



THE COMMUNIQUÉ

January – February 2011

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Dallas Police Choir at Forest Hills December 4th Keller Circle Tree Lighting

Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Every Month — Second Saturday White Rock Shoreline Spruce-up (see article within)

July 4 — July 4th Parade & Picnic. Details to follow.

Feb. 09 — Single Mingle Valentine's Day Party/Fundraiser benefiting Animal Alert! –
Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m.. Dee's Doggie Den (see ad within)

Feb. 19 — Wine Tasting, Katrina & Mark Moran, 8516 San Leandro, Saturday, 7:00 p.m

Feb. 26 — Texas Hold'em Tournament & Casino Night Fundraiser, Another Broken Egg,
1152 N. Buckner Rd. #101, Saturday, 5:00 – 10:30 p.m. (see flyer within)

March 03 — Spring General Meeting at Times Ten Cellars Annex, 6324 Prospect Ave.,
Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

March 24 — Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fling, Saturday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at location
TBD.

May 22* — White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour (11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, FH, LFH
& Casa Linda) *tentative

May 30 — Memorial Day – BBQ Cook out for our local veterans. Location TBD.

**Volunteers Needed for all Occasions
— Call Shelly Clem — 214-837-8419**

Presidential Thoughts . . .



Leon Russell,
FHNA President

Happy New Year! Having finally reached an age where I tend to forget my resolutions almost as soon as I make them, I now must write them down if there is to be any chance of remembering them. For our neighborhood association, some of the FHA resolutions for 2011 are to:

- 1) complete the alley cleanup campaign;
- 2) complete the bylaws update;
- 3) fill the remaining vacant board positions;
- 4) expand communications through a FH Facebook page;
- 5) publish new FH Directory;
- 6) install new street sign toppers; and,
- 7) conduct a major fundraising event.

The last item, a Casino Night & Texas Hold 'Em fundraiser, is currently scheduled for February 26, 2011 and promises to be an exciting and fun-filled evening with the salutary benefit of raising money for various worthwhile neighborhood projects.

Going into the New Year, we are fortunate that a key committee chair position was recently filled not by one but by two individuals. Amanda Johnson and Breah Paradowski will co-chair the Forest Hills Children's Network. They have a partial list of families in the neighborhood with young children and are on the lookout for more. They are seeking creative and beneficial ways to bring families together. They can be reached at fhchildrensnet@aol.com or amandam_johnson@hotmail.com or brea77@yahoo.com.

In addition, a new Membership/Newcomer Committee was created. It will focus on making new residents feel welcome and help orient them to what our neighborhood has to offer. Rick Sorrells graciously agreed to chair this new committee. He lives at 8539 Forest Hills Blvd. and can be reached at ricksorrells@sbcglobal.net or at his home phone (214) 321-4474. Please let Rick know when someone new moves into the neighborhood.

Regarding the alley cleanup campaign begun last year, there are still some problem areas yet to finish. But it appears now that if those are cured, we will be able to keep alley trash service where it still exists. Those areas that did lose alley service are applying for re-instatement of alley trash service. As an aside, our Security Patrol officers are VERY happy about the clean up. It made their job much easier.

As always, FHA board meetings are generally held on the second Monday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. at a location that often rotates (usually a resident's home). An upcoming meeting location can most easily be found by asking any officer, committee chairman or liaison. Every dues paying resident is more than welcome to attend and offer their comments, criticisms and suggestions.

As we begin the New Year, I would be remiss if I didn't extend a sincere thank you to a special few who helped make 2010 a success. These include: Judy Whalen, Barb Michaels, Andie Comini, Tamela Southan, Shelly Clem, Gary Grass, Hoong Nan Young, Mari Anne Mourer, Margaret Smith, Neoma Twining, John Mitchell, Lottie Minick, Mark Moran and Joan Shopoff. Of course, behind these good neighbors are the unsung spouses and partners who kept the home fires burning and, when needed, also pitched in to help. Thank you so very much.

To my fellow neighbors, may the paths we take in the coming New Year be happy ones.

Forest Hills Wants YOU!!!



Forest Hills needs volunteers for three different positions on the board of directors. This is your chance to become involved, to give back, to help make your Forest Hills neighborhood a better community in which to live. As a member of the Board of Directors, you will be making many of the decisions that benefit the Forest Hills neighborhood. Terms of office normally run from September to September. General descriptions of each position are given below. If you are potentially interested and want to learn more, please contact FHA President, Leon Russell, at fhnapresident@aol.com.

