

FOREST HILLS NEWS

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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up 2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Friday, August 1st for September/October **BULK TRASH**

July

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With pick-up starting the week of Monday, July 9

August

Trash can go out Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 With pick-up starting the week of Monday, August 13

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we approach the half-way mark of the year, we are reminded of the wonderful neighbors around us. With our Fourth of July parade

and lunch at the Keller home, we have a time to reconnect as a community and come together. It's always great fun with food, water slides and other activities. I realize this may have passed before some of you read this but if not, please join us! With summer break here for the kids, families and couples alike will more time to get together and have some fun with the Forest Hills community.

About community, a topic I get regular emails on is barking dogs. A great thing about Forest Hills is big backyards for our pets and lots of trees which attract fun critters for dogs to chase. Dogs who stay outside all the time may get very vocal. While having fun, they may bark non-stop and impact the enjoyment of a fellow neighbor across the fence. As my family knows, dogs can bark at the most inconvenient times, but are a joy to have, so let's keep them a positive impact on



CHRIS MCCAULEY

families and friends on the block alike and be aware of this behavior – please keep them indoors when they get too rowdy. Let's all be considerate to our neighbors as these summer months get exceptionally warm. I hope to hear of more fun in the sun versus barking dogs during this relaxing season!

To make our neighborhood even more phenomenal, we are always open to your comments and help. I can be reached at *chris.mccauley1@yahoo.com* and other Board Members have their contact info on our website. As a community, we come together to celebrate each other and have fun. By sharing your opinions, you will create a better environment for us all. Also, if you wish to hold a position in our neighborhood, we would love for you to reach out. Many new Board positions will need leaders soon. For those who have responded already, thank you. We are also looking for more people to enroll and help out in our community in different ways, so if you are interested, please contact us!

May your summer be filled with less than 100-degree days!

Chris McCauley, President Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

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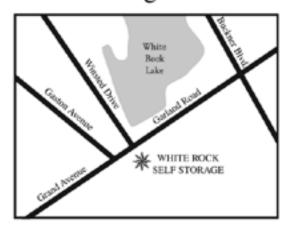
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THANK YOU DAVID!



It is with a heavy heart that
Forest Hills says goodbye to our
lead patrol officer and friend, Officer
David Detamble. David retired at
the end of May after being with the
Dallas Police force for 35 years. In
the 12 years with Forest Hills, he
went above and beyond his duties
and truly became one of us. David,
your position will be filled, but you
can never be replaced! Enjoy your
retirement and don't forget you
always have a family here!

Forest Hills Security



The Forest Hills Security Summit was held Sunday June 3 at Sanger Elementary.

Our neighborhood school became a school of security education enriching the relationship between Forest Hills neighbors and law enforcement.

Thanks to neighbor sponsor, Nicole Ross for the Kona Ice truck outside, which welcomed kids as well as adults to the Summit.

Senior Corporal, Josh Cooper from the Northeast DPD spoke about the "Stranger Danger" program and the ever presence of cyber predators and bullies, as well as the need to register your security camera with the police dept to help them solve crimes and how to reduce your insurance premiums with a residential security survey.

(Did you know you can arrange free of charge to have an officer visit your home to certify it security sound for a reduction in your insurance premiums? Residential survey: Call 214-670-7772 or email kevin.kelley@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us)

One of our 7 Forest Hills Patrol officers, Detective Meghan Bailey shared Forest Hills' crime statistics and talked about the home watch program, safety tips as well as the importance of calling 911.

Carol Lander gave an "IN" campaign update. 2017 goal: 40 patrol hours per week was MET last December due to the great response from neighbors, which increased membership to 56%.

NEW GOAL FOR 2018:

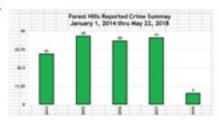
60 patrol hours per week/ 80% neighborhood participation

Currently we have 45 patrol hours per week for the summer and we need those who "Jumped IN" last fall to "Get Back IN".

More Patrol Hours = Less Crime

"Get IN" for 2018! It is important in planning and scheduling the amount of patrols for the year, that the Security Program be your annual first-of-the-year investment priority. It is proven with more patrol hours, we have

decreased crime. Maintaining the beauty, safety and security in this idyllic neighborhood is priceless.





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It's Summertime!

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That means 4th of July festivities, hot temperatures and fun in the sun. While we hang out under the fan or stay cool in the pool, keeping our pets safe and comfortable is just as important. Knowing what to do to keep your pet cool and comfy can help your pet's quality of life and keep your summer stress-free.

Fireworks can be scary for dogs and cats. To avoid any missing pets this 4th of July or summer, keep your animals indoors in a safe, secure location. If your pet is microchipped, be sure all information is updated in case anything should happen. It is a great and permanent way to ensure your pet gets back to you safely! Ask your veterinarian about microchipping if you have any questions. Also make sure their collar is safely secured with appropriate ID tags as well.

Heat stress or heatstroke in animals is also a concern during the hot summer months. Unlike humans, animals do not sweat - they do lose some heat through their pads but not enough to keep them cool during the extremely hot temperatures. Panting is the main way they lose excess heat and moisture.

