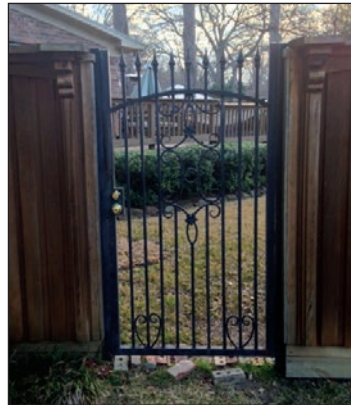
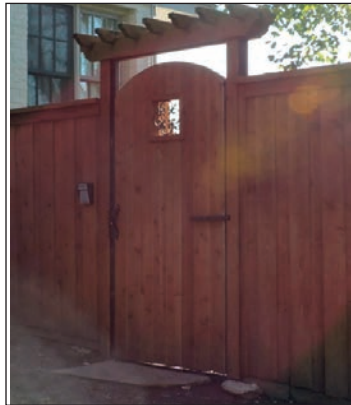
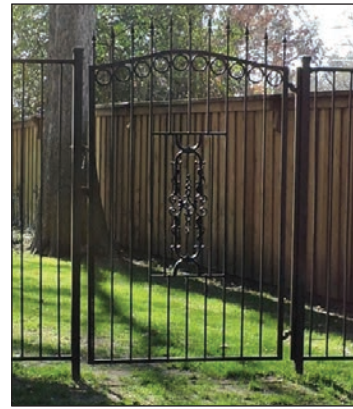




FOREST HILLS NEWS

March - April 2015
www.foresthillsdallas.org



“FOREST HILLS- MORE BEAUTY BEYOND THE GATE!”

FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY - Bulk Trash, Week of 2nd Monday
March 5th-8th • April 9-12th

EASTER EGG HUNT
March 29th

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

WHITE ROCK GARDEN TOUR
May 17th



President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

It is Springtime in Dallas and Forest Hills is blooming. I see changes all around us. Exciting news for all you hikers & bikers out there. A new trail is opening up at the western edge of Arboretum Village. Named SoPac, it will be a major connector of the Katy Trail extension to White Rock Lake. New construction and remodeling is booming, a sign of the vibrancy of our community. The future of our neighborhood and the surrounding area is looking stronger everyday.

On the horizon is our annual Forest Hills Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29th. Come and join in on the fun with family and friends. In April, at our Spring General Meeting, presentations will update all on efforts underway to beautify and enhance our neighborhood community. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. A flyer will be forthcoming with the date, time and location. The month of May brings again to our neighborhood the annual White Rock Garden Tour. We are always looking for volunteers to join in the camaraderie of this great fundraising event.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of our events or committees, please let me know. Thanks to all who currently have taken up the charge and are contributing in making our neighborhood community stronger.

Gary Grass

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FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION

Gary Grass, President

fhnapresident@aol.com

The association is dedicated to protecting the interest of Forest Hills residents.

- Community Affairs attends community meetings keeping Forest Hills informed about governmental, political, environmental, community and educational affairs
- Zoning monitors construction and zoning within and near neighborhood boundaries.
- Communications maintains the newsletter, press releases, signage, the Forest Hills Directory as well as telephone, email and website broadcast.
- Beautification maintains Forest Hills' common areas and organizes restoration projects.
- Service League promotes a strong sense of community by organizing neighborhood events for social interaction.

Your association dues are voluntary on an annual basis. \$50 each household is suggested. (\$30 senior discount/over 65). Donations welcomed.

Contributions are used for beautification, subsidizing the newsletter, underwriting the social events and giving to neighborhood causes such as White Rock Lake, Ferguson Road Initiative and Alex Sanger School.

PayPal option at website foresthillsdallas.org, or check payment to Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
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Ask the Security Chick

Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) - Keeping Our Neighborhood One of the Safest In Dallas and One of the Most Desirable Areas To Live...Right Up Your Alley!

DEAR FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORS,
*Our Security patrol officers are asking you to clean up your alleys
for your security.*

- Trim overgrown areas that create hiding places for thieves.
- Clean up debris to make it easier for the squad cars to patrol. • Lock back gates.
- Place house number on back gate/fence to identify your home in case of Police or Fire emergency.
- *Sprucing up will also facilitate the continuance of alley garbage and recycling pick up to those households who currently receive this service, allowing city vehicles to enter easily.*
- Clean up leaves and any deteriorated foliage in alleys which have turned to dirt, creating dams that prevent water drainage, giving mosquitos a place to breed.
- Pretty up your property behind the scenes.

DEAR SECURITY CHICK,

Spring's around the corner and I'm wondering what's new in Forest Hills not listed in the newsletter, Facebook page or website. Any hints?

DEAR HINTS,

Ideas have been pouring in for activities when we have a cold rainy day: Lawn Bowling on the boulevards, Calligraphy Classes around the Keller tree, Millinery at Judy's house, Restaurant Etiquette in the triangle park, Clutter Buster in a couple of houses (you know which ones). We will keep you informed.

