



FOREST HILLS NEWS

November - December 2012
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Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Every Month – Second Saturday White Rock Shoreline Spruce-up

November – *Senior Social*: Sunday, November 4, 2012, 2:00pm-4:00pm at Susan and Garry Brown's Home 8319 San Fernando Way

December – *Tree Lighting*: Saturday, December 1st from 4:00pm-6:00pm, Keller Circle (intersection of Forest Hills and Brezewood)



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's that time again when we get a crisp freshness in the air. The pumpkins are out, mums are in bloom and we realize that another year is rapidly coming to a close. Around the corner is thanksgiving with family and friends. We'll blink an eye and the holidays will be here. As we get ready for next year, I want to personally thank everyone who helped this past year with all of the events, get-togethers, and projects of our neighborhood. We have seen a number of new faces move into the neighborhood and at our neighborhood events.

What makes us great are active, caring neighbors. As we begin thinking about New Year's Resolutions, maybe an easy one to keep would be to volunteer to help for at least one event this next year! With your help, we can make our neighborhood even more fun, friendlier, and better than ever.

FOREST HILLS SENIORS YOU ARE INVITED!

Please come to the annual Senior Social as we celebrate YOU, the neighbors who created our beautiful community of Forest Hills. Delicious snacks will be provided by your neighbors along with entertainment by "The Pretty Good Singers Group." We know you Seniors are a busy set, so mark your calendars and RSVP as soon as you can.

Date: Sunday, November 4, 2012

Time: 2:00-4:00

Place: Susan and Garry Brown's Home

8319 San Fernando Way

RSVP: Katrina Moran (214)280-8915 or katcancook07@yahoo.com

****Please RSVP by Friday November 2nd and indicate number in your party.****

Neighbor volunteers are needed to assist in hosting our guests and providing sweet and savory finger foods. Please e-mail Katrina if you are interested in helping.

FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANGEL TREE



For the second year the Forest Hills Children's Network will be hosting an Angel Tree. This is the program you are probably already familiar with through the Salvation Army. Each year the Angel Tree program provides gifts to 55,000 DFW area children and seniors.

How It Works: Choose an Angel's gift request off of the tree at 8416 Santa Clara Dr beginning October 23rd or at our December 1st Tree Lighting. Return the gift to 8416 Santa Clara Drive no later than December 5th.

This is a great opportunity to help your family celebrate the true meaning of the holiday season. The program is certainly not limited to the Children's Network! We would love to see a large response so that we can pursue this again in the future.

*Please direct any questions to Amanda Johnson - 936-371-9856
fhchildrensnet@aol.com*



PAWS PAGE



Holiday Safety Tips

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/holiday-safety-tips.aspx>

Holly, Jolly and Oh-So-Safe! Of course you want to include your furry companions in the festivities, pet parents, but as you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. And be sure to steer them clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations:

O Christmas Tree Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

Tinsel-less Town Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching “toy” that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

No Feasting for the Furrries By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising fur kid will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Toy Joy Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Choose gifts that are safe.

- Dogs have been known to tear their toys apart and swallowing the pieces, which can then become lodged in the esophagus, stomach or intestines. Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible.
- Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer—and tons of play sessions together.

Forget the Mistletoe & Holly Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies, can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Leave the Leftovers Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

That Holiday Glow Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

Wired Up Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.

House Rules If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.

Put the Meds Away Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.

Careful with Cocktails If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

A Room of Their Own Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

New Year's Noise As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears.

ADOPTABLE PETS OF LITTLE FOREST HILLS



Both are available through DFW Rescue Me. Contact maeleska fletes to meet them:
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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 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 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 (214) 930-5910

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2012 FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM CONTRIBUTION

We want to thank our neighbors for their 2012 contributions to the Forest Hills Security Program. With the help of your contributions, we have been able to fund four hour patrols, five days a week by Dallas Police Department off duty uniformed officers. As a result, we continue to enjoy living in one of the most beautiful and safe communities in Dallas. This program has been in place in our community for nearly 10 years and is one of many reasons that Forest Hills is such an attractive place to live.

