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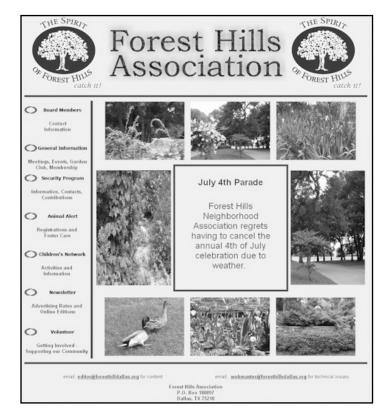
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FH Website New and Improved!! www.foresthillsdallas.org



Forest Hills maintained a web link to a neighborhood program for years. We decided to upgrade our website in hopes of getting information into your hands quicker.

This new website will:

- 1) Provide current information on FH activities and events
- 2) Provide links to resources outside of FH community
- 3) Provide access to names and numbers of FH Board members and committee leaders
- 4) Provide availability for advertising to business in and around our FH Community
- 5) Provide support to FH internal organizations such as Animal Alert!!

Special thanks to Sharon Hill, who seamlessly implemented the architectural version of this new site.

President's Message

by Bill Foerster



Bill Foerster, new president

Fourth of July

I personally want to thank all of you who spent your time and resources decorating bicycles, floats and cars for the parade. As everyone realizes the parade was cancelled at the last minute due to weather concerns. With the weather we have had and the 80% chance predicted for the morning of July 4th we decided it would be safer to cancel the parade than risk being caught in a thunderstorm accompanied by lightning. We would like to acknowledge all the neighbors that had the spirit to decorate. Please send me an email at fcg9@ix.netcom.com and we will present a special award recognizing your efforts. Please include the following in the subject header (FHNA Spirit). Plans are in the works for an alternative gathering towards the end of the summer or beginning of fall to replace the 4th's parade.

Thank you, to those that have joined FHNA and FHSP. We look forward to the continued growth of our association.



Forest Hills Parade - What Happened??

Due to the persistent rainy weather and the potential threat for storms on July 4, 2007 several members of the board decided to cancel the Annual July 4th parade late in the day on Tuesday, July 3. The phone tree was activated, calls were made to neighbors, e-mails were sent, signs were posted, and in spite of the



Margaret Chapman, Former 5th grade teacher at Alex Sanger, and Residents from CC Retirement Center, Also pictured are Mary-Pat Smith, Service League Chair and Caitlin Smith.

efforts, many arrived. I regret they did not get their communication in a timely manner. Neighbors were directed to the Little Forest Hills and to Lakewood Parades.

I thank all of those who donated watermelon and water for this event. I can assure you nothing was wasted. Juice boxes and water were placed in climate controlled storage for future use. One large sheet cake with "God Bless America" written on it was delivered to CC Young Retirement Center on West Lawther Drive. The second sheet cake and watermelons were delivered to the Austin Street Center located near Fair Park. The Center provides emergency shelter and services for 350-400 homeless persons daily. Father Harry Daily from the shelter met me as I explained our situation. It spite of the fact <u>Caitlin Smith and Leroy from Austin</u>



that the parade had been all washed up both the Shelter and CC Young Street Center residents were grateful for our donations.

- Respectfully submitted, Mary-Pat Smith, Service League Chair

East Dallas Development Plans — Do You Want to be Heard?

Forest Hills residents can be a significant voice concerning issues affecting our neighborhood and surrounding area. The largest monetary investment many will have is their home while the most important investment we will make is in the Quality of Life (QoL) we adopt. Recently developers have been moving into our subdivision and the surrounding areas with development plans that may or may not impact our Quality of Life and home value. We must be heard when development plans affect our QoL and/or home values. Recently the voices of various neighborhood associations were heard impacting development around Forest Hills. Unfortunately FHNA could not weigh in with a voice commensurate with our size and influence in the community. Let's change that. Let's choose to be heard.

We have an opportunity to speak as one significant voice if we get full participation in FHNA. In the past we have been conflicted in speaking for the neighborhood on many issues because of a lack of membership and surveying. It is understood that not all the neighbors will take the same position on every issue, however a full participation will allow us to better vent the issues and form opinions on those aspects of development plans where agreement can be reached and have those opinions heard. It is also helpful to present our positions with proper percentage counts of those for and/or against other issues where unanimous consent cannot be reached.

