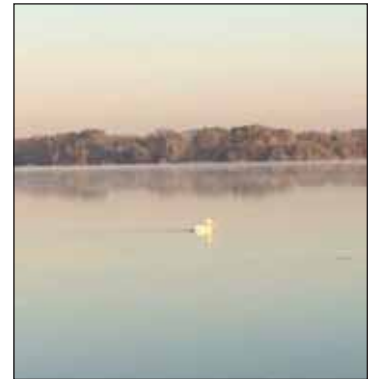




FOREST HILLS NEWS

January - February 2014
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WINTER WONDERLAND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SUNNY AND ICY

Forest Hills Calendar of Events

MONTHLY - White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday • whiterocklake.org

MONTHLY - Bulk Trash, Week of 2nd Monday
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President's Letter

HAPPY 2014!!!!



First of all, again, huge THANKS to everyone who volunteered and participated in neighborhood events in 2013. As I look around and think about the past year, the neighborhood is changing in so many ways. On two blocks of Forest Hills alone, there are 5 new homes being built. Homes are being sold the same day they go up for sale. The neighborhood is seeing lots of new families. Literally hundreds of people participated in the Jack and Wilma Keller 4th of July parade and lunch. 2013 also saw the return of the neighborhood garage sale that raised over \$4,000 for new improvements. Watch for construction to start on the two new monument signs as people enter the neighborhood on San Rafael and Forest Hills.

If you haven't finished your New Year's Resolutions, please add one more! Add volunteering and participating in at least one Neighborhood Association event in 2014. It's truly all of us, working together, that make our streets, our blocks, our area, a true neighborhood.

"IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A GREAT TIME TO CONSIDER SENDING IN YOUR DUES AND SECURITY PAYMENT FOR 2014!"

Forest Hills Animal Alert!



*Have you LOST or FOUND a pet? Have you registered your pet with us?
Do you receive the alerts about lost and found pets?
Do you want to donate or volunteer? • www.foresthillsdallas.org*

Animal Alert! Emails

The BEST WAY to get lost or found pets home is through communication.

Most of our pets have been returned home because someone recognized the picture of a pet in our Animal Alert! emails and contacted the neighbor. Our best and fastest way to communicate is through email.

If you would like to be included in our emails please send an email to info@lfhanimalalert.org. Include your name, phone numbers and just simply let us know you want to receive **Animal Alert! emails**. Some weeks you may get two or three emails. Other weeks - none. We do not sell emails or use these emails for any other reason. If for any reason you wish to be removed from the list, simply let us know.

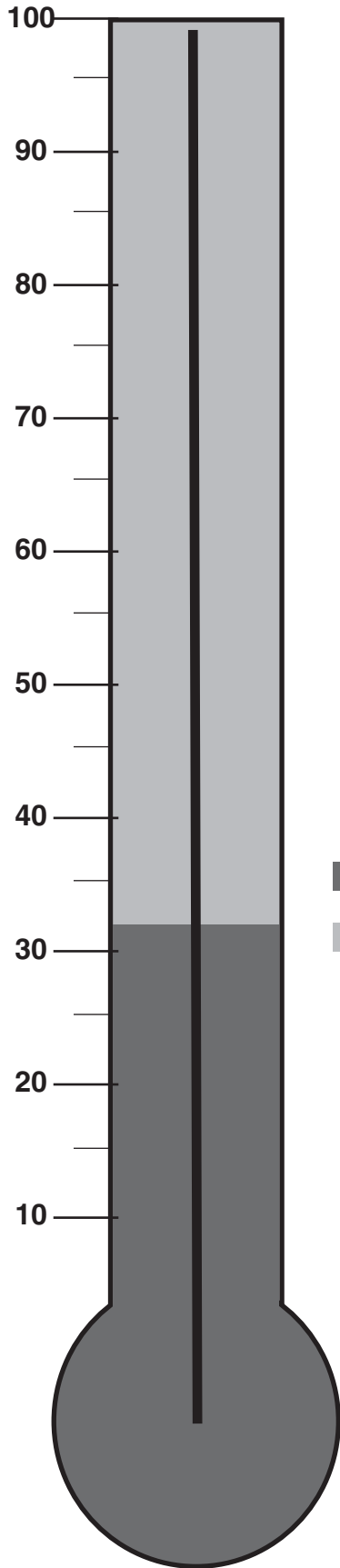
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 % Still to Go

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(\$50 per household / \$30 for members 65 and older)

Forest Hills Association
P.O. Box 180897
Dallas, TX 75218

Forest Hills Security Program



Ask the Security Chick

Question: DEAR SECURITY CHICK, I am stressed about door-to-door salesmen! Many times I feel vulnerable. Other times I feel guilty denying a young person's dream of college. Should I not answer the door? Or is it better to let them know someone is at home? Should I call 911, when I have a gut feeling or would I be overreaching. Is my paranoia turning me into a fool? Should I be polite or a jerk? PS I love Girl Scout cookies.....if they are sold by a neighbor.

