosa** made the atmosphere beautiful with her fabulous decorations.

So grateful to all our other volunteers who made this happen: auctioneers **Denny and Lori Hunt, Julie Dunn, Tamela Southan, Brenda Dunklau, Keri and Kevin Black, Linda Gilpin, Judy Whalen, Ana Seo, Audrey Kim, Nellie Gerard, Wes Gilpin, Bob Lander, Kathleen Davis, John Mitchell, Elizabeth Ferguson, and Becky Bordelon.**

All in all, it was an impressive way to bring the neighborhood together. For our first time organizing this event, it went pretty smoothly! Our apologies for what didn't. We truly **RAISED the FUN in Forest Hills! Looking forward to next year!**





Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery Update!

Something very exciting is happening in our neighborhood and we want you to be a part of it!

In the mid 1800's, the land we all live on was surveyed and settled by Warren Ferris. He lived here, farmed, and established a family cemetery when his first child died in 1847. That cemetery has long been neglected, but it holds great promise to be something very special for our neighborhood.

Located across from the Alex Sanger Elementary School at the corner of San Leandro Dr. and St. Francis Ave., is a small lot that is a remnant of the original four-acre cemetery.



We propose to transform it into a neighborhood amenity with a walking trail, a wildlife and butterfly way station, wildlife web-cameras to document wildlife and special activities honoring the Dallas pioneers buried there. It will become a peaceful place to stroll, to learn, to sit, to contemplate.

The restoration of the cemetery landscape could serve as a template for study and improvement of the greenbelt in the middle of our Forest Hills neighborhood that extends from San Leandro Dr. to Whittier Ave.



As a neighbor, please consider joining us as a Founding Member of the Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery.

Visit our website, FriendsOfTheWarrenFerrisCemetery.org, to see our goals, endorsements, partners and progress.

Chapter Chats Book Club

By Melissa Dermarkar

It is with great excitement that we announce that the Forest Hills Chapter Chats Book Club is up and running! We started back in July and interest has been incredible! We have 25 active Chapter Chatters, with an average of 16 members attending the monthly meetings. Friendships and connections that have been made are very visible. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming interest, we have peaked with our membership, and have now started a wait list to join.



The host/moderator will be the one to choose the monthly book, and we meet in their home, based on a rotating schedule. Thus many different genres and types of books are chosen, read. The beautiful thing about a book club is that it introduces you to books that you might never have picked up yourself - which has proven to be the case here. Below is a list of books that we have chosen just in case you were looking to pick up a new book!

In the spirit of community, we are proud that we raised \$750 for the Forest Hills is Brewing Fundraiser! Chapter Chatters were asked to donate voluntarily to the fund, and we were all blown away by the high participation and by the amount of money raised for this good cause! Amazing what good can be done when people pool their efforts!

And as one would think ... the book club is as diverse and unique as our neighborhood, which is a truly beautiful thing to see! Looking forward to many more evenings of friendship, lively conversations ... and wine.

The Immortalists, Chloe Benjamin
The Night Tiger, Yangsze Choo
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman
The Silent Patient, Alex Michaelides
Verity, Colleen Hoover

*to join the wait list, please email theforesthillsbookclub@gmail.com

It's that time of year!

Time to pay your 2020 FHNA Dues: Due Jan 1

Your annual fees are used for:

The Newsletter
Animal Alert!
Fun Neighborhood Events
Community Beautification Projects

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Residents under 65 - \$50 per household
Residents 65+ - \$30 per household

Please note that this is separate from the Security Program!

Pay homeowners dues either through PayPal or by check.
Additional donations of any amount are always appreciated.

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FH Association PO Box 180897 Dallas, TX 75218
Please Contribute - Volunteer - be part of the FHNA spirit!

FRI/FHNA White Rock Hills Park



By Daniel Ortman

Hi neighbors! In this issue I update you on progress taking place with White Rock Hills Park, located near the corner of Highland and Ferguson (2229 Highland Road). Here, the City of Dallas, in partnership with the Ferguson Road Initiative, broke ground last year on the park, Phase I of the future White Rock Hills Community Recreation Center project. FRI has long lobbied, coordinated and even helped design the forthcoming park. Phase I had been expected to be completed in late 2019, unofficially, we think it could run into early 2020. I include some images showing the design and physical elements. We also hope to see a good number of trees planted.

In other news –Activity continues on Highland Road, with seemingly everything but Highland Road reconstruction. The road's redevelopment delayed due to the Lakeland Drive debacle. Obviously, both thoroughfares cannot be out of commission simultaneously. Good news though, I recently heard from Councilperson



Paula Blackmon that contracts were being signed for work to commence in the first half of 2020 – when Lakeland Dr. is anticipated to be completed. More on that later.

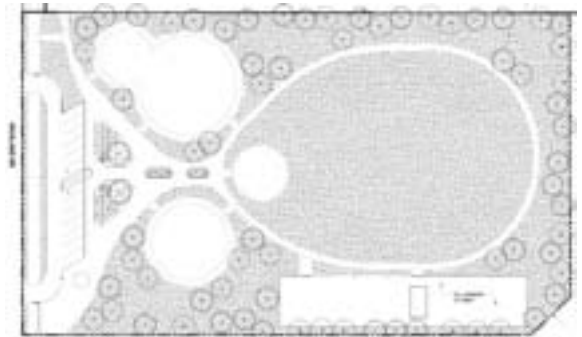


The streets and infrastructure for the new

David Weekley subdivision appear to have been completed, and lots will soon be made available to the builder.

As always, for more see 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/>. Please 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 Newsletter.

