



# FOREST HILLS NEWS

November - December 2015

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## FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MONTHLY** - Bulky Trash, Week of 2nd Monday  
November 5-8 & December 10-13

**ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**  
Sunday, December 6th

**MONTHLY** - White Rock Shore Spruce-Up  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,  
I'd like to take this time to introduce myself as the new President of Forest Hills Neighborhood Association and let you know a bit about myself and what we have planned in 2016.

In October 2011, my wife Andrea and I moved here from the M-Streets with our two daughters. There were few neighborhoods where our children could enjoy a life outside as we do here in Forest Hills and we are fortunate to live in this natural oasis and have the opportunity to forge friendships with our neighbors. Forest Hills is so much more than just a neighborhood, it's a community.

In regards to our many neighborhood projects, we have exciting things happening in the neighborhood. We have a new three year median project we launched this year to enrich the urban forest (heavily treed areas) of Forest Hills Boulevard and other neighborhood entry points that we all walk, run, and bike. The median project means new trees, cleaned up landscaping and potentially a walking path down the San Rafael median. In addition to this multi-year program, we are also on track to have another great year with the Garden Tour, Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July party, and of course our Christmas gathering at Keller's Tree. To make all of this happen, the Board has been hard at work and is always looking for your ideas, input and time to help make these events the best yet.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the 2014-2015 Board Members who are continuing into 2016 and acknowledge the contributions of those who are moving on after a very strong year. Many thanks to Gary Grass (and Eileen), Denny and Lori Hunt, Margaret Sorrells, Barb Michaels, Cynthia Daniel, Marnie McCabe and of course to everyone who helps our events happen by volunteering year after year!

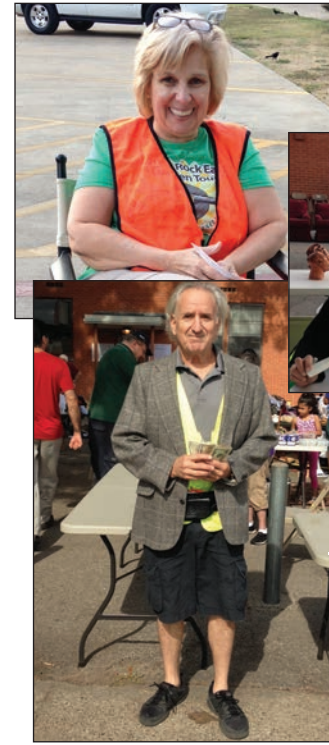
As we approach 2016, I'd love to hear what you'd like to see happen in Forest Hills in the coming year. It takes all of us to continue to make this neighborhood the best place to live in Dallas.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!  
Chris McCauley

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## FOREST HILLS GARAGE SALE - SUCCESS!!!



On **Saturday, October 17** Forest Hills held our **3rd Annual Garage Sale** at Alex Sanger. While we did not have as many big donations as in the past - the sale was still a success! Before expenses we made close to \$4,000. From this we are donating \$250 to our local White Rock Center for Hope and \$500 to the Alex Sanger PTA. We also would like to donate \$2,000 to our wonderful Forest Hills Security Program to help cover the extra upcoming holiday hours. Any items that were left when the sale ended were picked up by East Lake Pet Orphanage in hopes of generating some income for them.

All this could not have happened without all the wonderful donations and volunteers. Many seeing that we needed more help stayed much longer than they had first said they would.  
**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**  
Could not have done it without you!

Co-chairs - Andie Comini & Denny Hunt  
Emily, Jacob & Barbara Adamson, Seth & Kristi Adamson, Susan Bailey, Judi Boyles  
Ryan Buchanan, Josephine Brown, Pat Cage  
Tony & Maura Cornell, Brenda Dunklau

Julie Dunn, Doug Gilpin, Brad Huddleston, Lori Hunt, Debbie Knight, Juris & Carolyn Laivins, Maureen Mann, Barb Michaels, Mary Schaar, Tim Simmonds, Rick & Margaret Sorrells, Parks & Beth Stearns, Greg Stinson, Abbie Strava, Boone & Lauren Tison, Tayyar Unal, Judy Whalen and Ricardo. A special thanks to: Dr. Hector Martinez and his wonderful crew at Alex Sanger! All the neighbors that donated their treasures to us! To the volunteers I may have missed - you are appreciated!

