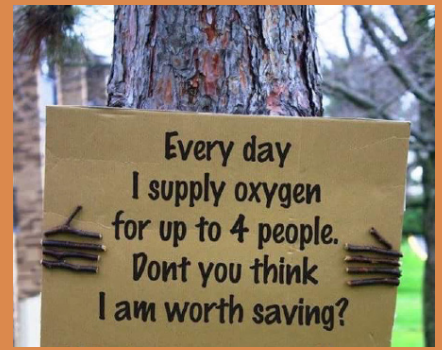


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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Neighbors,  
 As Winter is in midstream and Spring is around the corner, it's time to start thinking about coming out of hibernation and getting involved. Spring is truly a time of incredible activity in the neighborhood as you see the flurries of bikers riding towards White Rock Lake, runners and walkers abound, and gardens start to burst with color and produce the upcoming crop of goodies that have been long awaited. From a neighborhood standpoint, we also have many upcoming events getting in motion starting with our first median planting in the area of Keller Tree and followed by other events the Board and volunteers are actively planning.

On the topic of Spring and new energy, I'd like to take this time to ask for your involvement. The Board is hoping to achieve many things this year, but we need your help. In 2015, we had an ad-hoc volunteer group of approximately 20 people who supported our various ac-

tivities throughout the year. My goal, with your help, is to more than double our volunteer list to 50 neighbors who can be called on periodically to help with events and other activities.

From a funding standpoint, in 2015, only 35% of our Forest Hills households paid their association dues and my goal for 2016 is to double participation to 70%. Dues support not only our seasonal neighborhood events, but also allow us to accelerate our upcoming median beautification project, expand existing services and enable the pursuit new ideas like having neighborhood-wide Forest Hills sign toppers, the addition of new events, or other ideas you may share with us soon.

For those of you who have already contributed, we appreciate your continued support and help in keeping us on track.

So, as Spring breaks through and we all get ready for warmer weather and greater activity, please take the time to get involved and help make Forest Hills

the best neighborhood in East Dallas!  
 Chris



CHRIS MCCAULEY

## EDITOR'S LETTER

I am excited to welcome a new edition to the newsletter this issue. It's the monthly Arboretum column by Lara

Huddleston. It will keep us up to date on activities as well as provide us great advice for our own yards. We are so fortunate to have this premier Dallas landmark practically in our own backyard. Thank you Lara!

We will continue to give you pet advice, landscaping tips and security updates but also hope to add some new sections as the year unfolds.

We are always looking for interesting feature stories about kids and their accomplishments, seniors, local businesses moving into the area and happenings in the neighborhood.

Please pass along your ideas.



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# Dallas on the radar for years



**H**ank and Wendy Habicht followed their kids to Texas and put down roots after falling in love with the area.

"Our older daughter, Jennifer, moved to Dallas following her graduation from the University of Virginia over 10 years ago," said Wendy Habicht.

"Our younger daughter, Caroline, went to TCU. The more we visited Dallas we liked what we saw, so when the opportunity to move to Dallas came, we grabbed it!"

The Habicht's say they selected Forest Hills because of its proximity to White Rock Lake and all the bike trails, along with the beautiful trees. It definitely reminds them of where they lived out

east and in Chicago. An added bonus is daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Clay, live in Junius Heights.

"We have been so pleased with our decision - the people are warm and welcoming and the location is great!"

The Habicht's have been married for 35 years now and have lived in Washington, DC, Chicago, and most recently Orange County, California.

Hank has been in the environmental field for over 30 years and now focuses on consulting and investing in the water sector. Wendy is a retired nurse and became involved in helping victims of human trafficking. She hopes to find a way to continue this type of volunteer work here in Dallas.

## Welcome Newcomers!

### 8100 Block San Leandro

Clovis and Barbara Sanford  
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### 8500 Block San Leandro

Thomas Elkins and Maryann Howard  
Alfred and Yvonne Griffin  
Stephanie Doi

*If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For over-sights, please contact [pwehme@gmail.com](mailto:pwehme@pwehme.com) with names 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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This a difficult time of year to keep one's yard looking good! Right now most flowering plants are dormant waiting for spring to arrive. Luckily for Forest Hills there are several homeowners making sure their yards look cheerful on a cold gray day as they have filled their flower beds with pansies and ornamental kale. Since these plants love cold weather they are perfect for a spot of winter color!