Answer: DEAR STRESSED, Knock! Knock! Who's there? No need to live in fear. Just be aware and smart. Forest Hills Security Program and the DPD have received many complaints and questions about door-to-door solicitors selling magazines or others claiming to be with an alarm, cable, telephone, roofing repair or other home improvement companies. Our Forest Hills Security Police have stopped and questioned many. Most have been legitimate. There are have been a few times they have been found to be felons.

Just this last fall, during a patrol shift, one of our patrol officers stopped and questioned a door-to-door solicitor. The solicitor had less than average business credentials and was initially very friendly and offered his name and his business. However, he neglected to share the fact he was a convicted felon (agg assault, North Carolina) and lied about other details such as being in jail. After running a check, it was discovered he had a warrant out of McKinney, so our officer was able to escort him to jail. Since Forest Hills is not a gated community, there is very little that can be done to prevent door-to-door sales when a solicitor has proper credentials. If you feel the solicitor is not legitimate or they are exhibiting suspicious behavior you can call 911 and ask that they be investigated.

If you do not like "cold callers" knocking on your door, hang a "No Solicitors" sign even though it is not the best décor choice. You can also refuse not to open the door to people you do not recognize, but do make sure they are aware that there is someone in the house. You can say through the door that you are not interested and politely ask them to leave.

Remember: No door-to-door solicitation is permitted after dark.

If you do decide to listen to a door-to-door sales pitch, pay attention and listen to what they say. Ask the salesperson to give you everything in writing, including return or warranty information. Tell them that you'd like to verify everything first, then get back to them. If they are a legitimate and reputable company, they won't be put off by your wanting to check and get references. How do you know if a solicitor is legal or not? Ask if they have identification credentials AND trust your gut feeling. If the person at your door has an ID, but you are getting bad vibes, quickly and politely say you're not interested and shut the door. Some can be more aggressive than others. Avoid a confrontation and most importantly, do not allow a solicitor into your home. To avoid identity theft, never give any personal information to an unknown person or group.

Don't be pushed or intimidated into signing a contract or giving money to a salesperson unless you're sure you want the product. Resist fast-talking, high-pressure sales tactics to "buy now." Slow down.

If you did not call a repairman yourself, be especially wary of one who comes to your door offering to do work. Do not hire anyone on the spot. Always check out the business with other clients. If you do decide to hire, always get a signed letter of agreement describing the services, costs and completion date.

Certainly again, if you feel uneasy, CALL 911. Begin your 911 call with "This is not an emergency, however, I want to report suspicious activity and/or a suspicious person." Provide the identifying details, especially a license plate or I.D. card number if you can get it safely. There is a good chance one of our own FHSP patrol officers will be in the neighborhood, hear the 911 call and be there in minutes to question the solicitor.

Remember, what you might think is nothing, could be a big clue that the police have been looking for in solving a crime.



Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Tree Lighting a SUCCESS!

The Holiday Spirit was apparent as neighbors gathered for our annual tree lighting at the intersection of Breezeway and Forest Hills Blvd. A miniature train ferried both children and adults on a short loop down Breezeway - a fun time for ALL.

Kelly Kemp of "Bake and Play" brought cookies to decorate and eat. Some children just ate the yummy cookies without decorating and a few parents joined the cookie decorating group.



Join the Security Program TODAY!

Question: DEAR SECURITY CHICK, I'm trying to be green and bicycle as much as I can. Is there a bike trail to NorthPark from Forest Hills? Do they valet bicycles? Is it wise to wear my new shoes to bike home?

Answer: DEAR GREEN BIKE SHOES, East Dallas has wonderful bike trails. Though not a designated bike trail, you can bicycle to NorthPark Center from Forest Hills on I-75, but use the service roads for your safety. And yes, bicycle home in your new stilettos, the best way to show them off!

Shopping the first of the year is the time to save on after Christmas sales.
Use those big savings to pay your annual 2014 Forest Hills Security dues.

