



# FOREST HILLS NEWS

May - June 2012

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## Forest Hills Calendar of Events

**Every Month** – Second Saturday Love of the Lake, White Rock Shoreline Spruce-up. For details: <http://www.whiterocklake.org> or 214-660-1100. Sign up for “Forest Hills”: Area from fishing dock on Garland Rd across from White Rock Rd to corner of Winsted.

**May 20** – 10:00am to 5:00pm Forest Hills will be participating in the 11th annual White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans

**July 4** – July 4th Parade & Picnic. Details to follow.



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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

If you are reading this article, you should also have a new 2012-2014 Forest Hills Directory. Much effort went into gathering and publishing its contents. The Directory project was spearheaded by FH resident Judy Whalen who, in turn, relied heavily upon FH Block Captains to gather information listed in the directory. A neighborhood Directory has proven so popular that it has been updated and re-published many times in the past. We owe Judy and the Block Captains a huge debt of gratitude for their hard work. Directory recipients are kindly asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$10.00 each to help offset the cost of printing. If you do spot an error or omission, please email corrections to [fhaeditor@aol.com](mailto:fhaeditor@aol.com) and to [fhnapresident@aol.com](mailto:fhnapresident@aol.com).

Elsewhere in the newsletter, check out the really big changes going on at Sanger Elementary (starting with the Principal's office). These changes hold out the promise that Sanger will regain its former status as a true neighborhood school and even achieve Blue Ribbon Status. That this should happen is relevant to every Forest Hills homeowner, even those without school-age children, because it will mean that there is a competitive, lower cost alternative to expensive private schools to which neighborhood kids can walk or ride their bikes. Its presence will also greatly increase all FH property values.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 11th Annual White Rock East Garden & Artisan tour which is right around the corner, on Sunday May 20th from 10-5. As always, three of the nine gardens featured on the tour will be Forest Hills gardens. The tour starts an hour earlier this year to take advantage of cooler morning temperatures.

Dues receipts are seriously lagging behind where they should be at this time of year. This is very unexpected. When the FHNA board voted to lower dues as of calendar year 2011, it was hoped this would result in greater resident participation which would, in turn, offset the reduced dues rate. The dues rates are published elsewhere in the newsletter and quite nominal. If you are uncertain whether you have paid your dues for 2012, please email your question to FHNA Treasurer Gary Grass at [fhatreasurer@aol.com](mailto:fhatreasurer@aol.com).

Finally, residents who enter Forest Hills via Breezewood from Garland Rd. are already familiar with the stone monument sign to Forest Hills and its surrounding garden area. See the photo below. But what few also know is that when the Breezewood monument was originally designed eighteen years ago, an identical monument was also planned for San Raphael because it, too, is a major entrance or artery into the neighborhood. A third logical location would be at Forest Hills Blvd. and Lakeland Rd. These monuments, in addition to the existing street sign toppers, will add to Forest Hills' identity as a unique, special place to live, and tie in nicely with recent improvements to the White Rock Lake spillway area. Plans are now underway to make the San Raphael and Forest Hills monument signs a reality. Every resident will have an opportunity to participate in this project. Look for more news coming your way very soon about this exciting project. In the meantime, because *tempus fugit, carpe diem!* (time flies, seize the day!)



**11th annual**

# **White Rock East Garden Tour**



**Sunday, May 20, 2012 10am – 5pm**

**9 UNIQUE GARDENS  
LOCAL ARTISTS IN EACH GARDEN  
PLANT SALE: 10AM-2PM  
FREE WATER & MAPS**

\$10 entry fee

The tour encompasses Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates.