### WHITE ROCK SELF STORAGE

A Special THANKS to to them for offering us a free month of storage to help us out with our annual Forest Hills Garage Sale. When all the goodies start coming in we are always in need of a place to store them until the big event. Each year they step up and help us out. So if you find you have storage needs - please consider using White Rock Self Storage!!

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

**8100 Block San Cristobal**  
David & Jessica Sansom

**8500 Block San Leandro**  
Michael & Olivia Ansolabehere

If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact

**pwehmeye@gmail.com**

with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a **Woodsy Welcome** and a **Guide to Forest Hills!**

**8300 Block San Cristobal**  
Tyler & Sarah Ozanne

**8100 Block Santa Clara**  
Jon & Melissa Marzol

**8100 Block San Fernando**  
Lory Posteraro

**8200 Block Santa Clara**  
Rich & Patty Hunter

**8400 Block San Fernando**  
Jeff & Vicki Garrett

**8500 Block Santa Clara**  
The Bosworth Family

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.



# SECURITY PROGRAM UPDATE



## HOLIDAY POLICE PATROLS

With Halloween on Saturday night this year, the Forest Hills Security Program set up a 6 hour shift to patrol the streets and to ensure the safety of our little goblins.

Each year during the weeks around Thanksgiving and Christmas, when the threat of crime is traditionally higher with residents on vacation, delivered packages on porches and cars filled with gifts, the program increases the amount of weekly patrols to combat holiday crime.

The increase of patrols is contingent of course on the amount of funding available. Have you contributed this year to this successful neighborhood program? Not sure? Email fhspcfo@aol.com to check your status. Your participation allows the program to effectively forecast our funds and budget more patrols for the rest of the year. Thank you for your support in keeping crime at bay!

With the end of 2015 nearing, any donation to FHSP, which is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, above the \$240/year is tax deductible.

## HOLIDAY TRAVELING?

Use the Home Watch Service while you are away.

## FHSP HOME WATCH SERVICE

Current contributors to the Forest Hills Security Program can take advantage of this service with uniformed off-duty Dallas Police checking their home while they are away.



The form has blanks to fill in dates you will be away, emergency numbers, extra check requests, newspapers and flyers picked up and more. The home watch form can be found at [www.foresthillssecurity.org](http://www.foresthillssecurity.org) by clicking on "Home Watch" or by requesting a form at fhspenp@aol.com

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For additional information on the security program please visit [www.foresthillsdallas.org/security](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org/security)

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# NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

## DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR 2016-2018 FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY?

*If you were overlooked, please contact your block captain.*

Did you see the envelope attached to the new Directory for your 2016 Association Dues and Directory Donation? If you sent your contribution in already, thank you! If you forgot, here's a reminder.

**\$50 2016 - Dues Per Household**

**\$30 2016 - Dues Per Household 65 Or Older**

**\$10 2016-2018 Directory**

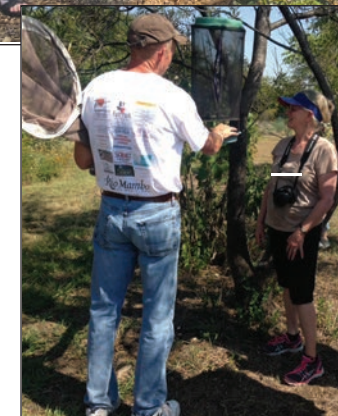
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**DIRECTORY MADE POSSIBLE** by Andie Comini, Brenda Dunklau and Judy Whalen with the help of **Block Captains** took on the monumental task of gathering residents contact information, developing the neighborhood database, assembling 22 sponsors and their services (thank you Andie!), producing the directory and delivering the finished product.

### A SPECIAL THANKS To The Glue That Keeps Forest Hills Together Block By Block, Volunteering Their Time And Energy For Their Community!

