



Forest Hills News

July-August 2011

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Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Every Month - Second Saturday White Rock
Shoreline Spruce-up

July – July 4th Parade and Picnic.
9:00 am parade line up, 10:15 am picnic at Keller
Family Park

Sept / Oct TBD Chili Cook Off and
Pepper Blast Run

Oct 29th Fall Fest and Costume Contest

Nov 1st - 15th Charity Food and Clothes Drive

Dec 3rd - Holiday Tree Lighting

Volunteers Needed for all Occasions

— Call Shelly Clem — 214-837-8419



Leon Russell,
FHNA President

President's Letter

The oppressive summer heat has finally arrived. Nonetheless, there is reason to be cheerful as we welcome the two newest members of our FHNA team, Alexis Sullivan, FHNA Secretary and Katie Meadows, Communications Committee Chair (think newsletter Editor). Alexis and her husband Brian live at 8237 San Cristobal Dr. while Katie and her husband Andrew live at 8138 San Leandro Dr. Thank you both for being part of the FHNA volunteer team!

The April/May newsletter announced a wide-spread petition drive to Make Far West Far Gone! By now, all residents should have been approached by their Block Captains to sign the petition, which I strongly urge you to sign. If you haven't already signed and wish to, please contact your Block Captain. The more signatures which can be obtained and presented to the Texas Alcohol & Beverage Commission, the more likely it will be that the TABC will not renew Far West's liquor license when it comes up for renewal this December.

The drive by Block Captains to gather updated information and publish a new Directory is also in full swing. Current email addresses are the single most important piece of information to include in the directory as they have proven to be the quickest way to reach the most residents with important, time-sensitive information.

For those who are curious, the Arboretum's zoning amendment PDD 287, which was the subject of recent flyers and e-blasts, was accepted by the City Planning & Zoning Commission. Some of the changes will include an Arboretum parking lot/garage just south of the Kwik Express on Garland Rd. on the residential side of the street plus a sky bridge (or tunnel) across Garland Rd. connecting it to the Arboretum, and two additional traffic lights. See you at the Fourth of July festivities. In the meantime, stay cool!

Tips From a Neighbor

We are encouraged to call 911 in certain situations. But what should you do if the 911 operator is rude, gives you the third degree, or refuses to pass your call along to the proper authorities? First, know that the 911 operator should be respectful and has zero authority to make any decisions about what should be done in response to your call. Second, ask for the operator's name and ID number and then ask to speak to a supervisor. If the 911 operator refuses to provide the requested information or a supervisor, note the time of the call because all 911 calls are recorded. Third, hang up and call back because you will probably get a different 911 operator. Later, after the urgent reason for the 911 call no longer exists, call 911 and provide a supervisor with your complaint about the 911 operator and the time of the call. Using the time of the call, the supervisor will be able to find the recording and evaluate whether the call was handled properly.

Join us for Neighbor Night

benefiting the
Forest Hill Neighborhood Association

Door Prizes

Refreshments

Plus, Downing Hill Garden Studio will give the neighborhood association 10% of the total sales during the event.

Thursday, July 7th 6-9pm

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Forest Hills Memorial Day

Many thanks to our neighbors that joined FHNA on Memorial Day, as we paused to consider the true meaning of this Holiday. Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day. Thanks to our neighbors, families and friends that have made the ultimate sacrifice for this Nation, our America; Land of the Free. Salute to our local Veterans that attended Mr. Chester Young, WW II Air Force, James Duff, Air Force and Chris Southan, Navy. We have many more veterans, that we missed seeing today!



What a great turn out for our 2nd annual event with yummy smoked brisket (thanks to Jason Sellers) and grilled chicken (Chris Southan) with all the home cooked fixins topped off with sweet treats from our wonder neighbors. Full bellies, a warm Texas summer breeze as everyone enjoyed the volleyball and horse shoe games, making room for their 2nd helping of BBQ / sweets.