Check our website for more details: [whiterockgardentour.org](http://whiterockgardentour.org)



# PAWS PAGE



## Tips for Traveling With Pets this Summer

*Article from Chicago Tribune online*

It's hard to leave behind those sad, puppy dog eyes as you head out the door, so bring your pets with you on your vacations this summer. Just make sure to follow these helpful pet-travel tips, courtesy of ConsumerReports.org:

### CALMING NERVOUS PETS

If your pet shudders at the thought of flying or jumping in a car, these natural remedies and medications might help calm their traveling nerves, but make sure to give them the proper dosage:

Natural remedies:

**Ginger:** Either tea or powder mixed with food is good for dogs and cats.

**Curing pills:** This is a Chinese herb found at high-quality health-food stores. A medium dog would take about a quarter of a vial mixed in warm water every 3 to 4 hours.

**Lavender oil:** Try a few drops on a cloth in the car or crate.

**Melatonin:** It may help some dogs and cats with travel anxiety.

**Dog appeasing pheromone (DAP):** This is a calming pheromone derived from a compound secreted in mother's milk to relax nursing pups.

**Feliway:** This is a product similar to DAP, but for cats.

Medications:

**Dramamine or Meclizine:** A 20-pound dog should be given about 50 mg before starting the trip. One dose should be enough for most road trips.

**Benadryl:** Small dogs and cats should receive 12.5 mg every 4 to 8 hours, and larger dogs should be started at 25 mg.

**Cerenia:** One dose lasts 24 hours.

### AIR TRAVEL

ConsumerReports.org said two million pets board airplanes each year, so to make sure you're flying with your pet as efficiently as possible, follow these five steps, courtesy of Consumer Reports:

1. **Plan ahead:** You might also need a current veterinarian's health certificate, plus an acclimation certificate if the temperature will drop below 45° F. (Note: Airlines can't accept pet in cargo or baggage if the outside temperature goes above 85° F or below 20° F.) Attach your name, address, phone number, and a recent pet photo to the carrier. Then do the sniff test: Does Fluffy need a bath? Airlines can reject stinky pets!

2. **Know the rules:** Print out the requirements for pet travel from the airline's website and take them along. Airport workers aren't always familiar with all the details, so printed rules can come in handy if you run into trouble.

3. **Compare costs and services:** Airlines frequently change their pet-travel fees and rules. Air Tran, Jet Blue, and Southwest allow small pets to travel in the cabin but won't accept pets as checked baggage. Frontier will check your pet as baggage but won't allow it in the cabin. On Jet Blue and Continental, your pet earns air miles for travel. Most airlines allow only domestic cats and dogs, though a few (Air Tran, Delta, Continental, Spirit Airlines, United, and US Airways) will welcome your bird. Service animals, such as guide dogs, are allowed on any U.S. flight.

4. **Beware of the risks:** In 2009, 23 pets died during commercial air transit. Others were injured or lost when they escaped from their crates. If your pet is flying as baggage or cargo, ask the flight attendant to monitor the temperature in the pet-storage area. For pet health reasons, some airlines don't allow bulldogs and short-nosed breeds, such as pugs or Persian

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cats, to travel as cargo during warmer months. Airlines will not fly a pet younger than eight weeks or ones with special medical needs. Also, most vets no longer recommend sedation, which can affect your pet's heart or breathing.

5. Consider alternatives: At Pet Airways, a new pets-only airline, pets fly in the climate-controlled main cabins under the supervision of an attendant. Prices range from \$99 to \$549 one way, depending on pet size and flight length; the average cost is \$250. Pet Airways (PetAirways.com, 888-pet-airways) now flies to nine cities, including New York, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Los Angeles, and says it plans to expand to 25 to 30 cities. And if you really can't bear to fly without Fido on your lap, go to [www.dogtravelcompany.com](http://www.dogtravelcompany.com) for info on chartering flights with dogs.

For more info, go to [Bringyourpet.com](http://Bringyourpet.com), [HealthyPet.com](http://HealthyPet.com), [PetFlight.com](http://PetFlight.com), [PetTravelCenter.com](http://PetTravelCenter.com), [PuppyTravel.com](http://PuppyTravel.com), and [TripsWithPets.com](http://TripsWithPets.com).

## ROAD TRAVEL

ConsumerReports.org offers a whole list of tips for traveling on the road with pets ([here](#)), but we thought we'd highlight for readers what we think is the most notable and important tip: The temperature threshold for pets inside cars.

