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“We had known about Forest Hills for years, and we knew it as a wonderful neighborhood.”

— William Reece, San Rafael

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I just wanted to write a brief letter to our community to thank everyone for coming together over the past few months as we have worked through issues that impact our neighborhood. One of the best attributes of Forest Hills is that we are a very passionate community that cares deeply about where we live and the future of the neighborhood. Sometimes that means that we have differing opinions, but at the end of the day, we can all come together and support one another in positive and meaningful ways and perhaps make new friends along the way.

In case you missed the constant string of e-blasts over the past few months, the quick summary on Sanger Elementary and Middle School is that the expansion will proceed forward and many of the items negotiated by Forest Hills N.A. have been embedded in the plan. The key takeaways to be aware of are the following: the school expansion will only be a 2 story structure and portables will be removed after the new structure is occupied, portables required during construction will be reduced from 5 to 3 total and will be placed in the rear of the property, landscaping of trees, shrubs, and new signage are



CHRIS MCCAULEY

part of the plan to improve the building presentation, and a new onsite traffic queue will be created during the construction to reduce traffic issues and in August 2016 a new traffic management plan will be implemented with increased staggered release times and tracking to that will be monitored and enforced.

Now, speaking of coming together, we will have the Fourth of July parade and picnic event to look forward to in just a few days. It is a truly unique neighborhood experience and one of the highlights of living in our community. This event is made possible through the generosity of the Keller family, who year after year go above and beyond in their support of Forest Hills and our residents. We owe them our deepest gratitude and are so thankful for their kindness. Details regarding the parade have been shared via e-mail blasts, neighborhood signs, and posted on our website.

As we all enjoy our summer time with family and friends here or wherever you may choose to visit, I hope you find time for some overdue rest and relaxation. In the Fall, you can expect us to get everything back in gear to host other events and fundraisers as we all work together to improve our neighborhood and strengthen our community.

EDITOR'S LETTER

When I worked as an investigative reporter, I covered plenty of crime scenes but it was always to report on the aftermath. On Friday night, May 20th we witnessed a crime unfold right in front of our eyes.

We were making dinner when we heard the sirens blaring and a helicopter swirling overhead. We walked out on the front porch to see several Dallas police officers about 50 feet away with guns drawn shouting, "Get out of the vehicle now." It was like a scene out of a movie. The suspects had stolen a car and stopped right in front of our driveway. We watched for several minutes while the officers tried to contain the situation, slowly surrounding the vehicle. The suspects finally got out of the car and surrendered. By then there were almost a dozen squad cars and a fire truck lined up down the street. The police were extremely professional and made sure all the neighbors knew what was going on and were safe.

No one wants to see squad cars outside their home. We'd all like to keep the crime out of Forest Hills. The best way to keep our neighborhood safe is to continue to pay our security dues. The officers are not only familiar with Forest Hills but the residents who live here. It is a small price to pay.

The situation could have escalated and not ended peacefully. We were extremely grateful to see how many officers arrived at the scene and were able to get the situation swiftly under control.



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Landscape & Style Made Forest Hills Top Choice



It was the beautiful Georgian-style architecture of their home and huge trees that attracted newcomers William Reece aka Buddy and Camille Johnson to Forest Hills.

"We had known about Forest Hills for years," said Buddy, "and we knew it as a wonderful neighborhood."

The couple has lived in or around the DFW area all their lives. Reece's father grew up on Lake Highlands Drive and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. Camille's family is from Canton, home of the world's famous trade days.

The couple has a 15 year old son, Liam. He is a student at Lakehill Preparatory School and is active in the high school drama department.

"Liam has an amazing talent for act-

ing, which he pursues with enjoyment," said Buddy.

The family also has two non-humans in the family. Oliver the Schnoodle is a German Pinscher, and Robert Hervé Otis, colloquially, Bob, is an African Grey parrot.

"Bob is an emerging talent as the sound track for anything that beeps and commentator on what Oliver should do; sit! sit! sit!" said Buddy. "Oliver practices his skills as a power sleeper and head of the bone parade whenever someone comes home."

For fun, William enjoys pretending to be a rock star, which he is when playing his guitar and the door is closed and no one is listening. Camille claims to be William's number one fan.