Thanks to those who make a donation at the event and took the challenge as an upcoming volunteer. The events are possible with volunteers planning and working together months, weeks, days to pull off the fun events we all enjoy. While many prefer to donate money, materials, labor, and other talents that contribute to the success, we are always in need of volunteers at all levels. Contact me if your interested in volunteering at upcoming event – we have something lined up for everyone.

Stay tuned and mark your calendars for the rest of 2011:

FH Service League,
Tamela Southan
214-532-9442 / fhnserviceleague.com



Forest Hills Neighborhood Fundraising Event 2011 Casino Night & Texas Hold 'Em



What a huge success in meeting our objective by hosting a fun, adult event raising funds for the FHN sign toppers; beautifying our little place in the forest at White Rock Lake. We send our thanks and appreciation for our sponsors, vendors and attendees that contributed to the success in raising over \$1500.

THANKS TO OUR Sponsors /Contributors

Texas Hold 'Em Poker

Shana Herndon - AA Center Suite
FHNA – 42" Flat Screen TV
Dallas Athletic Club - Golf Event for 4

Casino Night Fun for All

Cheesecake Royale, Pizzeria Venti, Medieval Times, Dee's Doggie Den, Fat Daddy's, Just Fitness, Izzie @ Artistik Edge, Bren's Lakewood Taxi Service, Mattitos, Panera Bread, Dead Man Poker, & Silpadia Jewelry!

Special Thanks To

Attendees, Contributors & Committee Members & our Sister Neighborhood Associations

On behalf of Forest Hills Service League

Tamela Southan, Hoong Nan Young and Barbara Michaels & Volunteers

Mark your calendars for February 2012!



Forest Hills Neighborhood Italian Style Adult Party

What? Food, Wine and Fun!

Did we say Raffle Prizes?

YES, YES and YES! Thanks to our wonderful Host Extraordinary, Mark & Katrina Moran, Kelly Kemp, Raffle chair, Penne Pomodora, The Wine Therapist and Dorinda Duncan, Live Music as we embarked on new Service League events. With an Italian ambiance, indoors / outdoors were filled with wine, food and soulful melodies as we tasted, toasted and raffled off event prizes. With Mother Nature unleashing a down pour, we all got very close and comfy, what a great way to really get to know your neighbors. The fun times bring good funds to support our Service League events, in the neighborhood spirit.

Grazie!

Tamela Southan, Service League Chair



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CHILDREN'S NETWORK

The Children's Network is in full swing this summer with play dates, parties and field trips for each age group! We are going to the Arboretum, Zoo, Aquarium and skating among other fun things.

Get ready for the Fourth of July Parade and Party! Do you have your costume ready yet? Don't forget you can also decorate your bike, wagon, pet or younger sibling! Wear a swimsuit under your costume and bring water balloons and water guns if you want to get wet at the party. We will also have games, a bounce house and a pinata. This year the Children's Network will host a bake sale to raise funds for the network to use all year, so please start planning what you would like to bring.

If you are not participating in the network yet, but would like to, please email us so we can get you in the loop!
FHchildrensnet@aol.com

Have a great summer!!
Amanda Johnson and Breah Paradowski

Who's got Talent!

Service League Volunteers Needed

Purpose!

Provide new neighbors w/ info from SL & Association;
Organize & promote activities & events that facilitate FHA through socialization, assistance to families and longtime residents of Forest Hills.

Do YOU want to have fun? Get to know new neighbors? Participate with the FHA Board on key events? Then give me a call, we need Your help!

With upcoming 2011 events, the FHA Service League is looking for YOU! Yes, we are recruiting volunteer talents assisting with simple task to promote and provide fun filled neighborhood socials. FHA events are for all to enjoy as we get to know the great neighborhood community within Forest Hills.

Whatever your talents, cooking, writing, making phone calls, asking for donations, committee work, decorating, serving food / drinks or just making a nice contribution, we need YOU. With task at all levels let us know how you can help.