Residents of Forest Hills have the opportunity to directly impact future events affecting home values and QoL. FHNA has the ability to represent the interests of the residents of Forest Hills by your participation.

MAKE IT HAPPEN!

— by Bill Foerster

WE'RE PLAGUED WITH MOSQUITOES

— by Neoma Twining

With every great rainy season comes the aftermath. We're mindful not to complain. All who remember last summer's pitiful drought are tight-lipped when neighbors begin to mutter about too much rain.

So, we love it when it rains. See how lush and beautiful the foliage in FH looks? For this we can be thankful.

There is a catch however; mosquitoes. It's not like we didn't expect them this summer . . . just not in herds.

Several neighbors have sent emails regarding the issue of mosquitoes. How to kill them, seduce them, limit them and just plain tolerate them. We have had many solutions offered up as a "cure". Although temporary, many of these suggested "cures" are pretty good ideas. If you want to know more about the creative measures some are taking in our neighborhood to combat the mosquitoes, go to our website. <u>www.foresthillsdallas.org</u> and tab on events. If you yourself have ideas, email <u>ntwining@swbell.net</u>.



CITY CODES . . . MORE LIKE GUIDELINES

ARE YOU UP TO CODE?

Who really knows? Most residents claim they have no idea what would be a violation anyhow. The FH Board was pleased to have in their presence at their recent meeting, our city code guy. His name is Kevin Martin. All board members agree he is informed, active and very involved in his job. He cited over 200 violations in our neighborhood during recent months. That is a lot of citations.

Residents often wonder who to call and when to call. What constitutes a violation of code? The rap is, many feel city hall wouldn't do much if you call anyhow, so they don't bother to report anything. They could not be more wrong.

Kevin Martin is dedicated to making a difference. He took the time to come to our board meeting to express his interest in our community and to educate the board on what matters. We found out plenty. Below are some of the things code enforcement looks for when they sweep a neighborhood.

- 1) uncut lawns, unruly weeds
- 2) alleyway obstruction/either by debris or foliage
- 3) encroachment/property lines in question



Kevin Martin City Code Enforcement

NOW THAT'S PROGRESS ...!

Remember our story regarding an issue of non-compliance by owner? This story ran 3 issues ago. It touched on a sensitive subject. What do you do when someone purchases the home next door, begins renovation and then leaves?

There are many pressing issues like this in FH. Many purchase older homes with good intentions. Fix them up, live in them, or "turn" them to another owner. But what happens when someone runs out of money and just leaves? This is a frustrating situation for neighbors left behind. Many in FH are proud of their property and only hope neighbors feel the same.

The news is good in this particular situation featured. Action has been taken to remedy some of the situation. If you have concerns about an issue such as this, please call the city at 311.



BEFORE 1718 Whittier



AFTER 1718 Whittier

FHNA Board in Action

The July board meeting was held at Dickey's BBQ on Garland on July 9th, at 7 pm. Two guests were present to speak directly with the FH Board. The city code enforcement officer, Kevin Martin presented statistics regarding our code violations and gave specifics on how to avoid being "out of code compliance."



On the crime front. Sqt. Dillon spoke about FH crime specifics. Officer Dillon alluded to positive efforts on behalf of the police force given the amount of crime "not occurring in FH due to their presence." President Bill Foerster led the meeting attended by 7 active board members. The August Board



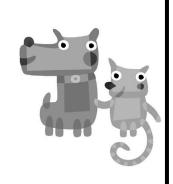
Meeting will be held on Aug. 13th at 7 pm. For more information if you wish to attend, go to Forest Hills website <u>www.foresthillsdallas.org</u>.



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CATCHING THE SPIRIT

by Bill Foerster

Thank you for supporting the neighborhood. The drive to increase participation is starting to take hold. While we have an increase in Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA) and Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) members we have a long way to go. As a board we have increased the number of committees to serve the neighborhood. The primary benefits of increasing the number of committees is to broaden the breadth of services offered to the community and to address the administrative side of delivering meaningful services.