Welcome Newcomers!

8100 Block Forest Hills
John & Sarah Zavala

8200 Block San Cristobal
Max & Meghan Kuiper

8400 Block Santa Clara
Neil and Caroline Stewartt

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

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.

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Luanne McNulty & Tony Miketinac
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This lovely European Chateau was just featured on the White Rock East Garden Tour! In the front yard you will see a wide variety of perennial plants as well as Japanese maples and newly planted lorapetalum. The owners have recently planted many evergreen specimens which enables them to have a "green" garden year around. And mixed in with the evergreens are Jerusalem sage, hydrangea and acanthus mollis along with many other beautiful flowers. All make for a lovely setting!

JUNE

Samanmalee & Nicholas Foley
8146 San Fernando Way

This stunning Spanish style home boasts a front yard full of delights - from many types of blooming flowers to a beautiful water fall and fish pond with bog plants such as umbrella plants. Along the curving walkway there is a wide variety of perennials including canvas, lambs ear, lilies and purple coneflower and many more. In addition there is a blooming cactus garden on the side yard. Something for everyone!

Have you paid your FHNA Dues?

Our neighborhood uses the dues that it receives on an annual basis to pay for:

- FHA Newsletter
- Bulky Trash Signage
- Community Beautification Projects
- Great Neighborhood Events

To date, we only have 93 paid

members. Please do not forget to pay your annual membership fee of \$50 for households with residents under 65 or \$30 for households with a resident over 65+. Pay your dues today at foresthillsdallas.org or by mail at Forest Hills Association, PO Box 180897, Dallas TX, 75218

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The White Rock East Garden Tour & Artisans was a great success for our neighborhood and for our participating artists. We want to recognize our neighbors who are also artists that participated in our three Forest Hills Gardens.

The Palmer Garden had artisans: Patty Goya selling "poor man's Bonsai" plants; Rita Hendricks, a first time tour artist, displaying her pastel still life and landscapes and Krista Dunham with her "Recycled Wood Art" for the home.

In the McNulty/Miketnac Garden: Shelly and Mike Clem displayed their alphabet letters made from old books.

You can see more about them at LetterLounge.net.

The Estes/Timmings Garden featured two metal sculpture artists: Lottie Minick combines fused glass and metal into art to decorate your home and yard.

Cynthia Daniel uses recycled metal for whimsical home and garden sculptures.

Support your neighbors and their art!

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This tour would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Barb Michaels, Andie Comini, Lottie Minick, Becky Bordelon, Rita Hendricks, Greg Stinson and Tim Simmonds represented our neighborhood at all of the planning sessions. Special thanks to Cynthia Daniel (our neighbor on Barbaree) for coordinating all the artists.

And very special thanks goes all the volunteers who monitored the gardens this year: Kelly and Mike Miller, Josephine Brown, Margaret Webb, Pat and Wayne Cage, Mary Ehrenberger, Becky Bordelon, Melissa Knight, Margaret Wall, Cathy Webb, Rocky Ford, Abbie Strava, Elaine Copeland, Linda Zawadzki, Susan Bailey, Patricia Corrigan, Barbara Ilaoa, Greg Stinson, Kathy Estelle, Pat Fuente, Jane Ojeda, Eliane Bailey, Lynda Christian, Brenda Dunklau, Priscilla Allen, Louie Buckman, Linda Turner Erica Howe, Harry Morgan, Justin Moore, Marti Ratcliff, and Denice. You are the BEST!

Remembering Long-Time Forest Hills Friends

JACK KELLER

Forest Hills lost long time friend and neighbor Jack Keller in early May. He was 88.

He was a Dallas icon known for his big personality, extraordinary business acumen and huge neighborhood Fourth of July parties. Keller graciously opened his yard every year for the neighborhood barbecue following the Forest Hills parade.

Keller opened his first burger joint in 1950. The Northwest Highway location celebrated it's 50th anniversary



last year.

Keller maintained the secret of his business was a good, consistent product, year in and year out, at a reasonable price.

The burger pioneer passed away one day after being diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer of the liver, said his son, Jack Keller Jr in a recent Dallas Morning News article.

He is survived by his

loving wife of sixty-five years, Wilma Keller; his children, grandchildren, many cousins and dear friends.