If you contribute to the Forest Hills Security Program, thank you!

If you don't, **it's never too late to join in with your neighbors and contribute:**

- **\$240 yearly** or
 - **\$60 in quarterly payments** via PayPal
- at www.foresthillssecurity.org or by check to Forest Hills Security,
PO Box 180693, Dallas, TX 75218



Questions, Concerns, Compliments
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FHSP (Forest Hills Security Program)

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEIGHBOR



A long time Forest Hills resident, **Dallas native and veterinarian, Karen Fling**, is a tireless animal advocate and a great believer in community outreach. **Dr. Fling** takes every opportunity to spread the word about how to best care for pets and she and her team of nearly 70 employees are devoted pet care givers. Besides her love for pets, Dr. Fling is devoted to her husband David, who is also an area veterinarian, and their four children Anneliese, Ian, Gabriel, and Shan Shan.

A graduate of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Karen Fling has always viewed her role in the community as an educator.

She began publicly promoting loving, responsible relationships between people and their pets on the radio show Dr. Jim's Animal Clinic and thereafter worked for various media and became the weekly featured veterinarian on KXAS/NBC delivering segments on pet care and news.

In addition, she has offered public education related to veterinary medical progress and options in pet care, **hosting the weekly radio All About Pets on 1190 AM**. Dr. Fling has also been a regular columnist for City and Country Pets magazine and has acted as a spokesperson for The American Veterinary Medical Association and the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Association. The Texas Veterinary Medical Association has recognized Dr. Fling as an outstanding practitioner and for her public relations work in "excellence in education related to proper animal health care". Additionally, Dr. Fling has been voted the "**best vet**" on multiple occasions by *D Magazine* and the practice has been recognized as the "**best vet for overprotective pet parents**" by the *Dallas Observer*. Other awards received include the Hospital Design award and Practice of Excellence award given by the Veterinary Medical Publishing Group.

As owner of **East Lake Veterinary Hospital in Dallas** for over 20 years, Dr. Fling has incorporated all aspects of her philosophy in the design of her facility: pets are members of the family. They should have the best medical care and individualized treatment during their visit. Plush lodging areas include dog bedrooms with televisions and cat condos with a view to outdoor bird feeders and anti-boredom movie viewing. Additionally, a pet visitation room furnished with comfortable couches and floor pillows is available. And the **just opened East Lake Cat Care Center** is the "**cats meow**" - cat clinic, boarding, adoptions and soon a catnip farm!

In 2001, **Dr. Fling began a non-profit pet adoption program, East Lake Pet Orphanage**, which successfully matches the personalities of hundreds of homeless animals with new families every year. All of the pets placed are spayed or neutered, current on immunizations, and in the best health possible. **The orphanage is a no-kill facility** that not only accepts well pets, but also those requiring extensive rehabilitation. If an animal is treatable, no matter how serious the problem, every effort is made to ensure that pet can be adopted. East Lake Pet Orphanage's board of directors takes no compensation and operates with a passionate, long tenured, volunteer driven team of over 200 people who contribute over 5,300 hours of service a year. In fact, this year's volunteer force has grown by 51% with new supporters of the cause joining every day. Dr. Fling and her team of 7 veterinarians and 60 employees are proud to have rescued, rehabilitated, and rehomed thousands of pets from the Dallas city streets.

Some of the more noteworthy rescues have included "**Skinny**", the **40 pound cat**, and the **famous goat, Great Dane, and three-legged retriever trio**. East Lake has received recognition and praise from *D Magazine, The Observer, The Advocate, Urban Animal magazine, The Dallas Morning News, TV Channels 4, 5, 8, 11, 33*, and mention on the *Conan O'Brien show*, and has been featured on the *National Geographic's "Uncommon Animal Friends" program*.

Dr. Fling has been active within her profession as president of the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Association and its non-profit counterpart which she co-founded, the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Foundation. Additionally, she has spent many years serving as the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Association Public Relations Committee chairperson, and has served on the Dallas Animal Shelter Commission.



WINE ON THE ROOF - Going into its 14th year next May, Wine on the Roof is a unique event to benefit the homeless pets of East Lake Pet Orphanage and features a festive evening of fine wine, raffles, silent auction, fun fashion, and fabulous food. Dallas meteorologist and pet lover Rebecca Miller serves as emcee and the themed pet fashion show is not to be missed! Wines are featured from the winners of the Dallas Morning News annual Gold Medal Wine Competition winners and a silent auction all benefit the orphanage.