With four key events a year, we want to provide a few extra events as begin our planning now for 2011 – 2012. By growing our volunteer task force, the extra brains / hands support the HUGE success as the Fall Festival, July 4th Parade & BBQ, Senior Social and our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with many other activities.

Successful neighborhood events happens when our neighborhood comes together, we work hard to play hard while mixing fun with new & past friends. If you are an interested volunteer give me a call or drop me a quick email with your contact information and best time to visit.

Your dedicated Service League Chair,

Tamela Southan
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Third Quarter/July August September Pledge

\$60 (just \$20 a month!)

Payment to

Forest Hills Security Program
8432 San Fernando Way
Dallas, TX 75218

Have you contributed? What is your pledge status? Inquire at fhspenp@aol.com

SUMMER SECURITY TIPS

1. Before you pack your bags, be sure your security system is operating correctly, you have paid the city security permit fee and your emergency contact numbers with your security company have been updated. Be sure the alarm is loud outside as well as inside. Use visible security company lawn signs and decals.
2. Let your neighbors on each side, across the street and behind you know you will be gone asking them to keep an eye on your home. Have someone come by in the morning and evening to check on things. Give them a key; don't hide it outside.
3. Have someone park a car in your driveway during the day, perhaps a different place each time. Make it look like typical, everyday activity.
4. If your window coverings are normally closed or open certain times of the day, have a friend or neighbor change them. Window-shopping is a favorite pastime for crooks. Keep the curious eyes of smash and runners from seeing what you worked hard for.
5. Use timers to turn lights, radios and TV's on and off at times to simulate their normal use. Consider installing a timer on light switch plates for porch or other outside door lights. One that is not décor invasive, fitting flat in the switch plate is the small Intermatic's electronic timer (EI600LAC) with a battery backup, which can be set to come on according to daily sunset and sunrise times 24-7, all year long. Cost is around \$60. Leaving your porch, driveway or garage lights on 24 hours a day is a clear indication that no one is home.
6. Have the lawn mowed and newspapers, doorknob circulars and mail picked up. Or cancel newspaper and mail delivery. Keeping up appearances creates the impression someone is at home.
7. Give an itinerary to neighbors and friends, listing hotel and cell phone numbers. As a Forest Hills security program participant, before your trip, please fill out or email the house check form with all those details. There is a form at foreshilldallas.org or request one from fhspenp@aol.com Give a neighbor house keys in case firefighters or police need to enter the house in the event of an emergency.
8. Consider reinforcing your doors. The weakest point is almost always a flimsy lock strike plate. Upgrade to a four-screw heavy-duty strike plate, using 3-inch wood screws to go deep into the doorframe.
9. Make a list of model and serial numbers and consider engraving your driver's license on electronic items. Password protect your computer. Back up important files and photos to an external hard drive. Take photographs of valuables like jewelry and silverware and make copies of the contents in your wallet. Keep all backup info somewhere other than in your house or on the home computer.
10. Don't leave car keys or important papers on counter tops that are easy to grab. You cannot make your home, your property or yourself totally crime proof, but you can make them crime resistant. Remove the target

FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD JULY 4TH, 2011 STARS 'N STRIPES PARADE & PICNIC



NEW PARADE LINE UP TIME

9:00 am Troops Line 'em up single file on Breezewood between Forest Hills & Santa Clara

9:30 -10:15 am Troops head out. Forest Hills Blvd North bound lane, Left turn onto Whittier, halt at San Fernando Way. Follow the trail to Mr. & Mrs. Keller's Family Park, down the alley way. Bring your bikes / trikes / skate board for the Parade context judging.

STARS 'N STRIPES PARADE CONTEST

Decorate you, your bike, trike, scooter, dog, cat, pig, duck, skate board, parents! Let's see those creative talents! Fun prizes for all. Post your comments on FB / Evite!

TO WATCH IT

9:30 am - Parade troops head out! Man you battle stations.

