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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

FRIDAY, JULY 4th

Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

Parade starts at 10:30 am and picnic follows in the Keller's backyard!

MONTHLY - Bulk Trash, Week of 2nd Monday dallascityhall.com



President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

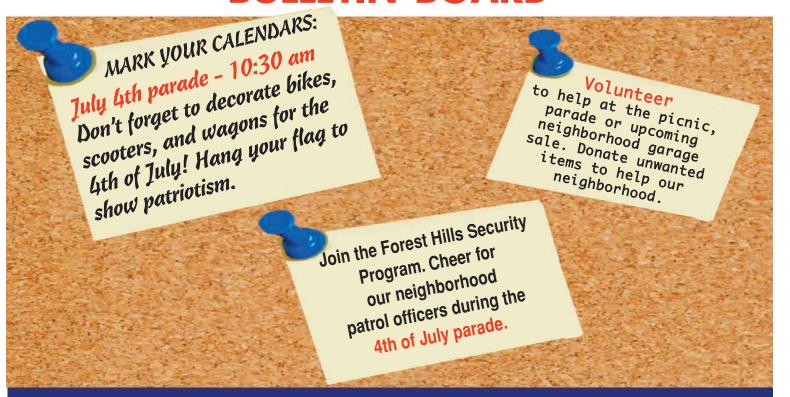
I ran across this article from a 2008 newsletter. I felt it was appropriate to use this as my column this month. We have so very many great residents and contributors to the Forest Hills Neighborhood...Probably none as fun, as colorful, and as giving as Jack and Wilma Keller. As we look to the July

4th celebration, the Kellers have again this year graciously sponsored our 4th parade and picnic. Enjoy this blast from the past.

Jack and Wilma Keller, long time Forest Hills resident and owners of Dallas' famous Keller's restaurants has had lots of publicity throughout the years. Among the recent acclaims was Keller's hamburger being named #10 across the nation on the "20 Hamburgers You Must Eat Before You Die" list in Gentleman's Quarterly Magazine. Also Jack and his Keller's burgers, the most American of comfort foods, were featured on TV's Food Network's "Diners, Drive-in and Dives" this past year. May of this year, the landmark Keller's on Northwest Hwy became a live set for the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet program. The Daily Planet promotes leading an environmentally conscious life. The episode opens with Jack being asked to sell his diner grease to the show for an educational demonstration on how easy it is to turn grease into bio diesel fuel. He answers he won't sell it, but if they have a contest he will give it to the winner. The challenge was on! It was an all-day event, featuring an eco-centric competition along with a marching band, cheerleaders, Johnny Colt and Meatloaf guest appearances, dry car washes and more. Two big tour busses arrived. One having Rocker Tommy Lee and his entourage and the other with Rapper Ludicrous and gang. Each celebrity formed a team of five, who rolled up their sleeves to flip and serve hamburgers all day long. Points were given for each of the menu items, hamburgers, fries, beers, etc. Tommy Lee's team sold and served the most points, winning the greasy prize! It airs this summer. You must get in your car and drive over to Keller's Drive-In, 6537 East Northwest Hwy., just west of Abrams Rd. for a retro recall. Serving burgers since 1965, Keller's is a place that was everywhere, which is hardly ever found anymore. It is by far the best authentic drive-in around! Drive in and turn your blinker on for curbside service. Order up a quality burger perfectly cooked and fully loaded along with tator tots or fries and a cold beer all placed on a tray attached to your car window. You even get your own set of salt and pepper shakers! The lot is filled with classic cars, hot rods, hotties, babies, bikers, low riders, high rollers and more. It's a quick order with a slice of life on the side!

When you see Jack and Wilma, please give them our sincere thanks for all they do! Hope to see you at their place July 4th!!