The additional committees are Advisory, Ad-Hoc (Survey), Block Captain, For the Love of the Lake (FLOL), Fund Raising, and Pet. The Ad-Hoc committee will be commissioned from time to time to address needs of the neighborhood and the board. We are contemplating additions to the committee line up as we discover those services and interests most desired by our residents. With the efforts of the Survey committee and your help in completing surveys and providing other types of feedback we will be able to focus our efforts on the primary interests of the neighborhood. With your help, the surveying process will be completed by the end of the year. We are asking for each resident of Forest Hills to provide input so we can successfully tailor our efforts to the needs of the community.

THE FOREST HILLS ANIMAL ALERT! PROGRAM UPDATE

Submitted by: Pat Cage and Susan Wells

We have had a wonderful response from our neighborhood pet owners wanting to register their animals this month. We have responded electronically to over 20 new requests just in the past couple of weeks! However, we are constantly reminded that its often the "unregistered" pets that lose their way home. Just this morning, we witnessed a Lost/Found reunion. The pet was not registered and just by luck, the owner and pet were reunited. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and return with your pet's picture (request a form by email: <u>sbwells0918@sbcqlobal.net</u>).

Our Program's Purpose — What We CAN Do!

Also — a quick reminder that our program's purpose is to reunite owner and pet via our registration program. However, we have received calls from neighbors complaining of animals/strays roaming our streets unleashed — unable to be temporarily stored in someone's back yard.

What We CAN'T DO!

While we encourage you to report all lost and found pets, we are not able to respond to requests to "catch" such unrestrained animals. We would suggest you make every effort to find the owner (via our program). If unsuccessful, you should call 311 if you consider the animal a threat to the safety of your own pets and self. It is our sincere hope that such a call will not be necessary and that many happy reunions will be made through our Animal Alert! program.

And Finally, Thanks to . . .

Each of you who have supported our project via donations. Animal Alert! is operated 100% by volunteers and your financial support does help ease the pain of necessary expenses. By the way, although Pat and I gain a lot of satisfaction overseeing this project, we are always looking for volunteers to staff registration tables and eventually take over the project within the next year. Please let us know if you are interested.

Living Together in our Forest!

by Pat Cage

We are very fortunate to live in a neighborhood that offers considerable diversity of wildlife. It is to our advantage to live near the lake which offers a wide range of entertainment and learning experiences. With more and more of our open fields and woodlands being developed, the natural habitat of many animals has been taken over by manicured lawns and large houses. Therefore, it is to be expected that these animals that have lived in this area for much longer than we, are displaced and can be seen from time to time, passing through, foraging for food and looking for shelter. It might be wise for us to find the most cooperative way to live with these animals. It is our responsibility to protect our pets from many dangers including animal attacks. I hope that we can maintain an appreciation and respect for the wildlife that we are privileged to observe and to successfully blend our lives with theirs.

KUDOS THIS MONTH GO OUT TO . . .

Thanks to all the friends and neighbors who have generously donated to our efforts to create this program, and to those kind neighbors who have rescued, treated, fostered and adopted animals in need. Here are just a few who have helped: **Dorinda Breeland** spent countless hours and dollars for veterinary treatment, caring for a flea ridden Jack Russell terrier that appeared in her front yard. **Jeanne Dooley** has been taming and caring for the pair of black dogs that appear to have been dropped off in the hood. Jeanne and our animal advocates are working hard to find homes for these very nice dogs. **Claudine and Chester Young** have adopted a Basset mix that was roaming homeless for days. He charmed the family cat and now has a wonderful, new and loving home.

Short term foster care and volunteer support has been offered by: Julie Dunn and Ron Ballentine, Andie Comini, Neoma Twining, Victor Johnson, Hillside Veterinary Hospital, Linda Rothstein, Lottie Minick, Marvel Kiewitt Denice Swift, Gae Benson, Mary Pat Smith and Tamela Southan.

Promotional items donated by: Buckner Terrace Animal Clinic, PetSmart at Old Town and Muenster Dog Food. **Parade destination offered by Wilma and Jack Keller.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANIMAL ALERT PROGRAM! Please encourage your neighbors to also support us so we can keep this service going! **Make checks out to:** The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Animal Alert Program. Mail to our treasurer: Gina Bender at 8222 San Fernando Way. Any amount is greatly appreciated!