Parade Route: From Breezewood, North to Forest Hills Blvd to Whittier, make a left. Follow the signs to the alley way leading to Mr. & Mrs. Keller's family park they opened up for the July 4th celebration and fun. (Wave a flag and cheer them on!)

CELEBRATE AN ALL AMERICAN PICNIC – Brisket / Hot Dogs / Watermelon / Ice Cream

8500 Garland Road – Keller Family Park – courtesy of the Keller Family BYOB!

10:15 am -2:00 pm FHNA will serve up Brisket / Hot Dogs / Watermelon / Ice Cream – **Need you to bring your favorite BBQ dish – Slaw, BBQ Beans, Salads, Bread, great fixins.** Children's network is holding a bake sale – so bring USA Minted Money to make your purchases \$(0.50 to \$2.00) Have a sweet tooth, for sure to please.

FHNA TROOP ACTIVITIES

Stars 'N Strip Parade context winners, patriot music, jump house, water balloon fights, volley ball, horse shoes and parade awards. Fun prizes for all. Back by demand – FHNA T- Shirts \$5.00 shirt.

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT!! AN ARMY OF HELP STILL NEEDED INCLUDING SMALL DUTIES AND DONATIONS. Please contact Shelly Clem @ 214-837-8419 / Tamela Southan @ 214-532-9442 / FHAServicleague@aol.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN BEING A PART OF THE FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION EVENTS! YOU ARE HELPING CREATE, MAINTAIN AND CONTINUE THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY.

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Check it out!

Beautification News

In the past month the new sign toppers were installed, the garden beds were weeded and pruned and we had a very successful garden tour. This summer the committee will be meeting to discuss adding some perennial color to some of our garden beds and determine areas where trees to be replaced.

If you haven't taken advantage of the city's free sprinkler system check please consider doing so.

As a service to our customers, Dallas Water Utilities is conducting FREE automatic irrigation system check-ups.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has determined that homes with in-ground automatic irrigation systems use 35% more water than those without irrigation systems. And those households using automatic timers for their irrigation systems use 47% more than their neighbors with in-ground systems operating their systems manually.

Poor irrigation scheduling—watering too often and for too long—is the primary source of water waste associated with landscape irrigation. You may be using a lot more water than your lawn needs and if you are a Dallas Water Utilities customer, you can have a FREE irrigation system check-up by a certified landscape irrigation specialist. These check-ups have saved other customers hundreds of dollars per year on their water bill.

These check-ups can help improve the efficiency of your existing irrigation system by identifying:

- Programming errors
- Leaks in the system
- Broken or misaligned equipment
- Problems with pressure (too high or too low)
- Coverage problems

The Irrigation Specialists will also make recommendations such as:

- Programming suggestions
- Turf water requirements
- Possible equipment upgrades
- Repair and maintenance tips

Our goal in Water Conservation is to help you save water! All suggestions are subject to the homeowner's discretion, but each suggestion will save you money.

For more information or to schedule your automatic sprinkler system check-up, call (214) 670-3155. Or visit their website www.savedallaswater.com.

Neighborhood Boys Giving Back

These days' 5th grade boys have plenty to do. In addition to school, homework, sports and more, a group of neighborhood boys found something was missing. In January eight 5th graders from St. John's formed "AHA" - Always Help Another - and began thinking of ways to give back.

They began by visiting donorschoose.org and found projects in DISD schools that needed support. They made small gifts to assist in funding 2 projects. They enjoyed that, but wanted to do something more hands on.

When they met the week after the devastation in Japan, the boys quickly determined that this was something they wanted to support-but how? Ideas were exchanged and they soon decided to make and sell bracelets with the proceeds to be used to help rebuild Japan. They designed a bracelet that is their interpretation of the Japanese flag and began their work. Asking for a suggestion donation of \$7 per bracelet, they raised more than \$500 before the school year ended. If you would like a bracelet contact any member of AHA. If you don't know one, call Conner at 214.321.6963 or email Will at skwhammond@sbcglobal.net. 100% of the monies raised will be given to the American Red Cross.