Vice-President: Has the powers and perform the duties of the President in the event of his absence or inability to act. The VP also may be assigned specific projects by the President.

Communications Committee Chair: Responsible for publishing the neighborhood newsletter, and Directory, some e-blast announcements, and working with the webmaster to keep the FHNA website current: www.foresthillsdallas.org.

Block Captains Chairman: Responsible for communicating with and coordinating the activities of the Block Captains on various FHNA projects. Note that all but one of the BC's have email addresses.

Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up!



In cooperation with The Dallas Park and Recreation Department
For the Love of the Lake Cordially Invites You to Come Help
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White Rock Lake

The second Saturday of every month is Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up at White Rock Lake Park. Join the clean-up effort put on by For the Love of the Lake and our Adopt-A-Shoreline groups, never missing a month since April 1996! Can't make Second Saturday? The office is open every Saturday morning, please check in!

Newcomers are welcomed and all meet between 8 to 9 a.m. at the FTLOTL office in Casa Linda Plaza, Buckner & Garland Road (facing Buckner). Come on out nice and early on Second Saturdays, have some refreshments, get some exercise, meet a great group of folks, and help us keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and sparkling!

They'll have a yummy "continental breakfast" for you featuring hot Starbucks coffee, goodies from Great Harvest Bread Co., Highland Park Cafeteria, and Marsue's Kitchen, delicious orange juice and rich chocolate milk from Schepps Dairy, and refreshing Rain Fresh bottled water.

They also provide all of your Spruce-Up supplies, including trash bags (courtesy of Keep Texas Beautiful), recycling bags (courtesy of City of Dallas Recycling Department), and latex gloves.

Forest Hills participates each month! The area we adopted is along Garland Road from the fishing pier west to the corner of Garland Road and Winstead by the spillway.

For more information call Joan Shopoff C: (214) 695-0219.

White Rock Lake Dog Park, co-founded by Andie Comini, is also a participant in the Adopt-A-Shoreline. For more information call Andie (214) 328-0508.

Come join us! Stash Trash! Talk to your neighbors! Have fun! Get exercise! Enjoy the lake!

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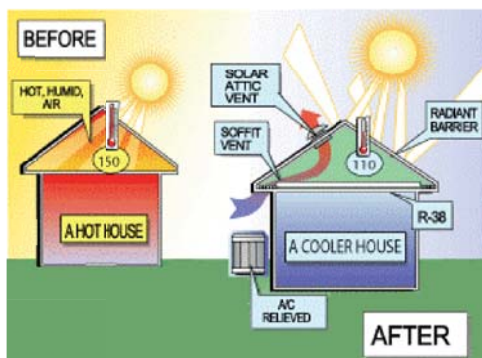
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Keller Circle Holiday Tree Lighting

The Dallas Police Choir, which sings internationally, kicked off the event with a medley of seasonal songs. The Choir's director is Lucy Barnett, a member of our security patrol which helps keep Forest Hills safe. Stanley the Steam Engine was kept busy pulling train loads filled with children except, of course, when Santa Claus drove up sporting an upgraded sleigh in the form of a bright red Porsche. Santa had lots of goodies for the eager children who crowded around. Jimmy and Vikki Squires graciously hosted the event on their front lawn across from our Forest Hills tree. Everyone enjoyed hot cider, hot chocolate, assorted treats and good conversation. Following a loud countdown by the entire assembly, the Keller Circle tree was formally lit for the holiday season shortly before dark fell. This year's tree lighting represents a new direction for Forest Hills which we hope everyone enjoys this holiday season. The tree lighting is the work of fireman Pete Clark 972-998-9290. Special thanks go to Shelly Clem and Tamela Southan for putting this annual holiday event together.



Listing of FHA Officers — Committee Chairs — Liaisons

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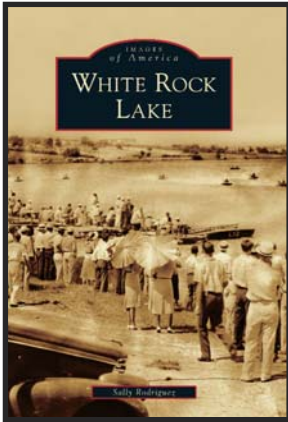
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Happy Birthday White Rock Lake!