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Spotlight on Sanger

By Wendy Habicht

Construction Update - As you can see by the pictures, the site has been cleared to make way for the new 2-story classroom addition. The windows on that side of the building have been boarded up to keep students and teachers safe. Wheelchair ramps have been installed where needed to assure that students who use them are able to access the playground and the garden area.

Hopefully, you have noticed that the student pickup area has been consolidated to the Whittier end of the school yard. Mr. Martinez and his team are committed to making sure that parents keep the traffic moving during pickup to minimize any inconvenience to our community. They have also maximized parking for staff on school grounds, along with construction vehicles, to keep our streets unobstructed as much as possible.



Garden Update - Despite the long, hot summer, the garden is looking good! A split rail fence has been installed to define the garden near the picnic tables. There is an area with benches where a class can sit while they learn more about plants and the environment.

Some comfortable chairs have been added where teachers can have lunch – they have given up their break room during construction for classroom space! There is a composting center, which the sixth graders will be in charge of maintaining. As the weather cools, more planting will be done, and worm casting bins installed.



Help for homeless and needy students - Ms. Castillo has established a toiletry closet for students and their families in need. If you would like

to contribute, you can drop off items to her at the front desk. Items needed are toothpaste and toothbrushes, medium size shampoo and body wash, and bar soap. Travel size items are also welcome! The school will be putting together Christmas bags for these students, so donations made in the coming month will also be used for them.

WOOF! MEOW!

Translated - THANK YOU!

To those that stepped up and donated to Animal Alert! when our funds became very low a couple of months ago.

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And a special thank you to Forest Hills Neighborhood Association for the continued support all these years!

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Teen Spotlight on Sierra Ross

By Kelly Lamont



Sierra Ross, 14, has been living in Forest Hills for 5 years. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas School from 1st grade through 8th grade. She was in the National Junior Honor Society, played volleyball and basketball.

Sierra is currently a Freshman at Bishop Lynch High School. She is loving this new chapter in her life, making many new friends and loving the spirit that her new school has. Sierra is a Bishop Lynch volleyball player, and, in the spring, will be on the BL crew team and part of the Dallas United Crew varsity team. Through her rowing she has found a new love for White Rock Lake and gets to see the beauty of our neighborhood every time she rows. In her spare time, she loves attending BL football games and participating in community events.

Sierra enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She has a tremendous love for the mountains and has recently started a quest of hiking 14ers (hiking a trail that is above 14,000 feet). She has now achieved summit two and hopes to accomplish hiking all 58 such trails in Colorado.

Forest Hills Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 1
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Intersection of Forest Hills and Breezewood

Join us for a fun event for the whole family to kick off the Christmas season. Party starts at 4:30 with train rides, cookie decorating, and hot chocolate. Santa and his sleigh will be there for picture taking. The tree lights up at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and your neighbors and join us for this fun celebration to kick off the holidays. Grown-ups, it is okay to BYOB. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Interested in helping with the celebration? – Service hours will be given!
Contact Carrie: cole_carrie@yahoo.com

YARD OF THE MONTH



September

8325 Forest Hills Blvd.
Woody & Kathy Glenn

A garden this fresh in September is a testament to a great gardener. Over 200 Caladiums carpeted by rosy annuals grace the shaded house front. A flowerbed meanders along the driveway from the street corner to the side yard gate where Nandinas and Holly Ferns provide a cool backdrop to a perennial extravaganza now featuring Pink Turk's Cap, Summer Phlox, Lamb's Ear, Coleus and Cigar Plant. Kathy calls this her flower basket. .

There are many stepping-stone paths through Mondo Grass, Sedums & Ajugas (6 varieties) leading to a backyard cornucopia including fire pit, Koi pond, vegetable garden, a wild bird jungle gym, a rosarian's Rose bed, more perennials, a swimming pool, a greenhouse, beehives and of course, a composting area. Kathy reflects, "To be a gardener, you have to feel like you are nurturing nature. For me it's about the light, the changing seasons and the shared memories."



October

8431 Santa Clara Drive
Griselda Rocha & Muditha Karunatileka

This yard has been transformed in the last 6 months from a very traditional landscape into a vibrant, lush, inviting one. It's been home to Griselda Rocha, her husband Muditha Karunatileka and their children Sofia & Sebastian for 10 years but Griselda felt the garden needed new life, so she encouraged young landscape gardener Luciano Rojas to "go crazy." He kept the basics; Japanese Maples and a spectacular Oak Leaf Hydrangea, but an overabundance of Liriopi and the old boxy foundation bushes had to go.

Now the remaining Liriopi surrounds beautiful walkway stepping-stones, rims an eye-catching stand of refreshing green Coleus, frames miniature Rose beds and anchors the new foundation plantings including Variegated Pittosporum, and Japanese Aralias. The result is a very inviting front yard and a serene backyard pool framed by overflowing planters of Tropical Hibiscus, Alyssum & burgundy Coleus. As autumn lights up the Japanese Maples, yet another layer of exciting color will frame an already beautiful yard.

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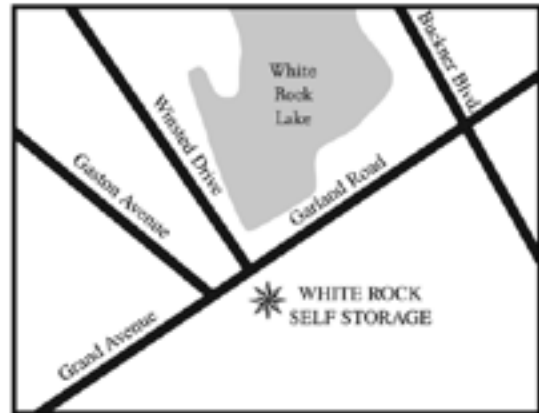
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