AHA has also participated in the For the Love of the Lake Shoreline Cleanup and the boys are looking forward to returning. They can't wait to see what interesting things they might find next.

The group began with Jack Adams, Conner Chase, Luke Gleason, Will Hammond, Pace Lee, Stone Thornhill, Grayson Timmins, and Ian Winson. Recently, Sam Cooper, Hayes Dunlap, and Harry Whiting joined. Jack, Conner, Will, Stone, and Grayson are all Forest Hills residents. Their parents are proud of the work they have been doing and the spirit in which they have participated. We are looking forward to what they might do next!



2011 White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans

On Sunday May 22, 2011 the neighborhoods of Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates featured a self guided tour of nine wonderful gardens, three from each neighborhood. Each of the nine gardens had artisans from these three neighborhoods showcasing their beautiful art for visitors to admire and purchase. In addition a plant sale was held at Casa Linda Park - great plants and great prices!

Proceeds from the tour will be divided among the three neighborhood associations. Forest Hills will use their share for neighborhood beautification.

We want to thank the garden owners from our neighborhood who gave so generously of their time and graciously opened their backyards for over a 1000 delighted visitors to enjoy.

Garden owners for 2011 were:

Whalen/Unruh garden - 8138 Santa Clara Dr.

De La Fuente garden - 8131 San Cristobal Dr.

Buchanan garden - 8259 San Benito Way.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

This tour would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Barb Michaels, Andie Comini and Lottie Minick represented our neighborhood at all of the planning sessions. Mary Deighton helped procure sponsors and advertisers. Thanks to Cynthia Daniel (our neighbor on Barbaree) for hosting the great after the tour garden party! And Gary Grass, our treasurer went above and beyond duty in keeping track of all the finances for this event.

And very special thanks goes all the volunteers who monitored the gardens this year: Kelly Miller, Mike Miller, Mary Ehrenberger, James Duff, Hoong Nan Young, Marsha Singer, Gary Grass, Tyler Grass, Carolyn Lacy, Vicki Burns, Larry Burns, Shelly Clem, Joan Schopoff, Patty Goya, Ty Farris, Katrina Moran, Dianne Solomon, Larry Solomon, Abbie Strava, Leon Russell, Sharon Russell, Tamela Southan, Marianne Mourer, Josephine Brown, Billy Brown, Dorinda Duncan, Kathy Glenn, Alicia Alvarez, Terri Stull-Higgins, Lee Higgins, Jane Hulseley, Margaret Smith, Todd Daniel and Rachael Brown. You are the BEST!



Our 10th annual garden tour would not have been possible without the generous donations from local business owners. Heartfelt thanks go to our garden sponsors and advertisers.

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THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU :

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..

5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [http://www.faketv/ ..com/](http://www.faketv/..com/)) <<http://www.faketv/ ..com/>>

Ferguson Road group seeks funds after end of federal crime-fighting grant

By NANCY VISSER, DMN, 5.30.11

For 20 years, federal "Weed and Seed" grants helped communities weed out crime and plant seeds for revitalization. But the program is ending, and organizations that grew out of it must seek other funding...

That isn't deterring the folks behind the Ferguson Road Initiative in Far East Dallas, where Weed and Seed grants have helped fund police overtime in high-crime areas and a slew of social service programs.

Alice Zaccarello, executive director of the Ferguson Road Initiative, said all of Dallas should be concerned about the loss of Operation Weed and Seed..."

"I don't think the general population realizes that when Weed and Seed can reduce crime in high-crime areas, then every other area in the city of Dallas benefits," she said.

Weed and Seed...was designed to help restore crime-ridden communities through 5-year grants. The selected sites were required to raise additional funds and in-kind resources. But Congress cut the program for fiscal year 2011, and no new grants are available.