White Rock Lake Sally Rodriguez
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One of Forest Hills' greatest assets, White Rock Lake, will be 100 years old this year! Look for a year filled with events celebrating our beautiful lake.

White Rock Lake (Images of America Series) by Sally Rodriguez (Historian with the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department) is a new Arcadia Publishing book filled with photos featuring the history of the lake. Locally it can be found at bookstores and Walgreen's checkout, online at www.arcadiapublishing.com and amazon.com or by phone 888-313-2665.

(Excerpts from White Rock Lake book and White Rock Lake Museum) In 1909, Dallas approved the damming of White Rock Creek to create a new water source for a growing city. In April, 1924, the plat of the Forest Hills addition, one of the few wooded areas along the lake, was dedicated. With no air-conditioning during the 30's, 40's and 50's, White Rock Lake went from being a water source for the City of Dallas to a major recreational destination 10 miles from Dallas in the country as people flocked to its shores to enjoy cool breezes, swim, fish, sail, go boating or camp. Prior to the 40's, there were over a hundred private fishing cabins and boathouses lining the shore.

The Bathhouse was built in 1930 and originally provided lockers, changing rooms, rentable swimsuits and concessions for thousands of people who visited the lake. The lake was treated like a swimming pool and staff would periodically go out in a boat to chlorinate the lake. After a few years, a chlorination pipe was laid from the Bathhouse to the lake. There was a dance pavilion beside the Bathhouse where couples would dance to the music of Babe Lowry and her all-female band, the Rhythm Sweethearts. The Bathhouse was eventually forced to close in 1953 when swimming was discontinued due to drought, polio and racial tensions.

World War II brought increased military uses to the lake, one of which was a POW camp for German officers. One of the most popular attractions between 1940-58 was the Bonnie Barge, a floating pavilion and excursion boat holding 150 people. It offered daytime sightseeing trips and moonlight cruises with band music and dancing. Although speed boat races were popular in the late 30's, a ban on outboard motors of more than 10.5 horsepower in 1958 put an end to both the speedboats and the Bonnie Barge. Today, the lake still lives up to its name way back then . . . "The People's Playground".

Happy Birthday White Rock Lake and Many Happy Returns!

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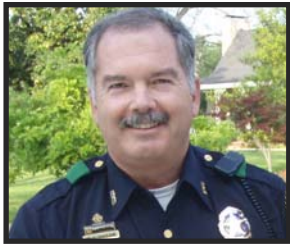
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THE FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM (FHSP)



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It's a new year! And the Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) survived 2010! At year's end concerned residents responded with their votes and pledges to save the program. They saw the important need and benefit, many first hand, to keep the Expanded Neighborhood Patrol, which has been in force since 2003. The neighborhood will continue to see the squad cars and police officers patrolling Forest Hills streets this year as long as we can maintain this monetary momentum.

This month, the FHSP board will begin to research ways to better the program by keeping each resident informed with a quarterly accounting of their pledges, developing an easy pay program and continuing security education.

SECURITY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Shift my attention to be more aware of others and my surroundings
- Call 911 if a vehicle or person or situation looks out of place. Trust my instincts!
- Be a good witness. Give location, vehicle, license number and as many details as possible.
- Know my neighbors. Look out for them.
- Organize a block party.
- Take my cell phone while walking in neighborhood.
- Have police department do a home security survey.
- Develop more layers of security for my family, my neighbors and myself.
- Pledge to The Forest Hills Security Program for a strong outer layer of protection.

BUILDING LAYERS OF DEFENSE



Security systems, safe rooms, barking dogs, vigilant neighbors, locked doors, security lights, alligator moats, security cameras and mace are ways to keep us safe. But no one or two security measures can do it all. There is strength in having many layers of defense.

The more we have in place, the better the odds are of not being victimized. The Forest Hills Security Program is the protective outer layer, keeping the bad guys from trying to test our security systems, penetrate our safe rooms or feed our watchdogs.