MARGARET SMITH

Margaret Smith was past president and treasurer of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association and a person who was passionate about our neighborhood. Margaret passed away on May 11th this year after a brief illness. Stephen passed away on May 30th after an extended illness. They lived in our neighborhood for 63 years Stephen was the architect when their their mid century modern home was built at 8446 Santa Clara Dr. in 1953.

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On Friday evenings in July, enjoy Garden Gigs from 7:30pm-9:30pm. Open to the general public for a \$10 admission, these evenings feature several local musicians throughout the Arboretum grounds. Bring a picnic or grab something to nosh on from some of DFW's favorite food trucks. Parking is complimentary. Check the Arboretum website if you wish to know which artists are performing on any given night.

Arboretum members can start their mornings off right with an early walk through the gardens any day from 7am. Simply present your membership card at the gate. Members are also invited to tranquil morning yoga overlooking the lake on Saturdays from 7:30am-8:30am on the Camp Lawn. To learn more about Arboretum membership, visit www.dallasarboretum.org/join.

If you're looking for ways to fill those last dog days of summer with the kids, **don't forget about August Dollar Days.** For the entire month, visitors can pay just \$1 for general admission to the garden. For an additional \$1, you can also gain entry to the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden filled with wonders that will help stimulate little minds into back-to-school mode.



Now is the **time to buy tickets for the Cool Thursdays fall concert series** that runs from September 1 through October 27. Fall concerts will be held Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage & Lawn. Cover bands and variety bands shake things up and make for great outdoor family fun, so get those tickets early!

Closing the door on crime – Ask the Security Chick!

Dear Security Chick,

A few weeks ago a lot of patrol officers were on San Fernando close to Breezewood. They stopped an old Chrysler 300. Not that I have nothing to do but watch the neighbors, but there were a lot of patrol cars blocking my view. So annoying, Security Chick, what's the scoop?

–Not A Snoop on San Fernando

Dear Not A Snoop,

There was a burglary in Garland and where three guys stole a car. The company who financed the car had a tracking device on it so the owner of the car was able to follow the car, call 911 and keep them informed. Officers started to follow the car and the owner toward Forest Hills. Though not on patrol as our FHENP at the time, our Top Cop and his partner heard the guys in the stolen care were headed to Forest Hills and added themselves as cover. They arrived

just as the other police officers were taking the 3 perps out of the stolen car. Even when not on Forest Hills scheduled patrol for us, if there is a call relating to Forest Hills, Our Wonderful Security Patrol, if they are close, are here. They consider us their "peeps" and care.

Not A Scoop, PLEASE encourage your neighbors to participate in our Neighbor Patrol. The number of patrols relate directly to the money to pay for them. Dues are \$240 at the first of the year or \$60 quarterly. Easy to pay on the Forest Hills website with Paypal: www.foresthillssecurity.org

Snoop - it's \$20 a month, a lot less than your deductible if you are robbed.

And, Not A Snoop, keep watching out for the neighbors. Call 911 if there's a even a small problem. 911 knows how to prioritize your call. We all must keep an eye out for each other.

–Security Chick



Forest Hills Animal Alert has gone digital!

Animal Alert! serves to reunite lost and found pets with their families in Forest Hills and Little Forest Hills. The more people who register to get our Email Alerts AND fill out our Digital Forms - the better!

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We are beginning to collect and store items for the garage sale this fall. So, as you start to do your summer cleaning - think about donating those unwanted items to our Garage Sale! Also, if you should have a spare space in your garage or a storage unit to help with storing items please let us know. Help us make this the best Garage Sale possible!

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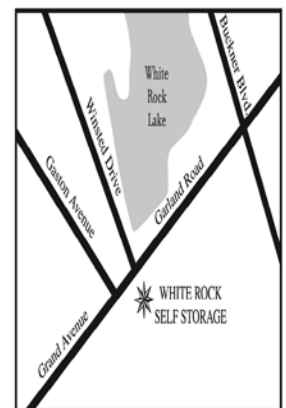
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Vicki has sold 12 homes in Forest Hills since Dec. 2014, 5 of them sold for over \$1.1 million. This is Vicki's favorite neighborhood and she considers herself a Forest Hills expert.

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