BULLETIN BOARD



FOURTH OF JULY

Come join the Forest Hills Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Volunteer to be in the parade, meet your neighbors and enjoy the holiday! The Kellers are again providing the neighborhood with a wonderful 4th of July get together! There will be barbecue and all the trimmings, a bounce house and water works for the kids, medals for parade entries as well as good old fashioned neighborhood visiting. The parade begins at Keller Circle on the corner of Breezewood and Forest Hills at 10:30 am, so decorate those bikes and scooters, hang a flag on your trailer, and pull your favorite wagon down the boulevard to show your spirit for America and Forest Hills! Following the parade the picnic will be held in the Keller's lot on the corner of Lakeland and Garland Road. Access the picnic through the alley gate. SEE YOU THERE!

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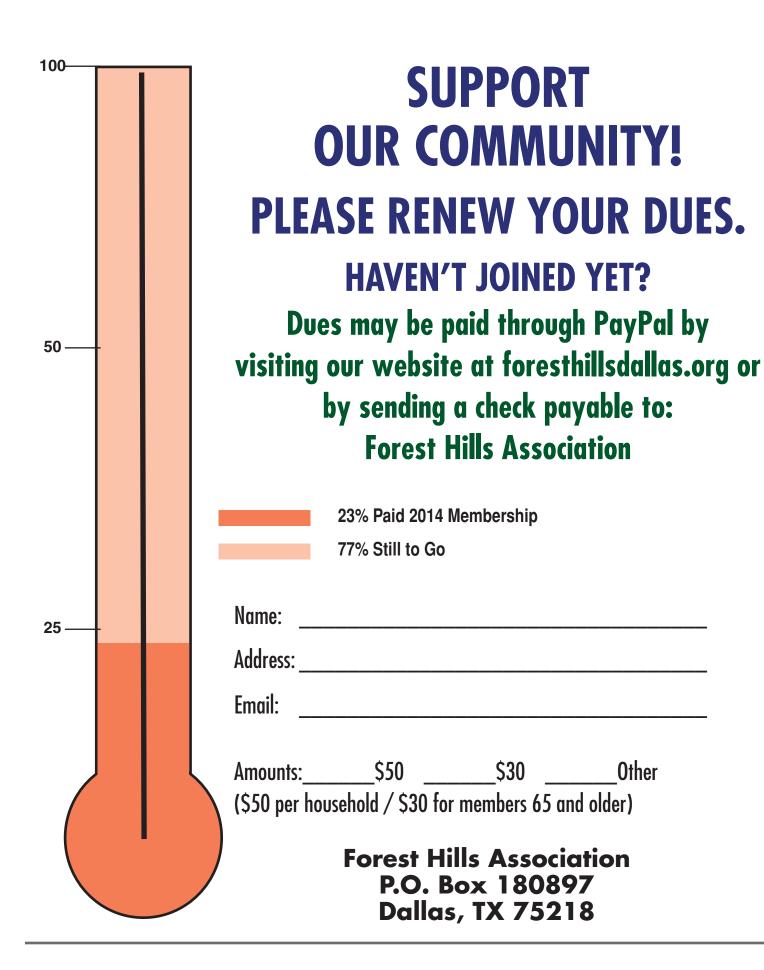
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2014 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE





Forest Hills Security Chick Clucks Common Sense Summer Safety Tips

CRIME RATES RISE DANGEROUSLY IN JULY AND AUGUST

- Property thefts including lawn equipment and tools
- ••Automobile burglaries, especially among unlocked vehicles
- Home burglaries while gone on vacation

Ask the Security Chick

SUMMERTIME AND VACATION SECURITY AWARENESS

- Don't leave valuables in your car. Best not to have anything in sight to entice. LOCK TAKE HIDE
- Keep up your guard, by securing your homes, being extra aware, watching out for yourself and your neighbors. Always use your home security system and lock your doors.

See something - Say Something - CALL 911

VACATION TIPS

- Your home should look like it always does when you are there.
- Make it look like there is activity.
- Use Timers to operate lights, radios, TV
- Arrange for continuation of lawn care
- Have a friend/neighbor pick up deliveries, any door flyers or papers, mail that is overflowing from a mailbox. Or have deliveries, papers and mail stopped.
- Have a friend move your car occasionally if it is parked in your driveway.
- Or have a neighbor park one of their cars in your driveway at different times.
- Keep an eye on your neighbor's property and have them watch yours for any out of the ordinary movement or placement of things. *Be aware, if you see anything suspicious, call 911 to report it.*

Current contributors to the Forest Hills Security Program can take advantage of a *home watch service* with uniformed off-duty Dallas Police officers checking your home, picking up newspapers, flyers, while you are away. Request form on the Security Page of FH website: http://www.foresthillsdallas.org

DEAR SECURITY CHICK.