PLEDGE TO SAFETY First Quarter (January, February, March) \$60

Send pledges or set up quarterly automatic bank payments to:

Forest Hills Security Program
8432 San Fernando Way
Dallas, TX 75218
info: fhspenp@aol.com

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

8100 Block Forest Hills • Mike Davis & Kathleen Fendler
(Welcome back!)

8200 Block San Benito • Jean Michael Toussant &
Alejandra Ulate

8500 Block San Benito • Phil & Liz Lamberson
(From San Leandro)

We apologize 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. Our info comes from MLS Real Estate listings. For any oversights, please contact Rick Sorrells fhnnewcomers@aol.com with addresses and/or names so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide Book to Forest Hills!

Tips From a Neighbor

Planning a garage sale? Not likely. Too cold now. But the time will come. So here is a tip, and a word of caution. The City of Dallas is actively enforcing the need to have Garage Sale Permits. The permit must be readily available during the garage sale event. If the permit cannot be produced, the garage sale holder is subject to a citation. The City Code enforcers have been to Forest Hills to check garage sales permits.

The good news is that it is also much easier now to get a permit. Application forms are available at all Dallas Public Libraries. The new library just off Garland Rd. across from the Home Depot, or the library in Lakewood, are the two libraries that are closest to Forest Hills.

The permit fee is \$15. The applicant must have a water bill account number that matches with the address of the sale location as well as a driver's license that also matches the proposed sale address. The permit can be obtained anytime before the actual date of the garage sale. An online application can also be downloaded from http://www.dallascityhall.com/codecompliance/garage_sales.html and filled out before taking it to a library.

At the time the permit is purchased, the location can be added to the City's website, or the location may be listed on the following web link. <http://garagesale.dallascityhall.com/AddLogin.jsp>. A water account number is required to list a sale on this site.

For more information about garage sale rules and regulations, go to this website: http://www.dallascityhall.com/code_compliance/Common_Code_Violations.html.

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The FHA cannot express enough gratitude for its Block Captains. They are the unsung heroes who deliver the FHA newsletter and other important information to our doors. They can answer many questions about the neighborhood, especially if you are new to FH. Find the name of your BC by finding your street and block number below. The first name listed is the Lead BC. Additional names, if any, represent Backup BC's.

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1700	Debbie Knight		Melodie Young		Sharon Hill
		8300	Jeanne Dooley	8400	Tamela Southan
EUSTIS AVE			Lenore Locascio		Dorinda Duncan
8500 Eustis	Andie Comini	8400/8500	Lori Josselyn	8500	Katrina Moran
FOREST HILLS BLVD		SAN CRISTOBAL DRIVE		SAN PEDRO PARKWAY	
8100	Mary Pat Smith	8000	Vacant	8400	Rana Pascoe
8200	Josy Collins	8100	Kelly Miller	8500	Diana Cox
	Barbara Clay	8200	Molly Grogan		
8300	Kathy Glenn		Ann Dunaway	SAN RAFAEL DRIVE	
8400	Pat & Karen Hess	8300	Mari Anne Mourer	1200	Bob & Carolyn Jones
8500	Rick & Margaret Sorrells		Kathleen Arthur	1400 – 1607	Kathy Wall
			Lottie Minick		Shelly Clem
GARLAND ROAD		SAN FERNANDO WAY		SANTA CLARA DRIVE	
8100	Bob & Carolyn Jones	8100	Debbie Jenevein	8100	Martine Buhmann
8200	LuAnn Tunell		Lezlie Vlasimsky		Darla Hodge
8300	Joan Shopoff	8200	Gina Bender	8200	Vicki Burns
8400/8500	Judi Boyles		Kim Hammond		Courtney Slusher
		8300	Mary Deighton	8300	Terry Higgins
GROVELAND			Tricia Heaney	8400	Barbara Michaels
8500	Debbie Knight	8400	Jo Kirksey	8500	Alise Platt
			Heather Danamraj		
			Debbie Gilmore	ST FRANCIS	
HIGHLAND ROAD		8500	Sue Benner	1600	Lori Josselyn
1300-1500	Noel Ellison				
	Bob Quaglia & Sharon Shero	SAN LEANDRO DRIVE		WHITTIER AVE	
		8000-8100	Marvel Kiewit	1500 Whittier	Diana Cox
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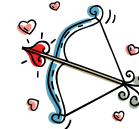


Dee's Doggie Den

Valentine Singles Mingle for Dogs and Their Humans!