"Never leave a pet in the car on a hot day," according to ConsumerReports.org. "The cutoff point is when the outside temperature reaches 60° F. If the temperature is suitable, open the windows a few inches and the sunroof, too, if you have one.

Pet-friendly cars:

For wagons, Consumer Reports auto testers recommend Mazda5s, Volkswagen Jettas, and Subaru Outbacks. For SUVs, Consumer Reports recommends the Subaru Forester (pictured right) and Honda CR-V for smaller pets and the Chevrolet Traverse and Ford Flex for larger pets. Consumer Reports' top minivan choice is the Honda Odyssey.

While the Honda Element offers a "Dog Friendly" package for \$995 that includes a soft-sided kennel, cushioned pet bed, an odor-clearing fan, all-season rubber floor mats, a spill-resistant water bowl, and an extendable ramp," Consumer Reports does not recommend it because the Element doesn't score well enough in their auto testing.

"Whatever you choose, look for tie-downs in the cargo area, which make it easy to safely secure a crate or anchor a restraint," according to ConsumerReports.org. "And if your pet will be lounging on the seats, try to avoid cloth upholstery."

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# ANIMAL ALERT!

If you have lost or found a pet in Forest Hills please contact our Animal Alert! to report it.

Forest Hills and Little Forest Hills work together to try and help get lost pets back home.

Email [info@lfhanimalalert.org](mailto:info@lfhanimalalert.org) as much information as possible: type, size, coloring, age, sex, when/where lost or found, etc. along with a picture or two if possible. The more information the better.

The BEST WAY to get lost or found pets home is through communication. Most of our pets have been returned home because someone recognized the picture of a pet in our Animal Alert! emails. Email [info@lfhanimalalert.org](mailto:info@lfhanimalalert.org) to be added to the list of those receiving our alerts.

Emails are sent out only about our pets. We do not sell emails or use these emails for any other reason. If for any reason you wish to be removed from the list, simply let us know.

THE MORE EMAILS ON THE LIST - THE MORE PETS WE CAN GET HOME!

Have you registered your pets with Animal Alert! yet? Download a form from our web and either drop it off or mail it to: Andie Comini- 1737 Whittier Ave Dallas, Texas 75218

[www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org) (214) 930-5910

If you would like to volunteer or donate- please contact Andie Comini (214) 328-0508.

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# PLEASE PLEDGE TO KEEP POLICE OFFICERS ON OUR STREETS - CRIME PREVENTION AT ITS BEST

Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP), a resident-funded service hires off-duty Dallas Police officers to patrol our neighborhood.

Not one thing can prevent crime entirely from happening to you, however the more lines of defense you have, the less chance that you or your fellow neighbors will become a crime statistic. Please invest in Forest Hills' safety with a pledge to this important layer of defense.



PLEDGE TO SECURITY - \$60 Per Quarter

Q1 Jan-Mar      Q2 Apr-Jun - **Currently Due!**      Q3 Jul-Sep      Q4 Oct-Dec

You may pay quarters in advance (2 = \$120, 3 = \$180 or 4 = \$240) Credit card through PayPal on the security page [foresthillsdallas.org](http://foresthillsdallas.org). Check or automatic bank payments to Forest Hills Security Program 8432 San Fernando Way Dallas, TX 75218

Concerns, Comments, Compliments, Payment Inquiry [fhspen@aol.com](mailto:fhspen@aol.com) 214 535-2077

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## KEEPING CRIME AT BAY

The "phantom pit crew" has hit too many SUV's and pickup trucks parked on our streets and in our driveways, removing in record time wheels and other valuable items.

Also visiting us on a continual basis is the thief, who goes from house to house checking for unlocked vehicles to quickly grab easy-to-pawn items or loose change.

Your car may be under security lights, beside bedroom windows or near barking dogs, but it does not seem to deter these skulkers.