Miriana Andreeva, Kathleen Arthur, Susan Bailey, Gina Bender, Sue Benner, Judi Boyles, Josephine Brown, Martine Buhmann, Sarah Buhmann, Vicki Burns, Anita Childress, Barbara Clay, Shelly Clem, Josy Collins, Andie Comini, Diana Cox, Jennifer Dickerson, Jeanne Dooley, Dorinda Duncan, Krista Dunham Brenda Dunklau, Mindy Foerster, Kathy Glenn, Patty Goya, Eileen Grass, Molly Grogan, Vince & Pat Hess, Lori Hunt, Debbie Jenevein, Lori Josselyn, Marvel Kiewit, Debbie Knight, Lenore Locascio, Barb Michaels, Katrina Moran, Becky Oliver, Linda Ortman, Rana Pascoe, Alise Platt, Bob Quaglia, Mary Schaar, Joan Shopoff, Mary Pat Smith, Rick & Margaret Sorrells, Meredith Talley, LuAnn Tunell, Kathy Wall, Michelle Witcher

# GARDEN CLUB - BUTTERFLY TOUR



On a beautiful September Saturday a group of 12 Forest Hills residents and some friends went on a *Butterfly Garden Tour south of Dallas* hosted by **Dale Clark - The Butterfly Man!**

What a treat! We got to see and learn about what plants attract the butterflies and then go inside his greenhouses full of beautiful butterflies gracefully flying all around us. As a special treat we got to go inside and see his

"Butterfly Room" full of incredible specimens from all over the world.

Dale was the perfect host and made for a most enjoyable afternoon!



# Close The Door on CRIME!!

DEAR SECURITY CHICK,

I leave my car doors unlocked, so if someone wants to break in, they won't cause any damage. My wife says I am asking for it. Should I lock my doors or not?

Doorman Dave

DEAR DOORMAN DAVE,

I don't really want to take sides in this *open and shut case*. However, the police department recommends you always lock your vehicle door and without anything in sight.

An *open door policy* gives a thief the opportunity to rifle inside your car and trunk. Sometimes only coming up with a few coins. Other times papers with your identity or valuable things you forgot you left behind, like your phone, a wallet, an extra key to your car or house.

The latest trend in thievery is checking unlocked doors from one car to another, parked in driveways or on the street. Yes chances are your individual lost will not be that great, but your loss accumulated with others will be a great haul for the thief and will encourage them to keep coming back for more and possibly entice them to commit a greater crime.

*If someone has gotten into your car and taken something, no matter how small, please call 911 to report the crime. With your help, this thief can be stopped. Close the door on crime!*



Ask the Security Chick

## Leaf Management from the Dirt Doctor

It's time for my annual attempt to pass on some common sense on leaf management. Enjoy the Fall color of course but plan the handling of the leaves and help spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Having the leaves hauled off to the landfill is the worst decision. It increases taxes, wastes time and money, throws away valuable soil-building organic material and looks terrible.

Here's a better way.

### LEAF MANAGEMENT MISTAKES:

- Leaves should never be blown, raked, put in bags and sent to the landfill.
- Leaves should never be blown, raked, put into piles and set on fire.
- Leaves should never be blown, raked and put into the compost pile - except as a last resort.
- Leaves should never be blown on to the neighbor's property or into the storm sewers or streets.



### CORRECT LEAF MANAGEMENT:

The best leaf management is to mow and mulch them into the turf. Using a mulching mower is best but not essential. Turf can take a large volume of leaves before there is excess. Excess leaves would be when the lawn is about to be completely covered and smothered by the ground-up leaves. At the point of excess, the leaves should still be mulched on the lawn or driveway, and then raked, picked up and distributed as mulch in flower beds and vegetable gardens.

When no more mulch is needed in the flower and vegetable beds, the remaining leaves that have been ground-up by the lawnmower can be put into the compost pile. Add dry molasses to the beds and the compost pile to help the material break down and become humus more efficiently. Use it at about 20 lbs. per 1000 square feet.

Never under any circumstances should the leaves be removed from the site. They should either be mulched or composted. All cities should outlaw the city service of picking up leaves and grass clippings. If home and business owners have to recycle the organic matter on their property, then the landscapes are healthier, water runoff is reduced, and less tax money has to be allocated to picking up and managing leaves and other organic matter. Everybody wins!

To discuss this or any other topic, tune in every Sunday at 8 am - 11 am central time to the Dirt Doctor Radio Show. The call-in phone number is 1-866-444-3478. Listen on the internet or click here to find a station in your area.