To Benefit Animal Alert!
Wednesday, February 9
7:30 - 9:00 PM



6444 East Mockingbird Lane @ Abrams Road · Dallas 75214 Between Albertsons and IHOP!

Dee Fort, owner of Dee's Doggie Den, is throwing a Valentine's Party!

Over the years Dee has connected several couples through doggie play-dates. She decided that it is time for a Singles Mingle, you just never know who your dog might introduce you to! So grab your dog and come to Dee's Doggie Den and let your 4-legged friend mingle in the 8,000 square foot play area and see what happens!

Perhaps some "Puppy Love" just in time for Valentine's day!

With treats, refreshments, a raffle and prizes — it all makes for a FUN NIGHT! There will be Wine and Champagne to celebrate the night!

Your \$10 donation will go to Animal Alert! founded by Andie Comini.

Animal Alert! rescues and fosters escaped, lost or abandoned pets from our neighborhood streets until their owners or a new home is found! We hope you can join us in supporting the continued success and growth of Animal Alert!

The Ferguson Road Initiative at a Glance

By Vikki J. Martin, President

Mission

To transform White Rock Hills and Greater Casa View into a safe, beautiful, prosperous and proud community by inspiring hope and working together to achieve a shared vision.

Vision

The complete economic revitalization of the White Rock Hills and Greater Casa View community.

History

The Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) was organized in 1995 as a grassroots neighborhood coalition and established in 1998 as a nonprofit 501(c)3. FRI stands as a national model for effective change and was formed when neighborhood leadership united to proactively address local crime issues.

Who We Serve, Our Goals, Our Accomplishments

FRI serves more than 70,000 residents in over 30 neighborhoods (see map below) in the White Rock Hills and Greater Casa View areas of far East Dallas. White Rock Hills is composed of the Forest Hills (Enclave at White Rock, Forest Hills, Highland on the Creek, Little Forest Hills), Casa Linda (Casa Linda Estates), Graduated Weed & Seed (Casa Linda Forest, Claremont, Enclave at Ash Creek, Forest Creek Owners, Forest Hills at Stonegate, Forest Meade, Forest Oaks, Highland Apartments, Hillridge, Lakeland Hills), and 2-Points Weed & Seed (Eastwood Hills, Hillview Terrace, Light Pointe Place, Skyline Heights, Truett, White Rock Village) neighborhoods. Greater Casa View is made up of more than 10 neighborhoods. We are a unique community organization in that we represent some of the highest and lowest income individuals in the City of Dallas. We are an economically and ethnically diverse community with a holistic approach to neighborhood restoration. Our goals include the following:

- Increasing safety and decreasing crime in the community
- The Department of Justice has awarded FRI two grants of \$1M each to reduce crime and increase safety. Due to the success of the first grant – we achieved a 61% reduction in violent crime and a 25% reduction in overall crime – we were awarded a second grant to extend our quality programs and services from the Graduated to the 2-Points community in Buckner/Peavy in 2006. The FRI 2-Points area now boasts a 20% overall reduction in crime. However, our federal funding ends in April, 2011.

- Beautify and maintaining the whole community

FRI has grown from 5 to more than 30 neighborhood associations and crime watch groups, working together to raise the quality of life in far East Dallas. FRI members participate in annual beautification efforts, litter cleanups, and graffiti abatement.

- Securing funding to implement capital improvement projects
- FRI's Bond Committee, composed of dedicated residents, has successfully netted over \$30M in bond program funds since 1998. These funds have improved our neighborhoods substantially. Most notable, FRI has secured funding for a long-needed recreation center and library. Ground breaking for the new White Rock Hills Branch Library took place on December 11, 2010.
- Providing education, recreation, social services and volunteer opportunities
- FRI works with area schools and apartments to provide after-school and tutorial programs as well as family cultural field trips; drug and gang prevention education; and other health, safety and social services programs. Last year the FRI Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program processed more than 600 returns and more than \$1M in refunds, thereby helping to keep precious dollars in our community.
- Attracting viable business and housing developments
- FRI has facilitated over \$100M in affordable middle- and high-income housing and retail investment along the lower Ferguson Road corridor. There are plans to expand this development with a new mixed-use retail center at Ferguson & Highland Roads in conjunction with our Recreation Center serving as its anchor.
- Creating relationships among churches and coordinate community services
- FRI works with dozens of faith communities in far East Dallas to ensure that the most vulnerable of our children and families are being served.