The Ferguson Road group, which received nearly \$2 million over 10 years, hopes to make up for the loss through support from neighborhoods and businesses, as well as grants from foundations and corporations. The group's current annual budget is about \$400,000, and organizers must replace \$156,000.

In the meantime, the group has scaled back crime-reduction and community programs...

Northeast Patrol Division intends to keep resources focused on high-crime areas around Ferguson Road, which runs from I-30 to LBJ Freeway. The corridor is lined with neighborhoods developed in the 1950s through the '70s... There are also clusters of apartment complexes, ranging from gated properties to ghettos...

Kerry Goodwin, who was the Ferguson Road Weed and Seed coordinator, helped bridge the gap between the police and the neighborhoods. Goodwin lost his paid position this month when the federal funding ended, but the Ferguson Road group hopes to restore it.

Half of the grant money went to law enforcement, such as paying for police overtime and involving crime-fighting groups, Zaccarello said. The other half went to programs to help sustain a lower crime rate...

Vikki Martin, the group's president, said she hopes other residents and the businesses recognize the value of the program and pledge to support it, along with the philanthropic community and the city...

Here are highlights:

Neighborhood improvements:

- White Rock Hills branch library under construction
- Blighted properties demolished, including a former Howard Johnson hotel at Ferguson/I-30 and the Rosewood Apartments on Highland Road
- The new Lakeland Hills skate park and the Ferguson Park spray park
- Neighborhood services:
- Coordination with the Dallas police and other law enforcement agencies
- Coordination of 35 Crime Watch organizations
- Graffiti cleanup
- Drug education youth programs
- Tutoring and school programs

To read this article in its entirety, visit the DMN web site: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/lakewood/headlines/20110530-ferguson-road-group-seeks-funds-after-end-of-federal-crime-fighting-grant.ece>

If you would like to invest in your community and ensure that crime stays down, visit www.fergusonroad.org and click on Donate Now!



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FOREST HILLS PUTS THE IN EVITE!

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FUN.....Communications to Forest Hills Neighborhood

Evite is our new event communication tool providing an interactive way to share Forest Hills Neighborhood scheduled events throughout the year. Did not receive the Memorial Day Evite, then time to join our email list. If you are a resident of Forest Hills and would like to be on the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association email list you can sign up below. You may also change your status at any time. (Neighborhood residents only please.) <http://www.foresthillsdallas.org/volunteer.htm>

Why Evite? Well here are a few reasons:

- Adding polls for your guests to answer — find out what movie, food or music everybody prefers
- Letting guests select items to bring — great for potlucks and other group-run events
- Allowing guests to invite more people to the event
- Event communication, RSVP and comments
- Streamlined, efficient way to reach our neighbors
- The most important is cost effective – no stamps or trees while freeing up our volunteers to manage our events more effectively.

Join our evite system as we continue to make positive enhancements, moving forward with a top online invitation and social planning website. Catch you on the next Evite event!

Don't have an email, that's okay, all events will be posted in the newsletter and on the website, www.foresthillsdallas.org. Keeping you in the KNOW with the FHNA Calendar of Events and the details that follow with special thanks to event contributors, sponsors, our wonderful neighborhood volunteers and YOU – Forest Hills Neighbors.

Tamela Southan
FHNA Service League



YMCA Summer Camp Develops Youth's Potential



Instead of spending the summer at home and in doors, the YMCA at White Rock is encouraging parents to give their kids a chance to explore new adventures at the Y's camps. YMCA campers gain new experiences, develop essential social skills and create lifelong friendships, while enjoying camp adventures along the way.