Do you think we should stop our paper or ask a neighbor to pick it up when we go out of town? *Regards, Pickup*

DEAR PICKUP,

Could this possibly be your yard? Yes, except for spelling "I'm Out Of Town" with the newspapers, I don't think there's a better sign you're not home! After you pick up all your newspapers at the neighbors, make a lovely paper dress. They are quite stylish and all the rage.

Does it look like a Beaver climbed your tree and spit the bark on the ground?

Guess again...it's your neighborhood squirrels.

> It is not uncommon for squirrels to eat the young tender bark of tree branches and even off larger limbs on thinner bark trees. Usually they are after





the "sap" stored carbohydrates and sugars that are between the bark and hard wood of the trees in the cambium. When the bark has been eaten off all the

way around the branch or limb, it will die. Often larger limbs don't always have the bark eaten all the way around. The tree will try to heal over this bare spot, but in the mean time the tree is open to disease. Not all trees seem to appeal to squirrels. The more desirable varieties are Pecan,

Bois de Arc, Red Oak, Hackberry & Live Oaks. (Information courtesy of Jim Breaux, Personal Touch Tree Service)

Solutions to Stop Bark Stripping

Habitat Modification: Flashing applied to tree to prevent squirrel access. Isolated trees or groups of trees - Wrap tree trunks with 12" (or greater) aluminum flashing at least 6 feet off ground to prevent climbing. Wrapping 3 rows of porcupine wire spaced with tines 2 inches apart may also prevent squirrel climbing. Be sure the porcupine wire is at least 8 feet off the ground to prevent people from accidental impalement.

Repellents: Limited value. Taste repellents can be effective to stop squirrel gnawing on a particular spot. Read label to see if tree would be harmed. (from Internet Center for Wildlife Damage *Management*) http://icwdm.org/wildlife/Squirrels/barkstripping1.aspx

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

8300 Forest Hills Brian & Mary Progar

8300 San Leandro Miguel & Erica Howe

8400 San Benito Randy & Debra Campbell

8300 Block Santa Clara **Brad & Lara Huddleston**

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

8200 Block San Cristobal Billy & Sherrie Kulwicki

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.

Forest Hills Security Program UPDATE

In the words of Officer David DeTamble, "it is evident that when there are squad cars here, the bad guys go somewhere else." Our tabulation of the first half 2014 donations are not encouraging. The bad guys would not be impressed or deterred by our results.

As of June 1 we have 234 participants at some level of contribution, with 175 paid in full. Thanks to you who donate and continue to participate. That leaves 383 non-participants, of which, 87 who participated in 2013 but not this year.

We have a huge asset at our disposal which everyone reading this needs to be reminded of. The aforementioned David DeTamble, Forest Hills ENP Liaison, representing the Dallas Police Department NE Patrol Division, and the patrol officers he oversees, are the key reason we have been able to deter the level of crime in our neighborhood that others are envious of.

While surrounding neighborhoods struggle with some element of volunteer resident patrols, we have Dallas' finest patrolling ours. This comes at cost of \$240.00 annually; a minimal amount for what we get, it is a "no-brainer"!

We are currently at 24 hours of patrol a week, down from our peak at the end of 2013 of 35 hours of patrol a week. There are 617 households in Forest Hills and Barbaree. We can do better than a 38% participation rate!

Pay by check to: Forest Hills Security Program, P.O. Box 180693, Dallas, TX 75218 or via PayPal at www.foresthillssecurity.org

For more information on the program email fhnacrimewatch@aol.com or to check on your payment status, email fhspcfo@aol.com or call Dennis Reed at 214-668-3311.

Be aware of your surroundings and those of your neighbors and don't hesitate to call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

For the Board of Directors,

Bob Wood

President, Forest Hills Security Program

Join the Security Program TODAY!