FRI brings programs offering a host of benefits to the White Rock Hills and Greater Casa View community, raising the quality of life for all who live, work, worship, attend school, or play in the area. Our collaborative and entrepreneurial approach to building a shared vision is returning far East Dallas to a community that is economically successful, where children are nurtured and families can once again thrive.



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SPECIAL BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

It's A . . . It's A . . . Facebook Page?



Yes, folks, Forest Hills is now on Facebook.

Friends, photos, features, fame and fiction— it's all here on the recently launched Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Forest-Hills-Neighborhood-Association/167779489912840>

Give it a try. You'll like it. Peruse and contribute often. It's your neighborhood social network.
For questions or suggestions, email: fhfacebook@aol.com.



Forest Hills Children's Network

In 2011 we look forward to a new and active Forest Hills Children's Network! Breah Paradowski and Amanda Johnson are the new co-chairs and we are looking for your input. We want to know what you miss from the old network and what you would like to see added. From reviewing what the FHCN has done in the past it looks like there were many fun events that we would love to revive, including; roller skating parties, pool parties, anything-on-wheels block party, play dates and babysitter lists. We are also

considering adding trips to the Arboretum, Aquarium and Zoo, Mom's evening out (or coffee morning in), and clothing swaps. There are so many kids of all ages in the neighborhood and we look forward to their getting to know one another better. We are currently in the process of updating the contact information on the existing list and adding new families to it. Please email or call us to make sure that we have your current information and let us know what you would like to see from the Children's Network in 2011.

Email: fhchildrensnet@aol.com • Breah Paradowski 508-505-7418 • Amanda Johnson 936-371-9856

White Rock Hills Branch Library Breaks Ground!



On December 11, 2010, the Ferguson Road Initiative neighborhoods celebrated alongside the City of Dallas in marking a HUGE milestone in the life of our community, the groundbreaking for our new library. First envisioned in a town hall meeting sponsored by the Claremont in October 1995, FRI children and families celebrated our 15 year long journey to finally getting this

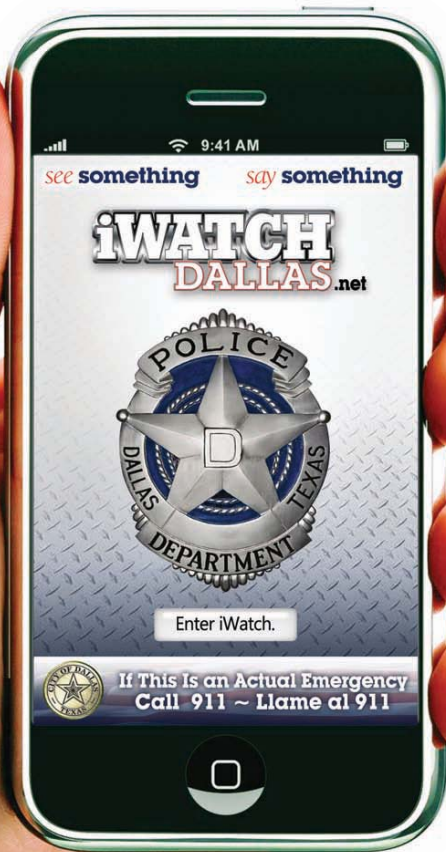
project underway. The building of our \$8M library will serve thousands of people and be located along Ash Creek behind the White Rock Church of Christ, 9220 Ferguson Road. As one FRI resident described it, "Our library will be built along a wooded area, giving the building the feeling as though you are in a tree house!" Whether you are young or old, everyone will benefit from this new facility.

FRI's Annual Meeting Set

Ferguson Road Initiative General Meeting and Annual Election of Officers and Directors, Monday, January 10, 7 p.m., White Rock Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 9220 Ferguson Road. If you are a member of FRI and the Steering Committee and you would like to nominate someone to serve on the FRI Board, you may do so by submitting their name in writing to the Nominating Committee's Chair, Dr. Ken Cantrell at cantrellpearce@sbcglobal.net or 8541 Ferguson Road, Dallas, Texas 75228. Nominations must be received by Ken no later than Saturday, December 31, 2010 (10 calendar days before the annual election on January 10). Your nomination must include the signatures of the persons making the nomination(s) and seconding nomination(s), plus the written permission of the nominee(s). Nominations meeting these criteria will then be added to the ballot for voting at the FRI Annual Meeting.