## APRIL

Diane and Larry Solomon  
8522 Forest Hills Blvd

And THANK YOU to several other homeowners who also addressed up their yards with winter loving plants!

SAVE THE DATE!

White Rock East Garden Tour - Sunday, May 15

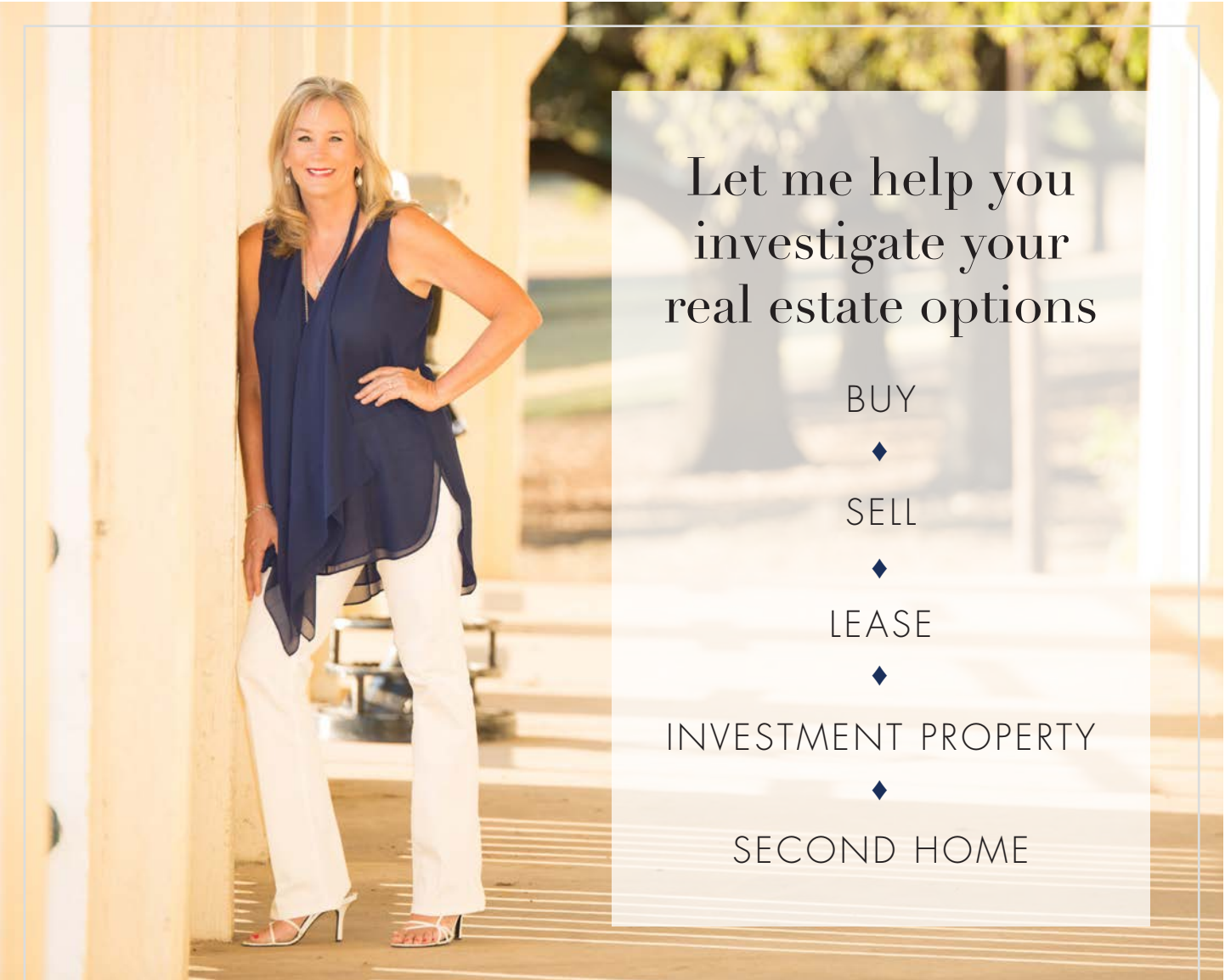
## Have you paid your FHNA Dues?