In our busy lives full of distractions, it is easy to forget to take extra security precautions. Continue to be alert and remember to lock those car doors or if you decide the best defense is not to lock them, remember to remove all items including registration papers.

If you discover someone has entered your car, please report it immediately by calling 911, even if there are only signs of rifling with nothing obviously taken or if the stolen item was relatively small in value. A person has trespassed and attempted to steal something from you. Do not wait to report the incident, as fingerprints cannot be effectively lifted later. Prints can link to other crimes and eventually back to the thief. The police and the security patrol need to know. Help us, help you.

Another way to assist the Forest Hills Security Patrol in their plan of defense is if you had an incident, no matter how small, involving your vehicle in 2011 and 2012, which you did not report, please report the incident now at [fhspen@aol.com](mailto:fhspen@aol.com) or 214 535-2077. Give the date, approximate time of day and what was stolen, damaged or rifled through. Also if you have seen suspicious activity on your security cameras from midnight to 5:30 am, but did not report it because nothing happened, please let FHSP know. These things can offer big clues. With your help FHSP will be able to schedule patrols at high incident times, lay in waiting and nab these thugs in the act!

Luckily our stats are small compared to other neighborhoods and those fewer incidents have been attributed to our patrol program, but we can always do better. One crime is one too many!

Our message will go out once again to the criminal world: Don't Mess With Forest Hills!

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# BIG THINGS GOING ON AT SANGER THESE DAYS!!!

Sanger Elementary is in the process of becoming "Blue Ribbon Certified". This is a State certification that proves that over a number of years, your school has taken actions to get better on all levels.

This is something that means more than test scores to the value of a neighborhood school. We hope to have more detailed information and progress reports in the coming months and into next school year.

On another "big news" note, after 17 years at Sanger, Principal Allen has retired. We have an acting principal for the remainder of the year, and will be interviewing for the new permanent principal between now and end of the school year.

When the new principal is hired, I will speak to them about attending a Forest Hills general meeting and introducing themselves.

Many other changes are on the docket for next school year including possible uniform changes, the ability to opt in or out of the dual language program, among others.

We appreciate the neighborhood support as we continue to improve our neighborhood school.

Go Stallions.

## CHILDREN'S NETWORK

Mark your calendars for this year's Fourth of July parade and party! The parade begins at 9 and the party will follow. This year we will also host our second FHCN bake sale. Look for details closer to the party on the website,

Facebook and FHCN emails. Not getting the emails? Email us and we will add you to the list!

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## WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Eustis - 8500 Block

Erik Bauer

Paul & Lexie Lowers

San Cristobal - 8300 Block

Nick London & Fernando Luciano

San Benito - 8500 Block

Keenan & Crystal Kolendo

Santa Clara - 8200 Block

Franz Duy

Santa Clara - 8300 Block

Greg & Anita Childress

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.

If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor let us know! For oversights, contact [fhnnewcomers@aol.com](mailto:fhnnewcomers@aol.com) with names and addresses so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide to Forest Hills!

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# WHAT'S REAL IN REAL ESTATE?

By Vicki White Vickiwhitehomes.com

I am sure it is no surprise that the market values in Forest Hills and Dallas as a whole has been in a downward trend for several years now. Even with many homes on the market in Forest Hills, only 8 properties have sold in the last 6 months. I have been monitoring this area for many years, and have been involved with 3 of the sales in the last six months as well as one of the buyers. I hear it every day, sellers want to recoup their investment in their property at the very least, or even better would like to make a profit. It has been difficult to be the messenger that the market is what it is.

The stats below go back for a six month period, (from August 9, 2011 to February 9, 2012) since six months is what an appraiser will use to evaluate or appraise a property. The good news is that property values seem to have flat lined. The monthly decline in value seems to have come to a stop. This is really GREAT news! I am optimistic that we will begin our slow climb back to higher values in the months and years ahead! With that said, I believe it is extremely important to be totally aware of the market conditions that we are living with right now. There is nothing to be gained from burying our heads in the sand and choosing to ignore the reality. Knowledge is power!