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iWatchDallas is a program and partnership between your community and the Dallas Police Department.

Why should I report these behaviors and activities?

Like traditional neighborhood crime watches, your awareness reported to the police can help solve crimes or even prevent a terrorist attack. iWatchDallas is a program about suspicious behaviors and activities.

What should I report?

Give as many details as possible, for example:

- ✓ Time of day
- ✓ Where it happened
- ✓ What you witnessed
- ✓ A description of individual(s) involved
- ✓ Was there a vehicle?
- ✓ Color and license number?
- ✓ Have you seen this activity before?

There are four ways to report:

- ✓ Report online at iWatchDallas.net
- ✓ Text a tip by entering "DPD plus your tip" to 274637 (crimes)
- ✓ Download the iWatch Dallas app at iWatchDallas.net
- ✓ Call 214-671-4TIP

If you have an emergency and need the police immediately do not use iWatchDallas, call 911. Prowler calls should be made to 911.

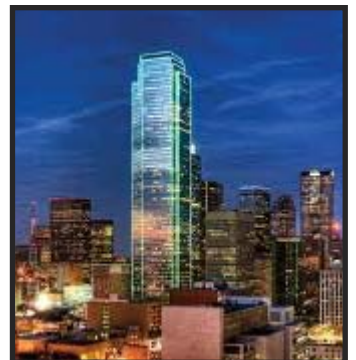
If you see something, say something.

A simple observation, a single report can help solve a crime.

If one person can make a difference, consider what an entire community can do.

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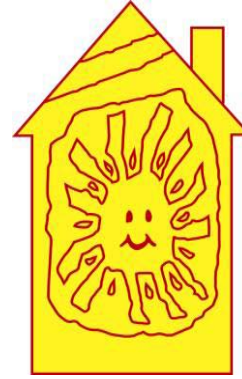
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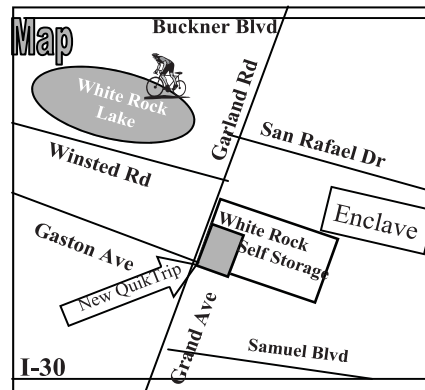
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New Years Resolution!

The busy holidays are behind us and the New Year is ahead!

Time to make those wonderful resolutions! While working on your own list, PLEASE take time NOW to ensure the safety of your pets all year long.

Do they have collars with up-to-date information on tags?

Are they microchipped?

Are they registered with Animal Alert!?

Animal Alert! covers both Forest Hills and Little Forest Hills. It works hard to re-unite lost animals with their owners in these neighborhoods. In many instances, the animals found do not have any information to help us get them home. When this happens, we send out an email describing the animal to people who have signed up to be on our Email Alert List in the hope that someone will recognize the pet and direct us to its family.

It is easy to receive these Email Alerts.

Just send an email to info@lfhanimalalert.org and ask to be listed.

The more people on the list, the better chance of getting a lost pet back home.

If you lose a pet, check with Animal Alert! at (214) 930-5910 or email info@lfhanimalalert.org with as much information as you can provide, including: date your pet went missing, your address, type of pet, color, age, name, whether it was wearing a collar or was microchipped, any distinguishing marks and, if possible, a picture. Animal Alert! will get the information out to our network of people as fast as possible.

In the meantime, things you can do are:

- 1) Get the word out to EVERYONE
- 2) Post Flyers
- 3) Call local Vets
- 4) E-mail/call your neighbor's
- 5) Check the Shelters EVERYDAY



Have you signed up your pet(s) with Animal Alert! yet?

It is easy to do! Go to our web page and download the signup page to be filled in. You can either mail it to us or call Andie Comini (214) 328-0508 and she will pick it up. Please try to include a picture of your pet so that it is already on file in the event your pet goes missing. Not good with a computer? Once again, call Andie and she will bring you a registration form.