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

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2014 WHITE ROCK EAST GARDEN TOUR AND ARTISANS

On Sunday May 18, 2014 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, the tour showcased the Sanger Elementary garden and our annual plant sale was held there this year to encourage people to visit this very special garden.

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 home owners:

Pat Corrigan - 8367 San Fernando Way

Mitch and Becky Blanchard - 8567 San Fernando Way

Andie Comini - 1737 Whittier

from our neighborhood who gave so generously of their time and graciously opened their yards and gardens for delighted visitors to enjoy.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

This tour would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Barb Michaels, Andie Comini, Lottie Minick, Becky Bordelon, Rian Purvis, Debbie Knight and Rita Hendricks represented our neighborhood

at all of the planning sessions. This is the first time in seven years that Forest Hills has been so well represented on this committee. Thanks to Becky, Rita, Rian and Debbie for coming on board! Special thanks to Cynthia Daniel (our neighbor on Barbaree) for wrangling all the artists AND hosting the "after tour party" in her lovely garden.

And very special thanks goes all the volunteers who monitored the gardens this year: Kelly Miller, Mike Miller, Josephine Brown,
Dorinda Duncan, Robert Smith, Judy Whalen, Debbie Knight,
Margaret Webb, Angie Title, Louie Buchman, Mary Deighton,
Kathy Estell, Lori Hunt, Kathy Wall, Margaret Sorrells, Pat and Wayne Cage,
Mary Ehrenberger, Becky Bordelon, Alicia Alvarez, Melissa Knight,
Maureen Mann, Bobbie Howard, Lola Brashear, Kathy Glenn, Harry and
Ellen Walker, Marci Novak, Candace George, Margaret Wall, Mary Deighton,

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FOREST HILLS HISTORY FUN FACTS

Alice Lon Wyche (1926-1981), singer and dancer on The Lawrence Welk Musical Variety Show during its early television years.





8311 Forest Hills Blvd. 1950 - 2014 – The house is gone, but history remains:

Alice Lon, one of big band leader Lawrence Welk's favorite *Champagne Ladies* during the 50's and 60's, lived at 8311 Forest Hills Blvd and Breezewood. She was Welk's sixth champagne lady, but the first to appear on network television.

For years a metal TV tray that pictured Lawrence dancing with Lon was passed along, whenever the house was sold. In the image on the tray she was wearing a lemon yellow shirtwaist dress with a full skirt and petticoat with matching low heel pumps. One of the

previous owners, Bob and Ruth Stafford, who bought the house from Alice, said she entertained a lot and had many parties at the house. Lawrence Welk was said to have visited Forest Hills once and Myron Floren, Lawrence's featured accordion player, visited several times.

Throughout the big-band era and the years that followed, each of Lawrence Welk's female vocalists was always nicknamed "The Champagne Lady". Lon assumed the title in 1955, during the TV program's first season. Her alto singing voice graced Welk's show weekly until 1959, when she left the show over musical and money issues, although a popular legend developed that implied she was fired for showing too much leg. (Known as the "Cheese-cake" incident). Viewers missed the popular Alice Lon, and Welk received many messages demanding that she be rehired. Welk tried to bring her back, but she refused. Lawrence and Lon eventually reconciled personally, but never worked together professionally again.

On Welk's show, Lon was known for wearing particularly full skirts with colorful petticoats designed by her mother, Lois Wyche, as she told TV Guide. She gave instructions in the article on how viewers might make their own petticoats. Those petticoats she wore, became a popular national symbol among the show's female fans.

She recorded an album for Coral Records titled It's Alice. The liner notes provide the following: "Miss Lon, first introduced by Welk as "Alice from Dallas", began singing, dancing and playing the piano at six. By the time she was ten, the precocious young songstress was appearing on her own sponsored radio show.

In her teens she began touring her native Texas playing theaters, veterans' hospitals and army camps until she was signed by Interstate Theaters in Dallas. Appearing on the Interstate circuit, she also starred on its weekly radio show, "Showtime", emanating from the Palace Theater in Dallas. While touring for Interstate, she was invited to appear on the Don McNeill's famous radio show The Breakfast Club in Chicago, an engagement that was to be the first of a great many radio and TV appearances in that area.