TRASH TALK

You can be fined up to \$2,000 for placing brush and bulk trash out at the wrong place and the wrong time!!!

Place: *On the curb in front of your home*

Not on the medians or vacant lots.

Not in the street or protuding out into the street from the curb.

This presents a traffic hazard!

Time: *The week of the Second Monday* (scheduled pickup dates on page 10)

By 7 am on the MONDAY of the collection week,
but not earlier than the Thursday before.

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hooray!

Save the Date!

Hop on over to the Forest Hills Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Hunt will start promptly at 3:30 for all age groups

*Location: Forest Hills Tree Grove
(San Benito between Whittier and St. Francis)*

Crafts, Games, Petting Zoo and Easter Bunny

You won't want to miss the fun!

More details to come via email and Facebook

Facebook.com/foresthillsdallas

Contact Marnie McCabe with any questions: fhchildrensnet@aol.com



BULLETIN BOARD

The city ordinance codifying our Planned Development District, a zoning map, and the R-10A residential zoning rules are now posted under the "FH Today/Zoning District Map" tab on the FHNA web site.

Did you know
March is Music in our Schools Month?
Sanger Elementary offers a **Strings Program** during school for 4th and 5th graders, as well as lessons offered for the younger grades after school. We provide the instruments!

April 6-13 is National Volunteer week. Consider volunteering as a tutor or mentor to a student at Sanger Elementary. (contact your community liaison for more \ details)

If you or your business would like to **place an ad** in our upcoming **FHNA directory**, please contact **Andie Comini** at **Andiecomini@aol.com**

Come to the **White Rock East Garden Tour & Artisans on Sunday, May 17th.** Get a look at some beautiful yards and check out the art for sale!

Visit the Arboretum! Dallas Blooms starts February 28th.
FHNA Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 29th. Get your baskets ready.

More Participants - More Patrols - **Less CRIME**



Send your contribution for this year's Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) 2015 patrol schedule.

- **\$240 yearly** (paid in one payment or quarterly installments)

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Payment Inquiries or Concerns: fhspcfo@aol.com

Taking Care of Our Neighborhood On-the-Go with the 311 App

You know the pothole that you walk by every day? The bulk trash that's put out three weeks early? Or the street that really needs a stop sign to slow speeding cars? You wonder when the city will ever take action? **Action is what you'll get with the 311 App.** From your smart-phone you can submit a service request and track your request.

Here's how it works:

- ◆ Download the free App from the Apple iTunes App Store or the Google Play Store.
- ◆ Once downloaded, you have the ability to submit a photo from your phone and use the GPS to aid in exact location of your service request. These two submissions save the city time, which ultimately helps with a quicker resolution.

Here are a few 311 App testimonials--

"The other day I spotted a pothole near the corner of Blackburn and Cole. I immediately got on my phone and quickly saw that others had reported it, too."

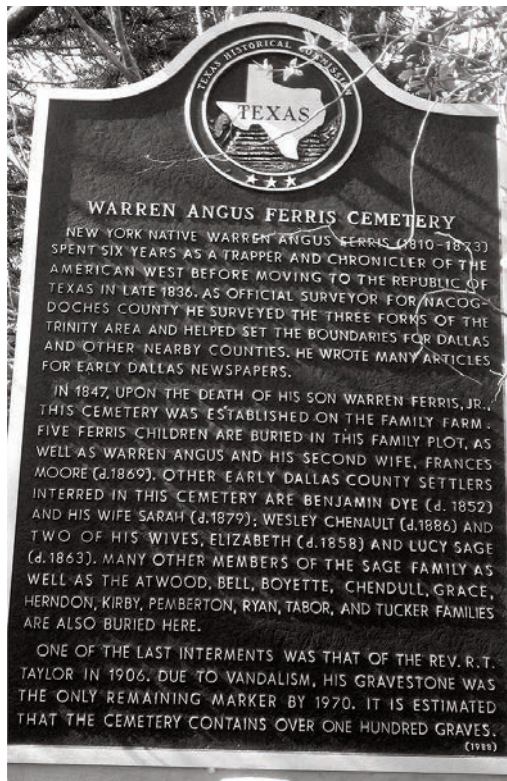
"Several utility boxes in our alley were trashed with graffiti. I took a picture with my iPhone and added my location with the GPS. About four days later I received a notice saying the case was closed. Sure enough, the graffiti had been painted over."

The 311 App allows us to be proactive residents seeking to keep our neighborhood safe and clean. Give it a try!

The Preservation of Pioneer Memories

Saturday, January 24, Forest Hills neighbors, along with the General Society of the War of 1812 and the US Daughters of 1812 gathered at the historic **Warren Angus Ferris Cemetery on St Frances and San Leandro** for the dedication of a military gravestone. The marker in honor of The War of 1812, Private Benjamin Dye is replacing one of the hundred plus headstones, which were vandalized and destroyed over the years. "The War of 1812 is often called America's Second War of Independence, credited with opening the Western frontier to expansion, solidifying the United States as a Nation, establishing the U.S. as an international power."