## REAL ESTATE STATS IN FOREST HILLS

This report includes all homes in Forest Hills, all streets from Garland Road to Eustis. It also includes everything from distressed properties to new construction, so the actual value will be somewhat skewed using these MLS (Multiple Listing Service) comps.

### Active Listings: (Per MLS as of February 9, 2012)

Number of Properties listed	21
Average price per square foot	\$199.63
Average price of listed homes	\$616,021*Notice the substantial difference between the LISTED prices and the SOLD prices. Average number of days on the market 135* (see actual days on market below)

\*The average days on the market shows to be 135 ACCORDING TO MLS. This is NOT real. Most good real estate agents will dig deeper to see what is real with regard to days on the market. Those figures get manipulated by putting a property on, then taking off, and putting back on in order to zero out the days on market. Currently, the true average days on the market for the active listings in Forest Hills is 250 days! That is 115 days on the market more than the comps show.

### Sold Listings:

Number of sold properties in the last 6 months totals 8 properties sold (Including Belle Nora)

\*However for the sake of the comps, I have removed Belle Nora to get a more accurate picture

Average price per square foot of sold properties	\$161.90
Average price of homes sold	\$390,400
Average number of days on the market:	231* (see actual days on the market below)

\*The average days on the market shows to be 231 ACCORDING TO MLS. To find the real ACTUAL days on the market we have to go into the archive list which shows all the times a property has come off and gone back on. The ACTUAL days on the market for the sold listings was 346 days, far different from the stats that show 231. In addition to taking an average of 346 days to sell, in almost every case there were significant reductions in price during the listing periods.

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*Note: This is the major reason that a home should be priced right from the very beginning of the listing. It is stressful to have a property on the market for long periods, stressful to have to go through price reductions, and damaging to your chances of selling at a desirable price if it has logged many days on the market. Houses that show well and are priced at or below the average price per square foot will almost always sell!! Plus, you should remember that IF you get a buyer that is willing to pay more than the comps support, it is very likely you are not going to get a satisfactory appraisal from the Buyer's lender. Many deals have fallen through this year because of homes not appraising for the negotiated price.*

During the last 6 months there have also been 11 cancelled listings, 10 expired listings, 1 withdrawn and 1 temporarily off the market for a total of 23 failed attempts. I can already see this trend begin to change to the positive!

There are currently 3 pending properties with the average price per square foot being \$91.89.

Indications are that some of the higher end and more expensive homes will start to sell over the next few months which will bring our averages up. I look forward to promoting Forest Hills for the fabulous neighborhood it is. Where else in the Metroplex can you live near a beautiful lake that people travel across town just to walk the trails and enjoy the many facilities? Where else in Dallas can you walk from your home to one of the most beautiful Arboretums in the country? The rich history, incredible architecture of both old and new homes and the home town friendly atmosphere will sustain this neighborhood. If you are planning on selling your home in the near future, be sure you choose an agent that has the knowledge and passion for this wonderful neighborhood forest!!

If you would like information as to how your specific property fits in to these stats, I would love the opportunity to go over it with you, just give me a call. Vicki White 214.534.1305

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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS



*Sitting: Josephine Brown,  
Marvel Kiewitt  
Standing: Judi Boyles, Debbie  
Knight, Lottie Minick*

The Forest Hills Garden Club trekked down to the The Trinity River Audubon Center for the April morning meeting. Our tour guide, Tamson Hanson, told us she'd take us around anytime because in her 4 years at the center this was only the second time she'd seen a Bard Owl swoop close to humans during the day.