According to camping experts at the YMCA, there are five reasons why children and teens should experience summer camp:

1. **FOR ADVENTURE:** Summer camp is all about fun adventures in the outdoors. Children ages 7-12 can have an adventurous summer through Camp Uluwatu. Teenagers have the opportunity to experience Turner Falls, OK, at the teen camping trip on July 26.
2. **FOR NEW EXPERIENCES:** Camps are about learning outside of school, exploring and appreciating the outdoors, developing new skills, making friends and showing leadership. New rowing and canoeing teen camps are offered this year.
3. **FOR PERSONAL GROWTH:** Campers have a chance to develop confidence and independence by taking on new responsibilities and challenges. Kids ages 3-12 have options for several sports skills camps. Teens can make a difference in the community through the Go Green camp.
4. **FOR NEW FRIENDSHIPS:** Amidst the fun of camp games, songs, swimming, canoeing and talent shows, campers meet new friends.
5. **FOR MEMORIES:** Summer camp is an unforgettable experience that will give each camper memories (and campfire stories) that will last a lifetime.

To ensure that every child and teen has the chance to go to camp, the Y offers financial assistance to those in need.

For more information about Y camps, visit www.whiterockymca.org or call 214-328-3849.

Who is YOUR Block Captain?

The FHA cannot express enough gratitude for its Block Captains. They are the intrepid unsung heroes who deliver the FHA newsletter and other important information to our doors through rain, sleet and snow. They can answer many questions about the neighborhood, especially if you are new to FH. Your BC will be the name listed under your street and block number. The first name is the Lead BC. Additional names, if any, are Backup BC's.

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Adolfo Rodriguez, Jr.

8300 block San Leandro
Trae Schaefer & Sean Faulkner

8500 block Forest Hills
Jim & Lynne Clarke

1300 block Highland
Michael King & Craig Weitz

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.

For oversights, please contact Judy Whalen 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!

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Keep Pets Safe in Summer Heat


 Never leave your pet in a car when you travel or do errands. During warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, leave your pet cool at home while you're on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control (703-931-9241 in Arlington) or the police department immediately.




 Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws.

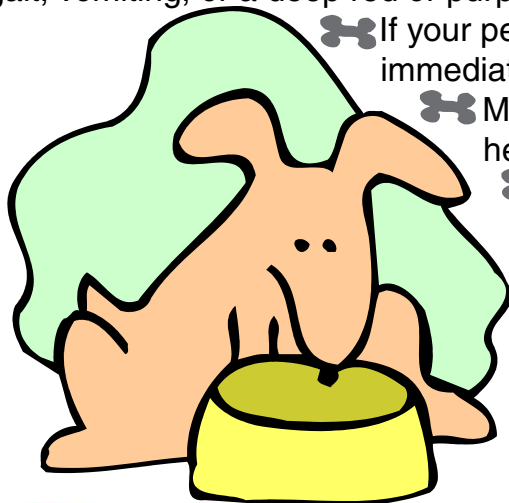
 Another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.


 Pets can get sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.


 Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. For your pet's well being, leave her at home.


If your pet is exposed to high temperatures:


 Be alert for signs of heat stress-heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.




 If your pet becomes overheated, you must lower her body temperature immediately.

 Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over her body to gradually lower her temperature.

 Apply ice packs or cool towels to your pet's head, neck, and chest only.

 Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.

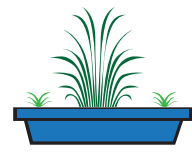
 Finally, take your pet directly to a veterinarian-it could save her life.

These tips are provided by the Humane Society of the United States and can be found on their Web site at <http://www.hsus.org>.





Garden Club News



PLANTING FOREST HILLS' FUTURE

Mariana Green's Dallas Morning news article promoting this year's White Rock East Garden Tour, "As the ferns thrive, so do the memories" touched many.

There were people who attended the tour not knowing Forest Hills, the current owner Judy Whalen or the past residents, L.B. Houston and his wife, Lynn. They were compelled to come because of the sentiment Green had expressed. Many people sought out Judy the day of the tour to report they felt while being here the same presence described in the article. A lady from Preston Hollow, after arriving to see and feel what the article had talked about, said the property felt like home to her...something she was seeking. She wanted to buy our neighborhood's feeling. Lynn Houston's grandniece after reading the article came to introduce herself and tell Judy more about her Aunt Lynn, Santa Clara and the neighborhood. That day the old frog fountain brought back memories of the visits to her Aunt Lynn's magical neighborhood. The Forest Hills magic continues to be felt today. Perhaps this points out to us that how we care for our neighborhood today will be a future gift to others.