The MORE FORMS we have on our pets and the MORE PEOPLE listed on our email blast, the better the chances of reuniting a lost pet with its family!

Animal Alert! service is FREE to you but donations of any amount are gladly accepted.

Want to volunteer with Animal Alert!?! We can always use some help with updating our registration forms, fostering lost pets for a few days, working the phones when people call in looking for a lost pet, etc. Please visit with Maeleska Fletes of Little Forest Hills (214) 766-3577 about how you might be able to help.

Help make the New Year a Safe Year for our pets!

FH ANIMAL ALERT! PROGRAM

To report a Lost or Found Animal 214-930-5910

Animal Control Call 311



Yard of the Month

Richard and Donna Manyin own this lovely home on 8155 San Cristobal Dr. Thanks to Ann Madziar, their next door neighbor, for nominating them for November. This yard is meticulously maintained and always contains lovely seasonal color. Thanks for being such good stewards of our neighborhood.



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Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month for December has been awarded to Mike and Crystal Androvett. Neighbors have enjoyed their wonderful Christmas display as well as the seasonal color in the front yard. We also appreciate all the trees you recently planted — keeping the forest in Forest Hills!



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Garden Club News



Forest Hills Garden Club will be having their annual post holiday gift exchange on Thursday, January 13 at 7 pm at the home of Lottie Minick, 8331 San Cristobal. Please bring an appetizer or dessert, and a garden gift valued around \$15.00. Several other meetings are planned for the spring — check the Forest Hills website and future newsletters for time and dates. Call Barb Michaels (214-327-3817) or Lottie Minick (214-320-3868) for information on joining.

News from the Beautification Chair

Our neighborhood will once again be participating in the White Rock East Garden and Artisans Tour on a Sunday May 22nd (tentative). This is not only a great event that showcases our beautiful neighborhood but it is also a huge fundraiser. Last year we were able to present the Forest Hills neighborhood with a check for \$5000.00. If you are interested in having your garden considered for the tour, please contact the FHA Beautification Chair, Barb Michaels, or any FHA board member. Forest Hills will be also hosting the post-tour potluck supper this year. So we will be needing four Forest Hills families to donate their gardens for the event. And we will be needing lots of volunteers. More later.

Barb Michaels and Debbie Knight met with Karen Woodard, Dallas City Forester, and identified those trees in our medians which are dead and in need of removal. Karen has notified the appropriate city crews to begin the removal.

We are also in the process of replacing our faded FH street sign toppers. The Beautification Committee has come up with two possible designs. Please see the flyer insert in this newsletter and vote on which design you like the best. We hope to have these new sign toppers purchased and installed this spring. There will be a fundraiser on February 26th to help raise money for this project. See insert for information.

Barb Michaels, Forest Hills Beautification Chair • fhbeautification@aol.com • 214-327-3817

Alex Sanger News



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Sanger is completing a \$1.2M upgrade underway that includes the following:

Landscaping and grounds

- Regrade the front portion of the campus and add new grass and plants at the front entry with irrigation
- Install new brick pavers

Exterior work

- Add new playground equipment
- New asphalt in the outdoor dining area
- Paint exterior trim of the building including; soffits, fascia, window frames, columns, handrails
- Paint the entire modular annex building
- Add new exterior lighting
- New masonry dumpster enclosure and new pad

Interior work

- Replace all glass and glazing for the gymnasium windows
- Repair and reseal all other existing windows
- Install new doors and hardware
- Complete renovation of student restrooms
- Replace existing boilers, chillers and install new air handling units in the auditorium, cafeteria, and IDF Room
- Install new PA system and sound system in the auditorium
- Paint corridor walls, metal lockers, cafeteria, auditorium, stage, gym and administrative Offices

In addition, Jeff Dworkin of JLD Custom Homes, along with the Dallas division of the Home Builders Assoc, donated their services for a work day in December to make improvements to the music and special needs classrooms. The Enclave at Ash Creek raised enough money from Pumpkin Patch sales last October to supply every child at Sanger with science fair project boards. The Sanger Stampede Carnival in October raised enough funds to purchase gardening tools for the students to use in their REAL school garden plus "Reading Is Fundamental" books for each child this coming year.

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