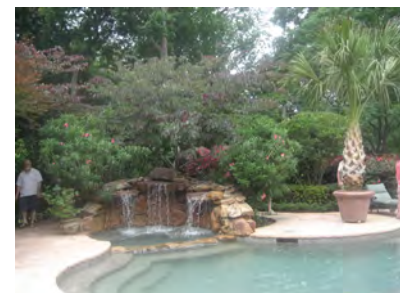
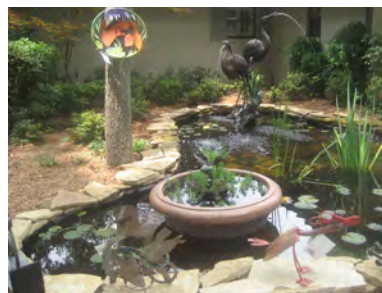
On this coolish, cloudy day we could have spent hours watching the Trinity flowing toward Galveston while deeply breathing in the beauty of nature. Though none of the Garden Girls had previously visited the center, they were a wealth of information regarding the native flowers, shrubs and trees. Our very special treat was Marvel Kiewit joining our field trip.

May is our final meeting for the year and we are going to the Arboretum to see the Dale Chihuly art exhibit - "Chihuly Nights". Call Barb Michaels - 214-327-3817 or Lottie Minick

- 214-384-1397 for more information. Also check our website - [foresthillsdallas.org](http://foresthillsdallas.org).

Think about joining the Forest Hills Garden Club. We're not very serious, but we have lots of fun.

And remember to mark your calendar for the White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans Sunday, May 20 from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. Nine beautiful gardens in our 3 neighborhoods, plant sale and a great day to see your neighbors and friends. For more information: [www.whiterockgardentour.com](http://www.whiterockgardentour.com) and read the weird behind the scenes on our facebook page.



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# BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Forest Hills will be participating in the 11th annual White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans on Sunday May 20 from 10AM to 5PM. Forest Hills will be showcasing the following gardens:

Barb Michaels and John Davis - 8430 Santa Clara Dr.

Bert and Cindy Headden - 8538 San Benito Way

Ginny and Rick Pope - 8531 San Fernando Way

Please plan on attending or volunteering. Call Barb Michaels (214-327-3817)  
for volunteer opportunities

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## REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

Real estate developer plans 'high-end' development on three corners of Gaston-Garland

Lincoln Property Co.'s plans for the intersection of Gaston and Garland prove we all should've bought there years ago. The real estate company is planning a vast, high-end retail development on the intersection's three corners.

So far, Lincoln will say only that it is considering a grocery tenant for the 15-acre development.

That intersection is extraordinary because of its location and underutilization. It's at the gateway of White Rock Lake, a few blocks from the Dallas Arboretum, a few blocks from a public golf course and adjacent to the Santa Fe Trail. That's not even mentioning the hundreds of high-end homes in the area. Yet the intersection's main tenants recently have been a liquor store, a pawnshop, a nightclub that neighbors deplore, Subway and the YMCA.

The White Rock YMCA plans to move to a more visible site, the former Trinity Lutheran Church, and it looks like Far West nightclub's days are numbered.

Now that most of those properties surrounding Gaston/Garland are in the hands of one developer, it could be a game-changer for the neighborhood.

Lincoln has given up few details about the development, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't speculate a little.

"There hasn't been any retail around here forever, so I think they could get some quality tenants out there," says John Whiteside, the real estate broker who listed the Trinity Lutheran Church site.

That intersection is "the last collage of ill-fitting businesses that used to be around Lakewood," says Whiteside, a neighborhood resident since 1981. He recalls, for example, when there was a pawnshop in the Lakewood shopping center.

The former Backyard Beach Club could be a nice restaurant with access to the Santa Fe Trail, Whiteside suggested.

Whiteside notes that the apartments-turned-condos on Conneticut, adjacent to the YMCA, recently sold. "How smart were they at this point?" he says of the buyers. "They're about to be right next to this high-end retail development."

There are 14 acres of new apartments that just opened on East Grand at La Vista. And Shadyside, the 9-acre former apartment complex on East Grand that was torn down a few years ago, has a new buyer as well.

The way Whiteside sees it, all this bodes very well for property values in the neighborhood.

"If I had enough money, I'd go out and buy every house I could get my hands on right now," he says.