PET FAIR - An annual event celebrating its 13th year this November, is the largest interspecies adoption and educational event in the city! Pet Fair includes free admission, food, pet adoptions, silent auction, prize drawings, micro chipping for pets, bounce house, teddy bear surgery, cake walk, a Dallas Cowboy Football watching party, Paws and Palm reading and carnival games. Animal behavior specialists are also on hand as well as a variety of entertainment. Rescue groups from all over the Metroplex come for this one of a kind event that is fun for the whole family. Something for everybody!



SECOND CHANCE TREASURES - Located at 10101 Garland Road, is the only resale shop in the Dallas Fort/Worth community exclusively benefiting homeless pets. Second Chance Treasures features a continuously changing selection of hard-to-find and collectible items for your home or business. Stop by and look around. You're sure to find something irresistible for yourself or as a gift. They accept donations of clothing, household items and small appliances 24-hrs a day and are open 7 days a week: Monday - Sunday from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. www.secondchancetreasures.org

WAREHOUSE - Located at 7939 Heinen Drive in Dallas, is filled with treasures, props and one of a kind items - with something for anyone's home. The warehouse is a donation collection site that supports East Lake Pet Orphanage's upscale resale shop Second Chance Treasures and holds a sale every Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM with many great treasures to be found - all benefiting the homeless pets of East Lake Pet Orphanage.



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Andie Comini, Vikki Martin



Coffee with Cops attendees included Chief David Brown, Chief Andrew Acord, Larry Ingram and Dallas police officers.

COFFEE WITH COPS

Andie Comini (FHNA Board) and Vikki Martin (FRI President) share a moment while attending the **Coffee with Cops** event on December 20 at the 8117 East R. L. Thornton McDonald's location. Larry Ingram, owner of the McDonald's franchise and BIG **Ferguson Road Initiative** supporter, invited FRI to attend, visit with the community and collect support signatures for the Regional Recreation Wellness Center to be built on Highland Road. Chief David Brown attended along with Chief Andrew Acord (NE Division) and other officers. The next time you see Larry Ingram at McDonalds, thank him for his support of our area schools, neighborhoods, and the FRI community. FRI collected more than 30 petition signatures.

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BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

We will be participating in the **White Rock East Gardens and Artisans Tour** again this year. As always ***we are looking for volunteers*** for the committee and for Forest Hills neighbors who would like to volunteer their garden.

This year's tour will be on **Sunday, May 18, 2014** - ONE DAY only. The tour encompasses Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates. There are a total of nine gardens on the tour - three from each neighborhood.

We also sponsor a **great plant sale** and have local **artists selling** their **fabulous art** in each of the gardens.

This is a well-attended event, a great money maker for our neighborhood and an opportunity to build community with our neighbors!

We will begin meeting and planning in January.

**Call Barb Michaels (214) 327-3817,
Andie Comini (214) 328-0508 or
Lottie Minick (214) 320-3868
for more information.**



WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

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Rodney & Charlene Lake

8500 Block of San Fernando
Greg & Kristi Norton

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Chris & Andi Limpus

8500 Block of San Fernando
Michael & Jennifer Biry

8300 Block of San Cristobal
Scott & Debbie Muller

8400 Block of San Leandro
Alexander Lizarazo

8200 Block of Santa Clara
Brandon and Nicole Ross

Apologies if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed for remodeling or when a home is purchased directly from builder or previous owner. Our information comes from MLS Real Estate listings only.

If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact fhnewcomers@aol.com with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a **Woody Welcome** and a **Guide to Forest Hills!**



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Brad Grist and Erin Marino added gorgeous fall color to the beds in their front yard. The garden club appreciates the work you do to keep your yard looking so good!

YARD OF THE MONTH

for December 2013



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Phillip and Shannon Juett beautifully decorated their home for the holidays. Thanks for contributing to the festive, holiday spirit in Forest Hills.

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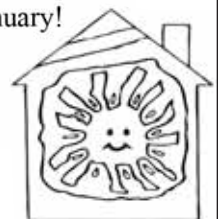
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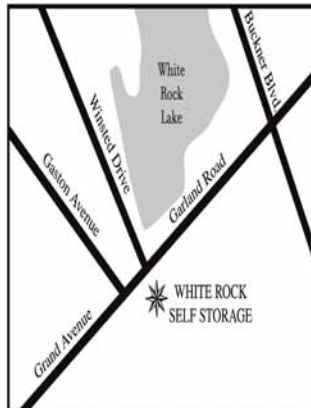
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