2012 Security Program Contributing Residences *(as of October 15th, 2012)*

Barbaree Blvd. – Boatman, Geer, Devilbiss, Bagley, Orr, Brownlee, Daniel, Alexander & Compton households

Corday & Eustis Ave. – Deleon, Swafford, Harrison & Alexander households

Forest Hills Blvd. – Davis, Collins, Beakley, Kummer/Rush, O'Brien, Roberts, Talbot, Lusk, Bernstein/Clay, Carlson, Howard, Simons, Knox, Tarpley, Lowry, Brauer, Palmer, Williamson, Hunt, Patterson, Compton, Castillo, Hess, Kim/Seo, Fagelman, Laczkowski, Solomon, Barbare, Sorrells, Skipworth/Moore, Dybala, Sandell/Goodwyn, Porter, Clarke & Edwards/Stuart households

Garland Rd. – Neal, Gietema, Walker, De la Valdene, Schaar, Mitchell, Martinez, Boyles, Nguyen, Gore, Norton & Rees households

Groveland Dr. – Brinker, Bedsole, Knight & Kyger households

Highland Rd. – Proctor, Weitz/King, Hayward, Quaglia/Shero & Kaufmann households

San Benito Way – Maher, Westmoreland, Almond, Rothstein/Mayer, Howson, Devin, Addison, Kellam, Casey, Grandjean, Swift, Payne, Coldwell, Carr, Young, Helms, King, Gilliland, Dooley/Ryan, Sims, Merryman, Stuart, Carvalho, Youngblood, Headden & Borrett households

San Cristobal Dr. – Shankles, Gunter, Wood, Dickerson, Pachero, Miller, Dunklau, Beasley, Halverson, Crenshaw, Hollingsworth, Nguyen, Scallorn, Akers, Wisneski, Bailey, Grogan, Dunaway, Stadig, Hanes, Carusi, Arthur, Minick, Stephens, McLennan/Greenberg, Schacknow & Hardesty households

San Fernando Way – Whitten, Young, Williams, Wabner, Gilbreath, Foley, Vlasimsky, Williams, Tarbet, Bender, Kristofek, Schnute, Hammond, Bruning, Faulk, Oliver/Conley, Brown, Russell, Mark, Beckham, Heaney/Ralston, Hille/Fling, Pope, Reister, Loegering, Donohoe, Perron, Foerster, Danamraj, Gilmore, Brodsky, Cromartie, Witcher, Ferguson & Peale households

San Leandro Dr. – Mason, Hubbard, Hughes, Ortman, Gebhard-Johnson, Meadows, Creuzot, Grass, Creamer, Riggs, Markus, Lopez, Messina/Goodwin, Brown, Hill, Laivins, Ellington/Babler, Pumpelly, Southan, Gerard, Parker, Goodwin/Messina, Austin, Moran, Graves & Mavelian households

San Pedro Pkwy. – Meyering/Sadler, Pascoe, Stephens, Rasti/Silav, Marino/Grist, Sams, Manders, Cox, Laakman, Kelly, Estell & Vasquez households

San Rafael Dr. – Jones, Hill, Spieker, Cooner, Whelan, Dignan, Wall, O'Bannon, Rainwater/Oliver, Lynch/Ramey & Glines households

Santa Clara Dr. – Anderson, Dunn/Balentine, Buhmann, Cage, Lauten, Whalen/Unruh, Carley, Hodge, Ehrenberger, Brin, McCauley, Lee, Swanson, Courtney, Lamberti, Burns, Danielson, Marconi, Albach, Slusher, Anderson, Stull-Higgins, Koesling, Garbell, Evans, Moody, Naudo, Almquist, Childress, Gleboff, Johnson, Mooney, Fosha/Raskopf, Rocha/Karunatileka, Bryan, Sharpe, Shine, Braden, Buresh, Platt, Rodriguez and Bogar/Magnant households

St. Francis & Whittier Ave. – Brault-Jordan & Comini households

Our thanks to these contributing households in the 2012 Security Program. They are making our neighborhood safer for all and we look forward to more contributing in our 2013 program which we will kick off this fall! Any questions, just drop a note to FHSPENP@aol.com or FHNACRIMEWATCH@aol.com

Greg Estell

Judy Whalen

Forest Hills Crime Watch

Forest Hills Security Program

FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM

FHSP Vision

To make Forest Hills one of the safest communities in Dallas for its residents, thereby improving the attractiveness of the community to present and future residents; enhancing the value of living in Forest Hills.

PLEDGE TO FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM Resident Funded Off Duty Dallas Police Patrol

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Scott Bohner

8500 Block Groveland
Kim Sanders

1400 Block San Rafael
Paula Neiman & James Hill

8100 Block San Benito
Brian & Kelli Powell

8400 Block Santa Clara
Christian & Rosa Sendra

8500 Block San Benito
Carl & Marsha Ray
Stephen Thomas & Mary Meg Lohr

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, please contact fhnanewcomers@aol.com with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a Woodsy Welcome and a Guide to Forest Hills!

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEIGHBOR

Barbara Michaels

This month Spotlight writes about one of our favorite neighbors, Barb Michaels. You're about to find out why.