Heat stress typically occurs when the pet's panting cannot cool the body to a reasonable temperature. When this happens, damage to vital organs will occur. Excessive panting/drooling, anxiety, discolored gums and tongue, lethargy, lack of coordination, diarrhea and vomiting are all signs of heat stress in animals.

If your pet is overheated, take them to a cooler area - anywhere with a fan or air conditioning. Use cool towels to help cool your pet off. Place them on the neck, armpits, and between hind legs and you can also gently wet the ears and paw pads with cool water. Offer cool, fresh water for the pet to drink but no ice cubes as they can be too cold and cause the pet to go into shock. While taking action to help cool your pet down, call their veterinarian to bring them in ASAP for professional treatment.

If your pets have to be outdoors for an extended period of time, provide them a shady area to relax in with plenty of cool, clean water to drink. Limiting outdoor exercise during the hottest parts of the day also protects your pet from heatstroke. Hot sidewalks can actually burn your dog's pads! Depending on the type of dog you have, professional grooming could help remove some of the fur that could cause the animal to get over heated. The only - and best - way to completely prevent your pet from heat stress is to keep them indoors. Also, never leave your pet in a parked car for any amount of time.

Fireworks and outdoor festivities are fun for us, but they are factors that can cause harm to your dog or cat. Providing your furry friends a safe, cool place to lounge during the hot days is the best way to prevent any health issues!

Spotlight on a Forest Hills Teenager

Grayson Coke



Grayson Coke, who will be a sophomore at Jesuit College Preparatory in the fall, is a hard worker with a big heart. Whether you're talking about his academics or his Forest Hills landscaping business - Prestigious Lawns. Grayson is known for giving 110% to all he does and goes out of his way to help everyone around him.

Grayson is an A-B student with his favorite class being computer programming. Not one for sitting around, he started his landscape company about 3 years ago and it has really taken off. Grayson takes great pride in his business and says "thank you" to all the residents that are using his service.

Grayson's loves are: playing football for Jesuit, cars (his current project, with his dad, is a Ford Bronco rebuild), playing the guitar and his German Shepherd, Dakota. He's an amazing big brother and son!

THANK YOU

Grayson for being such a good Forest Hills Teen!

PARENTS: Want to nominate your teen for the Spotlight on a Forest Hills Teenager? **Contact Andie** - **andiecomini@aol.com**



2018 White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans

On Sunday May 20th, 2018 the neighborhoods of Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates featured a self-guided tour of nine wonderful gardens. Each of the gardens had artisans from these three neighborhoods showcasing their beautiful art for visitors to admire and purchase. In addition, a fabulous annual plant sale was held at the park in Casa Linda Estates. 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 delighted visitors to enjoy.

Garden owners for 2018

Nancy and Jerry Allegro, 8239 Forest Hills Blvd Barbara Clay and Ken Bernstein, 8246 Forest Hills Blvd Becky Oliver and Gerald Conley, 8318 San Fernando Way

Thank You Wonderful Garden Tour Volunteers!

A very special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who worked with set up and at the gardens and plant sale on the day of the Tour. We hope you had as much fun as we did helping and meeting neighbors, and at the closing potluck dinner. This annual event could never happen without so many willing hands.

A MOST special thanks goes to **Greg Stinson**, coordinator of all the volunteers and **Tim Simmonds**, coordinator of the plant sale. These two pitched in in many ways, including hosting a great T-shirt pick-up party for all the volunteers at their home. Three cheers to you!!!

This tour would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers from Forest Hills. **Barb Michaels, Andie Comini, Greg Stinson, Tim Simmonds, Rita Hendricks** and **Becky Bordeleon**, who represented our neighborhood at all of the planning sessions. Special thanks to **Krista Dunham** for

coordinating all the artists this year!





















Three Cheers of Thanks to these Volunteers for helping to distribute the Garden Tour Brochure!

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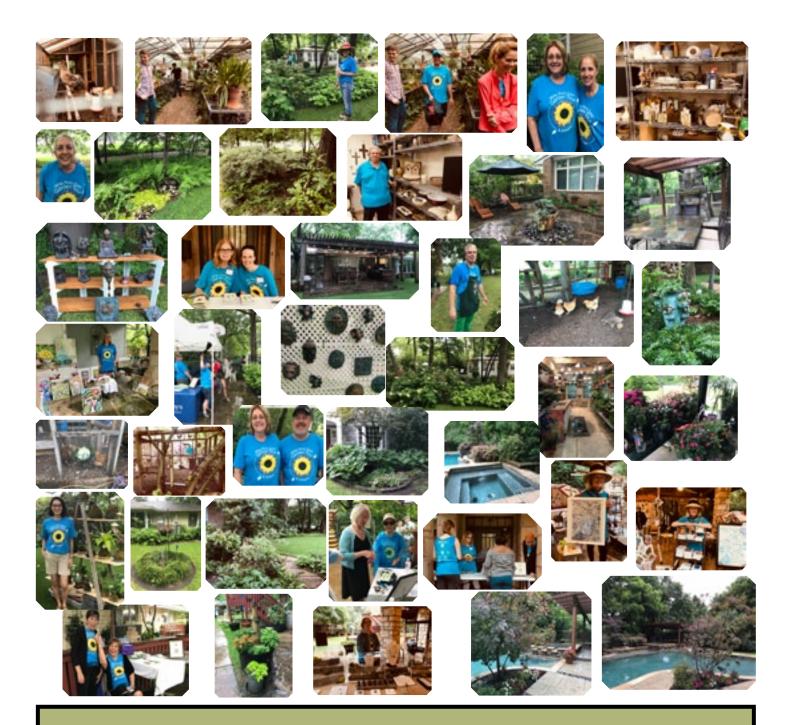








Extra kudos to Andie Comini for pulling everyone together on super short notice!