Have fun history facts about your home, Forest Hills and the people who lived here?

Let us hear from you! http://www.foresthillsdallas.org
Click on "History" Page and find form under "Submit your History"

NEIGHBORS WE WILL MISS

Long time resident, **Ethel "Inez" Lively Duncan (1916 - 2014)**, who lived a happy and blessed life, passed away peacefully in her Forest Hills home surrounded by her loved ones on **May 30, 2014**, at the age of **98 years**. Inez and her husband, Clay moved into to their San Leandro home in the early sixties. Farewell dear neighbor





Ruth Potter - Past Officer of FHNA March 22, 1917 - April 13, 2014

Ruth Woodul Potter passed away Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Dallas, Texas at the age of 97 after a long, good, and independent life. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Charles Gaunt Potter, who died May 25, 1998. She is survived by their children - Charles Robert Potter, Dallas, Texas; Joseph Thomas Potter, his wife, Patty and their children Chris and Aaron Lee of Loveland, Colorado; John Edward Potter, Aurora, Colorado; and William Ross Potter, his wife, Caroline, and their

children Sr. Airman Charles William Potter and Ashley Renee and her husband, Dustin Shaw, as well as their children Lila Rose and Zella Grace (twins), and Nathaniel Jacobs (Ruth's great-grandchildren) of Garland, Texas. Ruth was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, March 22, 1917 to Dr. Thomas Whitfield Woodul and Sallie Ann Bean Woodul having two sisters and four brothers, including her twin. Deceased siblings are Marguerite W. Sledge, Mary Catherine W. Vest, Thomas Whitfield Woodul, Jr., John Edgar Woodul, and twin brother, Dr. Joseph Ross Woodul. Ruth is survived by her brother, James William Woodul of Mt. Holly, New Jersey, six nieces and one nephew. She was raised in Pine Bluff, attended University of Arkansas at Monticello, and worked for Commercial Printing & Publishing Co. in Pine Bluff. After marriage to her husband, Charles, they moved to Parsons, Kansas, then Denison, Texas and finally to Dallas in 1950, where she worked for a time for General Electric Co. With four sons, Ruth was active for years in PTA, serving as President at Bryan Adams High School and awarded PTA Life membership. She was Den Mother in Boy Scouts for 17 years, receiving Scouting's highest award, the Silver Beaver. Ruth was involved as a member and officer in the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, the community where she and Charles lived most of their married life. Since 1964, Ruth had been extremely active in politics. She served as Precinct Chairman; Election Judge; President, Dallas County Council Republican Women; Member and President, White Rock Republican Women; and District Director, Texas Federation Republican Women. She was the longest serving Republican Precinct Chair in Dallas County, working her last election in March of this year. Her community service included six years, Dallas County Historical Commission; six years, Dallas County Open Space; and President, Dallas Federation Music Clubs. Ruth was an avid camper, traveler, and bird watcher, passions she shared with husband Charles. They camped more than 1500 nights, traveled to all the lower 48 states, drove to Alaska four times, visited all the Canadian Provinces, and four trips to Mexico. They also traveled to South America, Costa Rica, Trinidad, England, Scotland, Wales, and Africa. She was a member of Dallas County Audubon and the American Birding Association. Ruth will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and neighbors. She was a strong, capable, and determined woman, always ready to help those around her.

Farewell dear Ruth

Donations in memory of Ruth can be made to: For The Love Of The Lake,
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A plaque will be placed at The Tree Grove remembering Ruth and Charles for their 60 plus years enjoying White Rock Lake and it's awesome assortment of birds.

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Any questions, call Barbara Adamson • 214-327-7611

STOP THE CAR!.....WHAT IS THAT?



As I was driving down San Leandro in Little Forest Hills about two years ago I happened to see an adorable "box on a pole" and could not figure it out. My curiosity got the best of me and up to the door I went to inquire.