This story originally appeared on [lakewood.advocatemag.com](http://lakewood.advocatemag.com). To stay on top of news concerning this development, visit the website and subscribe to the Advocate's weekly email newsletter at [advocatemag.com/newsletter](http://advocatemag.com/newsletter).

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# FOR THE LOVE OF THE LAKE

For the Love of the Lake is an enthusiastic, energetic volunteer organization that is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of White Rock Lake. Every Second Saturday hundreds of volunteers meet at our office in Casa Linda Plaza, just beneath Another Broken Egg to receive supplies and have coffee, juice, breakfast goodies and water to prepare for the morning's journey to White Rock Lake.

Safety talks and recycling instructions are provided and then you are off for some fun with friends, family, or just to enjoy the one on one experience of helping clean, protect and beautify the shores of White Rock Lake! The hours are 8- 12 and if you can't join us for Second Saturday, we are open Every Saturday as well with the same hours.

Please stop by the Celebration Tree Grove at Poppy Lane and E. Lawther. For the Love of the Lake built this beautiful Tree Grove to allow citizens to honor, remember and celebrate loved ones. Funds from plaques help reforestation efforts at the Lake. The beautiful and serene setting is a wonderful place to meditate or just watch the cyclists, runners and walkers enjoy the Hike and Bike Trail that For the Love of the Lake built in 2008.

Come enjoy White Rock Lake- the jewel of our City!

Susan Hello- President

For the Love of the Lake 214.477.7854 [www.whiterocklake.org](http://www.whiterocklake.org)

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## SECOND CHANCE TREASURES

At Second Chance Treasures, the upscale resale shop on Garland Road, 100% of the proceeds help the homeless and abandoned pets of East Lake Pet Orphanage (ELPO). Two legged and four legged shoppers are both welcome at this cozy boutique full of unique gifts and antiques.

Dr. Karen Fling, president of East Lake Pet Orphanage, opened Second Chance Treasures in 2008 as a source of funding and exposure for the orphan pets in the care of ELPO.

Fling got the idea four years ago, at a chance meeting at an estate sale where she met a woman who thanked her for taking in three cats she had rescued. "For her it was a really traumatic experience and to see the cats healed and adopted, it was life-changing for her," Fling says. "She wanted to give back and do her part, so she began donating leftovers from estate sales."

Inside features many rooms featuring different antiques, gift items and collectables in many themes. You might even be greeted by some of the orphans available for adoption who are there for a visit!

Fling says the store has helped increase pet adoptions dramatically.

The store takes donations of any kind. "We do everything from scrap metal recycling to rag recycling," Fling says. "We think that what we do is the ultimate green thing that allows you to find a new use for something that would be otherwise discarded," she says. "It gives things that would be thrown out a second chance to bring some value and we think it gives the pets a second chance too."

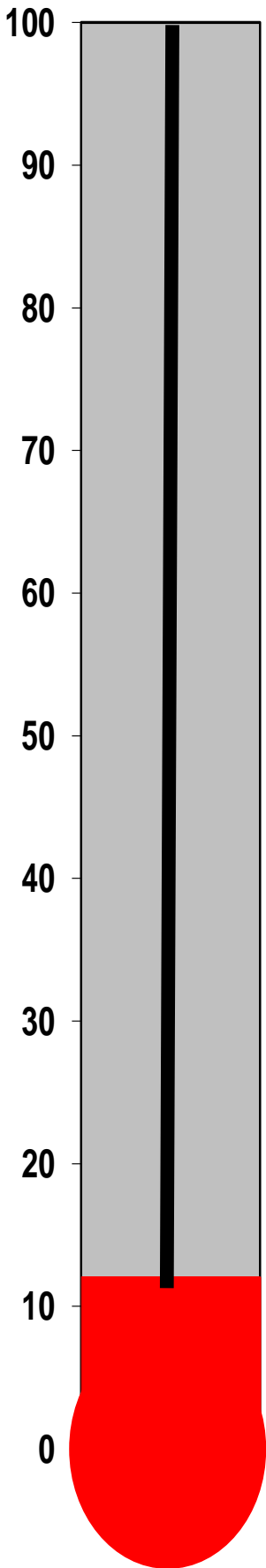
For more information on donating, volunteering or adopting or fostering animals:

Second Chance Treasures, 10101 Garland Road, 214-660-9696, [secondchancetreasures.org](http://secondchancetreasures.org)

East Lake Pet Orphanage, 10101 E. Northwest Highway, 214-349- 3576, [elpo.org](http://elpo.org)

East Lake Pet Orphanage is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been rescuing and rehabilitating homeless pets in the White Rock area of Dallas since 2001.

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**\*\*\*\*\* THE HEAT IS ON \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\* JOIN OUR FHA TEAM \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR 2012 DUES \*\*\*\***

**Name:**

**Address:**


**Email:**

**Amounts:    \_\_\_\$50    \_\_\_\$30    \_\_\_Other**  
[\$50 per household/\$30 for members 65 or older]

**Dues may be paid through PayPal by visiting our website at [foresthillsdallas.org](http://foresthillsdallas.org) or by sending a check, payable to:**

**Forest Hills Association  
P.O. Box 180897  
Dallas TX 75218**

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# LISTING OF FHA OFFICERS – COMMITTEE CHAIRS - LIAISONS

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## SAVE DALLAS WATER

The Dallas City Council has approved an ordinance limiting the use of sprinkler systems to twice weekly. The ordinance will go into effect on Monday, April 23.

The conservation effort limits the use of automatic irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers to no more than twice per week, although hand watering, soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems can be used more often. Dallas residents and businesses are reminded that as in years past, the conservation ordinance prohibits watering with hose-end sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 through October 31. Residents are asked to program and maintain their automatic sprinkler systems to use water as efficiently as possible and reminded that automatic systems are required to have working rain and freeze sensors.

Landscaping experts say the average lawn in north Texas only needs about one inch of water per week, even during the summer. Watering deeply and infrequently is the best for a healthy landscape with deep roots. The City of Dallas will allow variances for additional watering periods for new landscaping and special circumstances.

Mayors of Arlington, Dallas, Fort Worth and Irving held a regional water conservation press conference on April 11 to publicly support a move to make twice weekly watering guidelines the standard for the region following one of the worst droughts since the 1950s. For Dallas customers, current water supplies are anticipated to meet demand through 2035. Moving to a twice weekly effort is expected to extend water supplies to 2045.

For more information on water conservation efforts in Dallas visit:

<http://www.SaveDallasWater.com> or call (214)-670-3155.

Letter written by Little Forest Hills Association and shared with us.

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# WHO IS YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

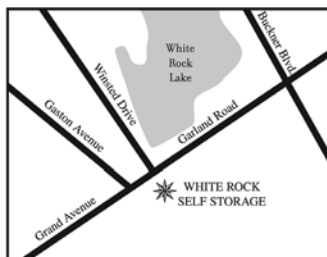
The FHA cannot express gratitude for its Block Captains. They are the intrepid but unsung heroes who deliver the FHA newsletter and other important information to our doors through rain, sleet and snow. They can answer many questions about the neighborhood, especially if you are new to Forest Hills. Your BC will be the name listed under your street and block number. The first name listed is the Lead BC. Additional names, if any, are Backup BC's. Block captain coordinator Lori Hunt Fhnabcc@aol.com.

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

for March 2012

The yard of the month for March was awarded to Bert and Cindy Headden at 8531 San Benito Way. Notice the meticulously maintained front yard and be in for a beautiful garden and pool when you enter the backyard through the wrought iron gate. This home will be on the garden tour this year - don't miss it!



## YARD OF THE MONTH

for April 2012

Congratulations to Ginny and Rick Pope who live on San Fernando Way - 8538. Drive by and see the blackberry bushes and plum trees planted in the parkway. Come to the White Rock Garden Tour on May 20th and see the rest of this fabulous garden - 12 chickens and a great chicken coop included!



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