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](http://foresthillsdallas.org) or by mail at Forest Hills Association, PO Box 180897, Dallas TX, 75218





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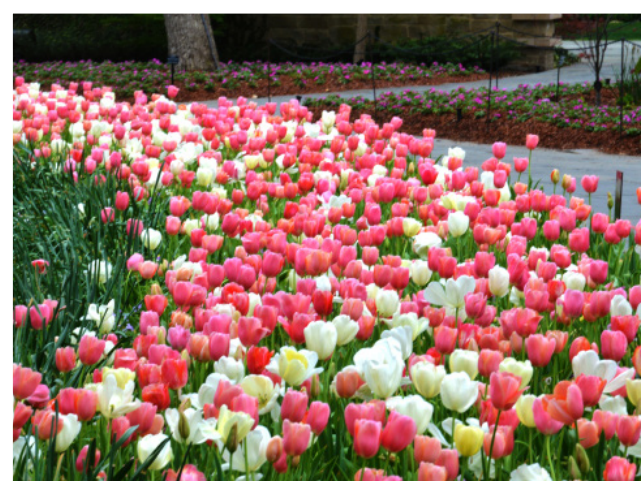
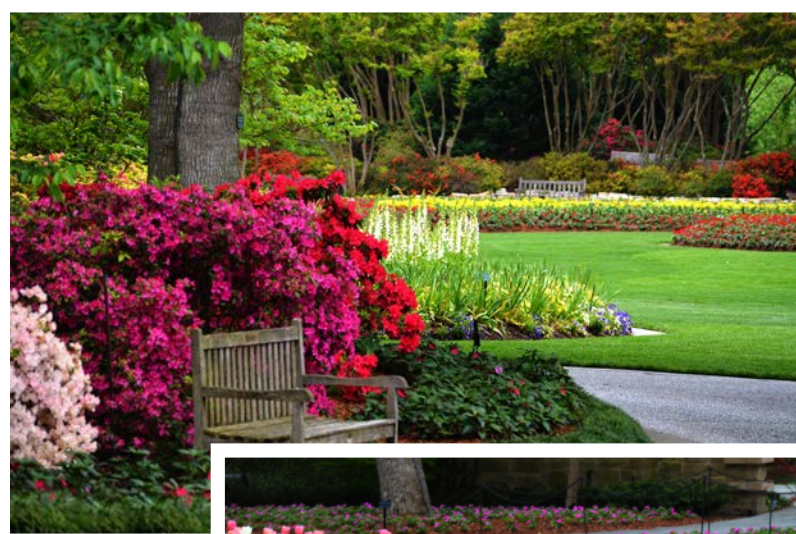
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# Allure of the Arboretum

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Did you know that our very own Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden hosts the largest annual floral festival in the Southwest? The not-to-be-missed festival, Dallas Blooms, runs through April 10 showcasing more than 100 varieties of spring bulbs and totaling 500,000 brilliant blooms. It is positively spectacular and couldn't be a more convenient outing for Forest

Hills residents. This year's theme, "The Artistry in Nature", will feature an exhibit of renowned sculptor Gary Lee Price's Great Contributors statues. Throughout the garden, you'll find life-size bronze sculptures celebrating Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Claude Monet, Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Mark Twain and the Wright Brothers tucked among the tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, pansies, poppies and other flora.

History buffs can enjoy the Great Contributors

Guided Walks from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays between March 3 and April 7. An Arboretum volunteer will share historic, artistic, and cultural facts on each Great Contributor during these guided walking tours of the exhibit.

Featuring tribute bands, popular food trucks and family-friendly fun, consider attending a Cool Thursdays concert if picnicking among the posies is more your speed. The Cool Thursdays concert series begins March 17 (at the height of Dallas Blooms) and continues through June. Concerts sell out quickly, so purchase tickets early!

For hours and ticketing on Dallas Blooms and Cool Thursdays or general

Arboretum information, please visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

# Spring Cleaning?



**T**HINK Forest Hills Garage Sale! Since the last 3 sales were so successful we are already planning the next one sometime this fall. We are beginning to collect and store items as we need as many good donations as possible. So, as you start to do your Spring 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!

**Contact: Andie Comini (214) 328-0508 to arrange for a pick-up or if you have any questions.**

# White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans



**C**ommittee members are busy planning for the annual White Rock East Garden Tour on Sunday, May 15 from 10am - 5pm. This event is a major fundraiser for the beautification of our neighborhood AND it is a great way to have fun and meet your neighbors. Interested in volunteering or have questions

- contact Barb Michaels-mail to: [barbaraj729@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraj729@gmail.com). 214 327-3817.