A very nice woman explained it was a **FREE LITTLE LIBRARY** and they were popping up all ever the world! Take a Book - Beturn a Book

popping up all over the world! Take a Book - Return a Book

(LittleFreeLibrary.org). Soon afterwards I spotted two more adorable "libraries" on Eustis in Little Forest Hills.

I had to have one! And in time for the Garden Tour!

Last year I added a little "dog park" in my front yard just off the street offering people walking their dog an opportunity to sit and let their dog get a drink of water. This would be the perfect location to add a Free Little Library of my own.

Denny Hunt of Forest Hills offered to build it for me and Cynthia Daniel, an artist in my yard during the Garden

Tour, decorated it for me. Neighbors such as Katrina Moran and her daughter Jessica stop by often to browse the library while their dog Biscuit cools down with a drink. Jessica even donated many of the children's books.

So when down this way, please stop by and Take a Book - Return a Book and give your pup a drink. Have books you have read and would like to pass on? Feel free to donated them to my Little Library. Hopefully in time other **FREE LITTLE LIBRARIES** will pop up in Forest Hills and surrounding areas.

Andie Comini • 1737 Whittier Ave.

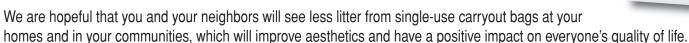


GREEN LIVING

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

~Native City Ordinance - Plastic Bags

As you may have heard, the Dallas City Council has approved an ordinance to help reduce the proliferation of single-use carryout bags. Under the new ordinance, effective January 1, 2015, retailers wishing to offer single-use carryout bags must assess a five-cent fee per bag. Included as part of this effort to reduce litter, restaurants will be required to offer takeaway items in recyclable paper bags only, unless a plastic bag or film is needed to protect against moisture.



We ask that you help us spread the word and encourage your families, your friends, and your neighbors to bring reusable bags with them when they shop, thus avoiding a fee if their favorite retailer or grocer does not offer free reusable bags. A link to the carryout bag ordinance is at **www.GreenDallas.net** and information about the ordinance is also posted on our social media pages.

We hope you'll join us in embracing this change that will positively impact our community and keep Dallas beautiful for generations to come. We're also happy to answer any questions you may have about the ordinance and we welcome your suggestions about how we can continue to create a greener and more sustainable Dallas.

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for May 2014



1737 WHITTIER AVENUE

Hopefully you were able to attend our garden tour this year and see this one of a kind fabulous garden and grounds. Truly a unique fanciable spot created by our famous neighborhood, owner of the cow car and cow trucks - Andie Comini. *Congratulations Andie.* Forest Hills is lucky to have you for a neighbor.

YARD OF THE MONTH

for June 2014



8567 SAN FERNANDO WAY

Many thanks to Mitch and Becky Blanchard for showcasing their garden on the 2014 garden tour. They have very successfully restored these lovely gardens and it is a joy to drive by and see all the care that they have given to their wonderful landscape.

Glad to have the Blanchard family as the new caretakers of this lovely property.

Thanks again for volunteering to be on the garden tour!!!

Sometimes a GOOD DEAL is just NOT a GOOD DEAL...

This is what can happen when you hire "tree workers" for a good deal and leave while they are working on your trees. Trees are what make Forest Hills so unique and beautiful. These homeowners came home to find all the branches cut off when only one branch was to be cut and removed after breaking during a recent storm. The tree workers told them it will grow back...

Moral of the story - hire a professional and be present when your trees are being trimmed.

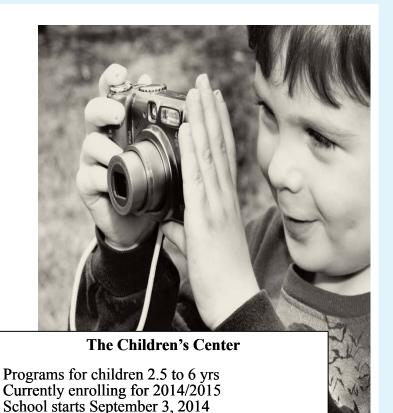


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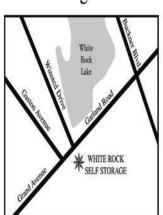
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