One of the speakers, Susanne Starling told of the life of Warren Angus and the early days living on his farm, which is now Forest Hills. She talked of this area, where Ferris and Private Nye lived and the communities nearby whose many pioneer families were buried in the cemetery. Her book is a fascinating read with many historic facts about Forest Hills and Dallas County. Land is the Cry - Warren Angus Ferris, Pioneer Texas Surveyor and Founder of Dallas County by Susanne Starling.



PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATE FOR FOREST HILLS

Greetings from your District 9 Planning Commissioner, and Forest Hills neighbor. From a zoning perspective, things have been relatively peaceful in our area. The one source of excitement and mild concern, both, has been the opening of the Arboretum Village Shopping Center, operated by Lincoln Properties. The revitalization of the shopping center at Garland/Gaston/Grand is key in improving the area, and the opening of the various retail establishments seems to be enjoying strong neighborhood support. This support has brought increased traffic to the already busy Gaston/Garland/Grand intersection.

The Arboretum Village development did not require a zoning change, as the property was already zoned for commercial use, and the building/remodeling process ran quite smoothly as a result. Because there was no zoning change needed, and because building permits were granted individually for each of the premises within Arboretum Village, no overall traffic impact study had been done for the complex prior to construction. Happily, the openings of the various establishments have raised interest and have brought much commercial activity to the center. With these positive developments has come the concern over increased traffic difficulties, primarily making left-hand turns into or out of the shopping center areas on both side of Gaston.

To address these concerns, a meeting was held with Lincoln to discuss remedies. Lincoln Properties engaged a highly-regarded traffic consultant to conduct a study of the general surrounding access to the Arboretum Village now that much of the retail is open and the construction is coming to an end. While traffic patterns are not fully stabilized because of further retail openings in the near future, as well as the opening of the new YMCA, the traffic consultant was able to make an assessment of safety and traffic flow concerns. Their recommendation has been to place a signal light at Tucker and Gaston, to enable left-turns into and out of the Arboretum Village and to assist neighborhood traffic coming from Tucker into the Arboretum Village, as well. The City Traffic Department has reviewed the consultant's recommendation and concurs. Efforts are underway within the City to secure funding for such signal light installation, and to elevate its priority on the list of pending signals to be installed, so hopefully the problems will be alleviated in the near future. Stay tuned!

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- Annual Membership Dues Subsidize Our Volunteer Efforts:
- Publication of the community newsletter
 - Maintenance of the FHA website at www.foresthillsdallas.org
 - Beautification of Forest Hills green areas

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BULKY TRASH SIGNS

By now most of you have seen the BULKY TRASH signs that many of your neighbors have put out to help with our new program. As a reminder - when you see the signs that means you can start putting your trash out by the curb on that Thursday - Sunday. The City will then come around and pick it up the first part of the next week. I have visited with the Code Enforcement and he has been putting out warnings to some if their trash is out before this window of time. A ticket is \$261! So please work within the time frame of the City and save your money!

List of when to put your trash out for 2015:

March 5 - 8 • April 9 - 12 • May 7 - 10 • June 4 - 7 • July 9 - 12
August 6 - 9 • September 10 - 13 • October 8 - 11
November 5 - 8 • December 10 - 13

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4. Warn your neighbors.
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Welcome to our neighborhood Peggy and thanks for adding to our beauty!

YARD OF THE MONTH

February 2015



8531 SANTA CLARA DRIVE

Congratulations to **Jody and Mark Shine** for their lovely landscape with pretty winter color. Thank you for your well rewarded efforts in keeping your landscape pleasant for everyone to see.

White Rock East Garden Tour & Artisans

Committee members are busy planning for the annual White Rock East Garden Tour which will be held on **Sunday May 17, 2015 from 10 - 5 PM**. We are in the process of recruiting sponsors and advertisers, gardens and volunteers. Please mark your calendar and **VOLUNTEER** if you can. Email Barb Michaels at fhbeautification@aol.org.

REFORESTATION PROJECT

*We are in need of committee members to be come involved in a **Reforestation Project** for the medians. The Forest Hills board is looking into signing up with the city's **Mowmentum Initiative** and would like to begin planting trees this Fall. Please let our president, Gary Grass or Barb Michaels know if you would be willing to serve on a committee to begin this process.*



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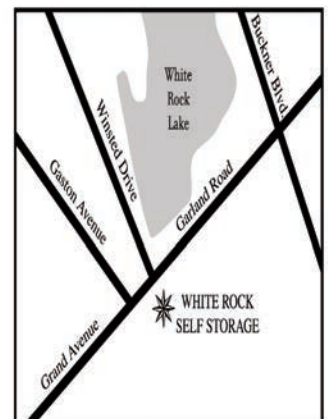
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