The following was found in Judy's mailbox during the tour...

"In her remarkable poem, "Housewarming" the late Elaine Smokewood, a beloved OCU teacher, beautifully mused about the garden she inherited:

.....long before I drove toward this town, this house, someone-a wife, a mother, a daughter-planted, thoughtfully, skillfully,seeds so there would always, somewhere in this yard, be a small beautiful thing for me to see.

"She reminds us how important are the things we do for others. And how, in "planting our own garden," we often touch the lives of people we will never even know."

We are listening!

What's happening in Forest Hills? Did I hear you say, I did not know about this event? Well, we have the communication tools to help any Forest Hills Home Owner stay tuned in, connected and hopefully participating.

Newsletter Publications – every other month

Forest Hills website – www.foresthillsdallas.org (post Newsletter / Events)

Facebook – Forest Hills Dallas – events / comments / FHN Pics

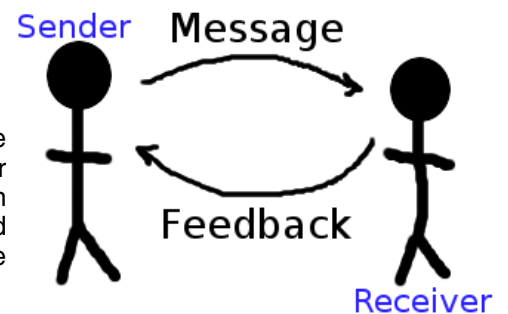
NEW – Evite – event communication via email – now you can reply / comment

Most importantly – Our Faithful Block Captains – YOUR OUR SPECIAL SAUCE!

Now, you can't say I did not know, well, unless you're just not plugged in. We hope you want to be since communication is key to the success and engagement with our neighborhood. Our focus is to provide our new and current neighbors with information from the Service League and Social Chair by organizing, promoting activities and events that facilitate FHA through socialization, assistance to families and longtime residents of Forest Hills.

Get plugged in! You will glow with new friends and neighbors.

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Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month for March was awarded to Michael and Mae Reeves - 8319 Forest Hills Blvd. We would like to apologize for the error in the May/June issue. Below is the correct picture of their lovely home and garden.



Yard of the Month

The yard of the month for May was awarded to Luis DeLaFuente at 8131 San Cristobal. Hopefully you were able to see this amazing garden during the garden tour. The front yard is impeccably maintained and the back yard is truly a garden retreat complete with a waterfall and pond and many flowers. Most incredible is that this garden is only 12 months old.



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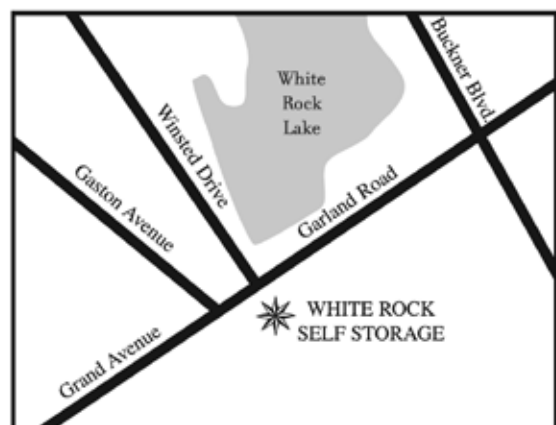
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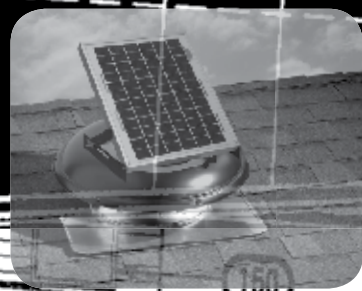
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