For seventeen years Barb has been one of our most involved Forest Hills Neighbors. In 1998 along with several other neighbors, Barb formed the Forest Hills Garden Club. More popular than ever and more important the Garden Club continues to form lasting friendships. Thank you, Barb.

In 2007 Barb decided Forest Hills should be part of the White Rock East Garden Tour and Artisans'. Barb asked to attend a planning meeting and was welcomed with open arms. The May tour is now the biggest fundraiser for Forest Hills.

The Garden Club's October meeting is always a field trip to the State Fair where we take pictures of Barb with her food ribbons and her beautiful knitted scarves showcased in ribbons.

Spotlight: Barb, you work tirelessly for Forest Hills and we appreciate all you do. Since becoming Beautification Chair your biggest fight has been saving the trees in the medians. Tell us your thoughts on the drought and how we can save all our gentle giants. Do we need to continue our water schedule this winter? We want to keep the "forest" in Forest Hills.

Barb's response: Keep watering AND plant a tree!

Spotlight: Thanks, Barb. We all appreciate all you do. We also thank your Darling Husband John and Precious Puppy Molly for sharing you with us.



WELCOME HOME JORDAN

Spc Jordan Knight returned home safely from his seven month deployment to Afghanistan.

Jordan returned to his Ft Bragg North Carolina on September 5th just four days after his 25th birthday.

He came home to Dallas for post deployment leave on September 28th. We hosted 30 family and friends for a welcome home party and we were all happy to see him.

Debbie Knight



BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Time to Plant Trees!!

On Saturday September 29th we had a day of rain - lots of rain. And here is a picture of what we saw in our neighborhood on Sunday! Trees have a lifespan and need to be replaced. Even with the best of care trees can succumb to diseases, harsh weather, age, etc. Visit a nursery this fall, buy a tree and get it planted.



THE OTHER EPIDEMIC IN DALLAS

We have been hearing a lot about the West Nile epidemic in Dallas, but there is another epidemic here that is also devastating and could completely change the North Texas landscape if we don't do something fast. A new variety of Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale hit Dallas about 3 years ago and has quickly reached epidemic proportions. This insect is a tough little creature that has proven to be resistant to dormant oils and virtually all attempts to control it except hardcore systemic drenches.



It is crucial that you check your crepe myrtle trees for signs of this scale and if you find it, have the tree treated immediately. This insect will kill the tree if left untreated and will spread quickly. If you do not find scale on your crepe myrtles, make a digital calendar note to check again every month, as this infestation is flying through our city with lightening speed and your trees could be fine one day and infested the next.

Crepe myrtles are such a beautiful part of the Dallas landscape and we often take them for granted because we have so many, but their beautiful, prolific blooms light up the intense summer days here and would be sorely missed if they were all suddenly obliterated.

I have attached 4 pictures of what to look for on your trees. Scan all branches, as the infestation may not yet cover the entire tree. Infestation begins with a black sooty covering. The scale is a tiny white, hard shelled dot. You may also notice a sticky substance dripping/weeping off your trees. I'm very sorry to tell you that this is the excrement of the bugs, so wash it off your cars, garden seating, etc.



Be aware that after treatment, the black soot and the white outer exoskeleton of the bug remains on your trees, but the branches you can reach can be washed off with soapy water. Also be aware that treatment for this very resistant scale needs to be done by someone with a license to apply the treatment. Normal "garden variety" scale treatments available at garden stores is not strong enough, sadly.

Don't delay. Tell your friends. Forward this email. Spread the word. This is a big deal. We will all be really sad if there are no more of these beautiful summer flowering trees in North Texas in a few years.

Call me if you need a professional diagnosis and/or treatment. If you can make a positive diagnosis yourself and need someone to treat, I am sending people to Dallas Tree Surgeons. They have been very responsive and are 30% less expensive than others I have used.

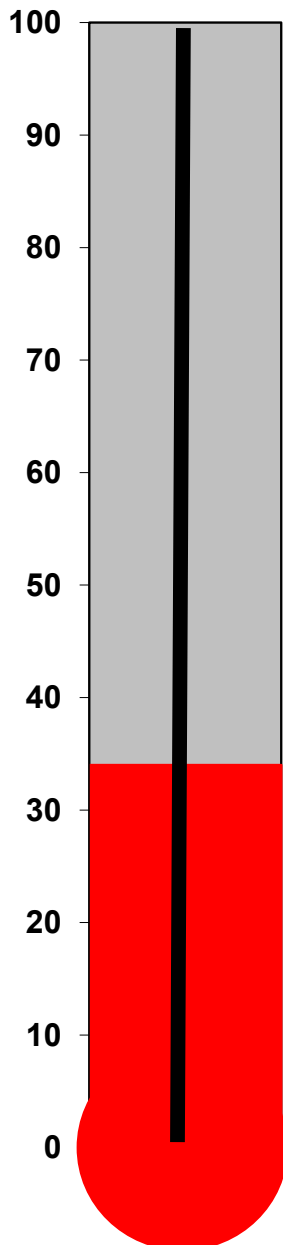
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FHA TREASURER REPORT