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Rare Photo Opportunity — "Miss Kitty" Caught in the Act!!!!!

We hear a lot about lost, stray and homeless dogs, but there are some homeless felines out there too. More than a year ago, I started noticing a very thin, hungry cat walking down my sidewalk, checking out each house and yard he passed. Having both cats and dogs, myself, I chose to ignore this visitor. The sight of this silent



begging was too much for my next door neighbor, even though they strongly considered themselves "dog people." In spite of their dogs' protest, they began leaving a bowl of old dog food out for this stray. Every day their front walk became a stop for this grey tabby with pretty green eyes, quietly eating, then napping in the hedgerow between our driveways. Weeks passed and his morning visit became a ritual of sitting on the window sill, reposing on the porch and receiving and upgrade of salmon and side du jour. During the coldest and wettest of winter nights and days his new found friends worried and fretted over his safety and comfort. A new cat bed was placed under the shelter of a side porch, which he politely declined in lieu of his hedgerow — cats will be cats! He maintains his freedom and catty independence, and I'm sure is unaware of being known as Miss Kitty. He has become fat and beautiful, and is a treasured, wild, outside member of the family.

SEND YOUR PET'S PHOTOGRAPH/STORY! Submit to Susan Wells (<u>sbwells0918@sbcglobal.net</u>). Submitted by: Pat Cage and Susan Wells

My First Birthday Party! By PooChiNi Comini

My Mommy treated me to half a day at Kinder Kritter for my First Birthday Party this week! After Mommy dropped me off, the nice humans there dressed me up in a cute birthday outfit — colorful ruffles around my neck and a birthday hat. They took pictures of me standing next to a big sign that read: "Happy 1st Birthday PooChiNi — July 9." I am one year old now and a BIG BOY! I had lots of fun. There were lots of cute doggies to play with. We ran and chased each other for a long time.

When my Mommy came to pick me up I was very tired but very happy from so much play time. They gave her a Report Card about my stay there. Under comments: "What a party animal! He walked in and the party started. Everyone had treats in honor of PooChiNi's birthday!" Mommy was very proud of me for being such a good boy and sharing treats with all my new friends.



I hope I have another birthday each week so I can go back and play with my new friends! I really like it there at Kinder Kritter. Woof!



LOCK! TAKE! HIDE!

Lock your car — Take your keys — Hide your belongings!

There have been many incidents of cars being rifled through while parked in driveways. The cars have not been locked making it convenient for the thief to look for loose change and valuable items. There is someone during the night while we are sleeping, combing the neighborhood and boldly searching through cars that are left unlocked in driveways. Please call 911 to report this kind of crime and secondly take the time to call 214-324-9894 or <u>fhspenp@aol.com</u> to make a report to be entered into The Security Program's Police log book. Most of all don't forget to **Lock! Take! Hide!** when away AND at home.

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July Yard of the Month Mari Anne and Doug Mourer 8324 San Cristobal



PET PICTURE OF THE MONTH!

Hannah Goodwyn with Jumbo and Megan Ortman with Isabella. Both box turtles were rescued in our neighborhood. Jumbo was released; however, Isabella has been Megan's family pet for the last two years.

To submit your photo for consideration — email to <u>sbwells0918@sbcglobal.net.</u>





Welcome New Business Neighbor Kinder Kritter

There's a new Pet Spa in town and it's a dandy. Pampered pooches are dropped off daily as their parents go to work?? Who knew?

Kinder Kritter is located at 8928 Garland Road. The owner, Cherry Harrison, is resident of Little Forest Hills.

I, like many pet owners, was pleasantly surprised to learn what services are available at Kinder Kritter. Daycare, boarding, grooming, and a great a la carte list of services from teeth brushing to skin conditioning and even massages.



The best thing about Kinder Kritter is that you get the sense Cherry and her great staff really care about the pets. Everyone knows a nuturing quality is tantamount to just about anything we could ask for when it comes to caring for our precious pooches.



catch it!

Kinder Kritter assures guests there will

be plenty of personal interaction for your pooch. No overcrowding!! They limit the number of boarders and daycampers to insure quality care while your pooch is away from you. For more information, visit www.kinderkritter.net.

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