**T**hree cheers for our Gardens and Homeowners this year. Cozy and Mark Palmer- 8422 Forest Hills Blvd. Dawn Estes and David Timmins-8185 San Benito Way and Luanne McNulty and Tony Miketinac-8145 San Benito Way

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# SECURITY PROGRAM UPDATE

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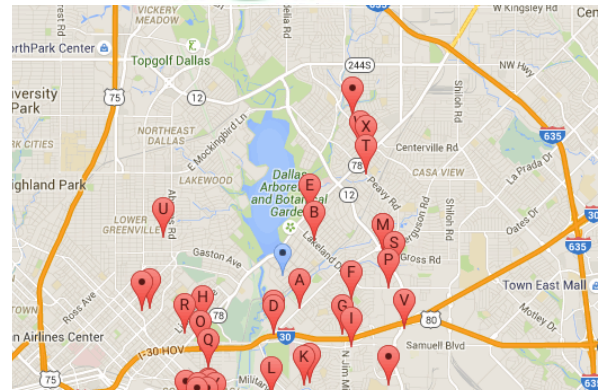
This is an example of a weekly crime report within a 5 mile radius of Forest Hills. The Blue flag is the center of our neighborhood. No red flags appeared in Forest Hills. This is fairly typical of the weekly reports. However, we are not totally crime free, but keep getting closer and closer each year!

It is evident that the presence of Forest Hills Security Program's off-duty Dallas police in marked squad cars has prevented crime from coming inside our borders. But we cannot let our guard down! The more participants we have, the more patrols we can budget, resulting in less crime. FHSP police

patrols are only present due to the generous contributions by individual Forest Hills neighbors. It is 2016 and we have started to build up funds for this year's protection. If you have not pledged your support for 2016, your neighborhood needs you to join in to keep Forest Hills one of the safest communities within this 5-mile radius. Don't forget with your support comes an additional benefit of the Home Watch service. Information can be found online at [www.foresthillssecurity.org](http://www.foresthillssecurity.org) or by inquiring with [fhspenp@aol.com](mailto:fhspenp@aol.com)

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## In Loving Memory of Bob Minick

### Dearest Forest Hills Neighbors:

On January 2, the love of my life, Bob Minick, lost his battle with cancer. Bob traveled the world designing and running amusement parks. When we married 42 years ago, we continued this wonderful adventure until the birth of our son, Randall, 27 years ago and settled in Forest Hills to raise him. Bob continued designing parks while he and I opened several arcades and a concession at the State Fair where he designed new attractions for the Fair for 35 years. We always planned to go back to managing parks when Randall was in college.

Four years ago some old business friends offered Bob the opportunity to design, build and run a new amusement park in California. We accepted and were ready to roll. But after our big estate sale and reality set in that I'd be leaving, I began

a fast decent into depression. So one day Bob sat on the sofa with me and said, "We're not going to California. You can't leave here and all the wonderful relationships we have with lifelong and new friends." I wasn't about to let him give up the opportunity to design and run a new park. And I thought once we got there, we'd be back in the "good old park days" and I'd be fine. But there was no more discussion, Bob gave up the park for me. I'm so glad I truly thought I could leave our home and go back to our old life for him. A wonderful tribute to both of us willing to give up everything for the other. That's what a 42 year love affair is all about.

I believe Bob somehow knew one day something might happen and I wouldn't make it without our "Chosen Forest Hills Family". He was right, the love and support I've received is all that's keeping me going. To Dear Friends and Neighbors I haven't sent a thank you card or personally



thanked; Randall and I want you to know you are our "Safe Zone" and we are forever grateful to have you.

There's only one Forest Hills. My Darling Bob needed to be sure we would be in your loving care. Thank you all. Lottie Minick.

# ANIMAL ALERT:

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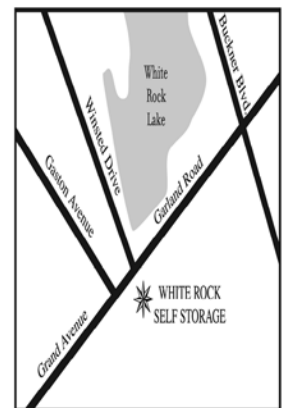
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