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If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact nicolembosworth@gmail.com with names /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.

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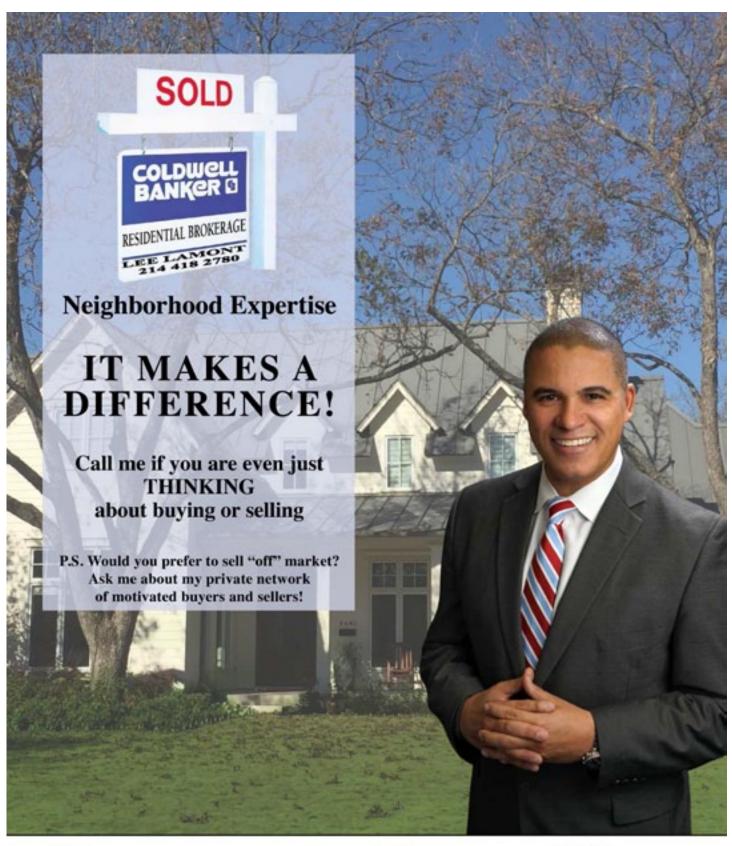




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Becky Oliver and Gerald Conley 8318 San Fernando Way

A circular driveway invites you to view a large variety of established plants that include pittosporum, nandina, aralia and Japanese maples. As you enter the back yard you will be delighted with the large pool that boasts a hot tube, waterfall and water slide. Holly bush, fringe flower, purple fountain grass, encore azaleas and seasonal flowers frame the pool. An arbor and a large seating area adjacent to the pool will make you want to sit and relax in this heavily treed back yard - you surely can see the FOREST in this lovely garden!





Tune

Jerry and Nancy Allegro 8239 Forest Hills Blvd.

Welcome to another beautifully shaded garden retreat. A winding flagstone path highlights the front garden beds which include Spanish lavender, fringe flower, zinnias, coneflowers, amaryllis and roses. Wood fern and nandina frame the garden beds close to the house. The backyard is home to a fabulous chicken coop that houses 50 chickens and a large greenhouse with many orchid varieties. The owners call their backyard a homestead saying they could live off the land if needed. You will see a climbing blackberry bush and plum, peach and apricot trees. Also note the large raised vegetable beds. You will want to linger a while to view all the many plant varieties and whimsical garden art. This garden is truly special and unique.

Doing Some Summer Cleaning Out? Think Forest Hills Garage Sale!

We are already beginning to collect and store items for the upcoming fall Garage Sale set for Saturday, October 13 at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on Highland Road again. So, as you start to do your summer cleaning - think about donating those unwanted items to our Garage Sale! Also, if you should have any spare space in your garage or a storage unit to help with storing items for us please let us know.

Last year we made over \$7500 which went to helping with additional Security Patrol during both Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays and other improvements for our neighborhood. Help us make this year another success!

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With all the road construction going on around Forest Hills, we have an increase of people speeding through our neighborhood - almost hitting many of our residents and/or your pups.

You can find several good types of clothing or lights at Elliot's Hardware or on smile.amazon.com. On Amazon they carry Illumiseen that has LED Dog Collars and Leashes with USB rechargeable loop in 6 colors. Even some fun items for you!

Be Seen - Be Safe

Have You Noticed Some of Our Street Lights Are Out? We need your help!

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