Naturally yours,  
Howard Garrett



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## YARD OF THE MONTH

September 2015



8462 SAN FERNANDO WAY  
Beth and Mel Bailey

New to Forest Hills and already busy making their yard oh, so inviting with comfortable sitting areas, new plantings and fun yard art to welcome all.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

October 2015



8122 SANTA CLARA  
David and Martine Buhmann

Be sure to see this yard full of beautiful colorful landscaping with a gate inviting you in to the adorable "cottage" house. Just too cute!

## My Fair Lady!



Each year when Big Tex says, "Howdy Folks – Welcome to the State Fair of Texas!" Santa Clara neighbor, **Mary Ehrenberger** throws on her apron and the kitchen heats up. For over ten years she has been entering many competitions from the cake to the notorious spam category. She has lots of ribbons to show for it! It is an extra challenge as she tries to enter recipes that have been never been published and are original creations.

Of all the awards this year, she is most proud of winning **First Place in the Gold Medal Flour Cookie Contest** for her Bavarian Almond Sandwich Cookies and **Second Place** for her whole wheat bread. Mary also entered the Candy category. She came home with **3 ribbons** for her sweet concoctions.

**Congratulations on your recipe for success year after year!**







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## The Holiday season is here! Protect your Pets!

*From East Dallas Veterinary Clinic*

The holidays are quickly approaching - follow these simple rules to keep your holiday season safe and calm for both you and your furry friends!

**FOOD:** Remember turkey, side dishes and yummy desserts are meant for humans - not our furry friends.

**DECORATIONS AND PLANTS:** Table centerpieces are great additions to make our homes welcoming for the holiday season, but our pet's curiosity can get the best of them! Place all floral arrangements and other decorations up and away from the sight of curious dogs and cats. Candles create a welcoming environment, but be sure they are out of the way of any pets.

Make sure that your Christmas tree is safely and properly secured and ensure that breakable ornaments are placed high enough where curious noses cannot reach them. Always keep a close eye on your pet while they sniff around the Christmas tree! Pine needles from Christmas trees can also puncture pets' intestines and cause serious damage.

Some floral decorations look extra edible to animals and can lead to upset stomachs. Lilies are harmful for cats and pinecones can create a blockage or perforate the intestines of pets if eaten. Poinsettias, holly, and mistletoe can all cause irritation, vomiting and diarrhea in pets.

**FIREWORKS:** Place pets indoors during fireworks and ensure that they are adequately taken care of until the fireworks are over. Scared pets often try to find a way out of wherever they are. Be sure that your pets have a secure collar on with proper identification tags. If your pet is microchipped, always double check that their contact information in the registry database is up to date. This way, your pets can always get back home to you safely.

**WINTER SAFETY:** Even though it may not feel like winter, the slightest temperature drop can cause irritation to your pet's skin. Keep your pet's feet safe by wiping them off with a towel after coming in from outside. Wintertime is prime season for salty and sandy roads and antifreeze which can all cause harm to your pets. The best way to keep your pets safe and healthy during the fall and inter months is to keep them indoors as much as possible!

**The holidays are a wonderful time to spend with family and friends – not in the emergency pet clinic! Be sure to follow these rules to ensure that your furry friend is able to enjoy the holidays, too!**



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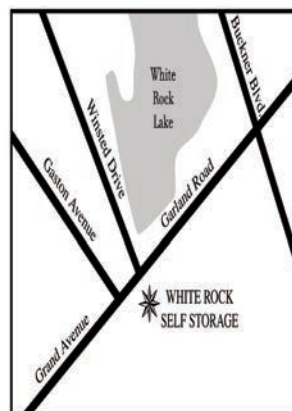
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8100 Forest Hills - listed at \$675,000 **SOLD**



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8380 San Cristobal - listed at \$332,900 **SOLD**



8214 San Leandro - listed at \$435,000 **SOLD**



8125 San Fernando - listed at \$1,295,000 **SOLD**



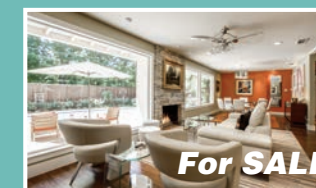
1719 Corday - listed at \$389,900 **SOLD**



8531 San Pedro - listed at \$1,160,000 **SOLD**



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