Jan 1 to Sept 30 2012

	Revenue	Expense	Balance
2011 Bank Balance			8,780
Membership Dues/Directory Donations	10,417	-	10,417
Forest Hills News/Directory Ad Sales	11,948	9,674	2,273
Social Events	1,073	1,561	(488)
White Rock East Garden Tour	4,925	-	4,925
Neighborhood Projects	898	3,379	(2,481)
Operations		3,309	(3,309)
Year to Date Totals	29,260	17,923	20,117
		FORECASTED EXPENSES #	2,048
		2012 UNDESIGNATED RESERVE	18,069

F'cast:Newsletter, Senior Social, Block Capt. Mtg, Fall Fest, White Rock Storage & StarTex



******* 2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE *******

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

****** PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DUES ******

Name: _____

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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 or by sending a check, payable to:

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

 % Paid 2012 Membership
 % Still To Go

FALL FEST 2012

Fun was had by all at this year's Fall Fest! We had bounce houses, piñatas, a costume contest and our first annual chili and baking competitions. Attendees are already plotting how to win next year's competitions.



FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 1st from 4:00-6:00

Keller Circle (intersection of Forest Hills and Breezewood)

Come be a part of this Forest Hills Tradition!

*Choir Singing Carols

*Train Ride for Kids

*Hot Cocoa and Apple Cider

*Tree Lighting at Dusk

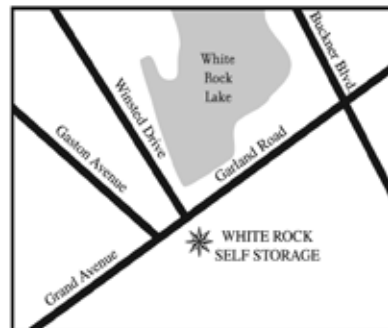
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WHO IS YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

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.

Corday 1700	Debbie Knight	8200	Patty Goya Melodie Young	8400 Dorinda Duncan	Tamela Southan
Eustis Ave. 8500	Andie Comini	8300	Jeanne Dooley Lenore Locascio	8500	Katrina Moran
Forest Hills Blvd. 8100	Mary Pat Smith	8400/8500	Lori Josselyn	San Pedro Parkway 8400	Rana Pascoe
8200	Josy Collins	San Cristobal Drive 8000	Jennifer Dickerson	8500	Diana Cox
8300	Barbara Clay	8100	Kelly Miller	San Rafael Drive 1200 - 1465	Kathy Wall
8400 (even #)	Kathy Glenn	8200	Molly Grogan	1507 - 1623	Shelly Clem
8400 (odd #)	Vince & Pat Hess	8300	L o t t i e	Santa Clara Drive 8100	Martine Buhmann
8500	Lori Hunt	Minick		8200	Darla Hodge
	Rick Sorrells	San Fernando Way 8100	Debbie Jenevein	8300	Vicki Burns
Garland Rd. 8100	Margaret Sorrells	8200	Gina Bender	8400	Courtney Slusher
8200		8300	Kim Hammond	8500	Terri Higgins
8300	LuAnn Tunell	8400	Mary Deighton	St. Francis 1600	Barbara Michaels
8400	Joan Shopoff	8500	Tricia Heaney	1700	Alise Platt
	Judi Boyles		Jo Kirksey	Whittier Ave 1500	Diana Cox
Groveland 8500	Debbie Knight		Debbie Gilmore	1700	Andie Comini
		San Leandro Drive 8000-8100	Sue Benner		
Highland Road 1300-1500	Bob Quaglia	8200	Marvel Kiewit		
		8300	Linda Ortman		
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YARD OF THE MONTH

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This lovely yard belongs to David and Martine Buhman - 8122 Santa Clara Dr. and was nominated by their neighbor Judy Whalen. During the past few months they made many new updates to their front landscape. Drive or walk by and check it out. Thanks David and Martine for keeping our neighborhood beautiful and thanks to Judy for sending in the nomination - suggestions are always welcome!



YARD OF THE MONTH

for October 2012

Yard of the Month for October was awarded to Paul and Virginia Braden - 8538 Santa Clara Dr. Thank you for keeping your yard beautifully maintained and for the wonderful festive Halloween/Fall decorations. Congratulations



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