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Neighborhood sale nets big rewards for Forest Hills

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“We fell in love with the quiet neighborhood and beautiful trees.”

—Brittany Lee

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Neighbors, Good things are continuing to happen in our wonderful neighborhood. For those of you that were unable to attend our Fall FHNA meeting, you would have learned about Sanger Elementary and Middle School's strong progress as they achieved 6/6 distinctions on Texas Education Agency accountability ratings (only 6 schools of 150 in DISD achieved this), the updates on the Garland Road plans (looks like a T-intersection will be the likely outcome) and hear about the efforts of the City of Dallas is making to clean up rundown properties in and around our neighborhood. Additionally, it appears some of the new businesses moving to our area on Garland road will open starting late 2016 and into 2017 providing us with new venues to eat as well as take care of our pets.

On the topic of the neighborhood, I'd like to shift the momentum to Forest Hills. Certainly, it's clear there are many projects underway which will broaden the appeal of our neighborhood with new homes that introduce new styles into our eclectic group of homes and people. With this activity, I'd like to reach out to all of you and request your help. Over the past year, we



CHRIS MCCAULEY

have begun a transition of various roles on the FHNA Board and our super-reliable but small group of volunteers. The reality of this transition is that we are a neighborhood of great history and unique in our homes, but the third part of the Forest Hills mystique that sets us apart is the group of residents that contribute their time to make our neighborhood special.

This is where we need the most help, and your involvement. In 2016, many of our events have been managed and orchestrated by the FH Board along with a few residents from ours and other neighborhoods; we really need your involvement. Currently we have open positions on the Board that need leadership and plenty of exciting ideas to pursue like Chili Cook-Offs and other social events and improvements, but we lack the labor and involvement from the broader Forest Hills community. We don't need significant time, but there's certainly strength in numbers when it comes to tackling the various events we currently host and hope to expand in the future.

This is a neighborhood where investing in and our homes is only half of our investment, please consider investing your time in building the community and continue making Forest Hills special.

Chris McCauley, President FHNA

EDITOR'S LETTER

A few years ago one of my kids took the turn at Garland Road and Gaston Ave too sharply and careened into an circular advertising sign. Thankfully only the car was totaled. Every time I approach that intersection, I think how lucky she was to come out of the accident with only minor injuries.

At our Fall FHNA meeting, we learned the Texas Department of Transportation is now conducting an intersection improvement study concerning that area. The issue is not only the vehicle traffic but the pedestrian/bicycle access to the Santa Fe Trail. TxDot has been holding meetings with stakeholders including HOAs, businesses, elected officials and residents who live adjacent to the proposed project. There are six alternatives so far based on the first meeting. The next meeting will be held in early December.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact State Representatives Eric Johnson or Kenneth Sheets for more information. The project is currently unfunded at this time.

Information about the SH 78 (3-G project) is also online at www.keepit-movingdallas.com.



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College sweethearts find dream home



Newcomers Brittany Lee and Ryan Bassett are loving life in their new home on San Cristobal.

"I enjoy running and taking our puppy, Jules, for walks in this beautifully shaded neighborhood," Brittany said.

The couple moved to Forest Hills this past summer and have enjoyed the warmth of the neighborhood.

"We love the friendly neighbors and the array of options to enjoy outdoors between the lake and the Dallas Arboretum," Brittany said. "We fell in love with the quiet neighborhood and beautiful trees when we were trying to locate our first home together."

When she is not enjoying the outdoors, Brittany keeps busy teaching business, banking/money matters and Human Growth at North Forney High School. She also coaches Softball and Cross Country.

Brittany grew up in Fort Worth and met Ryan while attending Stephen F. Austin

University where they worked for intramural sports. They both just graduated in 2014.

Ryan is currently the General Manager of the Snap Kitchen location on Skillman and Mockingbird. He has also managed the Fitzhugh and Lovers Lane locations as well.

"With a background in kinesiology and nutrition, Ryan enjoys being a part of a company that offers fresh, healthy pre-made, nutritionally sound meals at the convenience of the busy Dallas residents," Brittany said. "It is Ryan's first time to live in a big city and he loves everything Dallas has to offer."

In their spare time, the couple loves following their favorite sports teams.

"We are avid Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Stars fans," Brittany said.

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8200 Block San Cristobal

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OCTOBER

Kelly & Lee Lamont
8441 Forest Hills Blvd

This home literally puts out the "welcome wagon" with a cart located close to the street and decorated according to the season or holiday. A gray crushed stone driveway directs you to the well manicured landscaping surrounding the front porch where two enticing rocking chairs await you. The landscaping consists of beautiful pecan and maple trees, native grasses, Indian hawthorn, roses, inpatients, coleus and much more. Hidden in this lush setting is a birdbath and hidden out of sight is a miniature fairy garden for some child's delight!

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

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 or by mail at Forest Hills Association, PO Box 180897, Dallas TX, 75218



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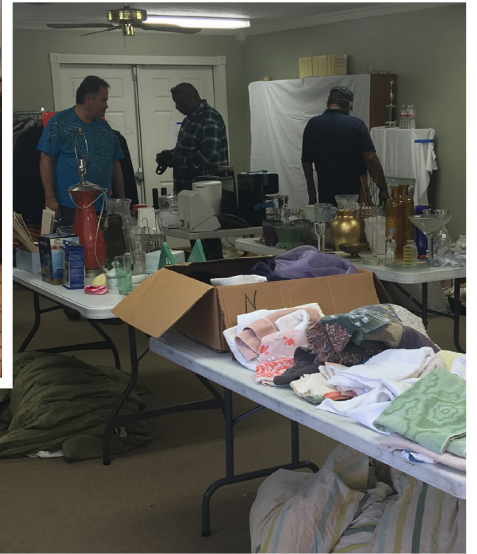
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Jane Winker



The Forest Hills fourth annual Garage Sale was a HUGE success grossing more than \$7,000, almost double what the event generated last year. The sale was held at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on Highland Road October 22, 2016.

From the proceeds, we will donate \$4,000 to our wonderful Forest Hills Security Program for extra holiday patrolling. That is double what we have contributed in the past. We are also donating \$500 to the Alex Sanger PTA and \$250 to our local White Rock Center of Hope. The remainder will go into the Forest Hills general fund. Any items left after the sale were picked up by East Lake Pet Orphanage in hopes of generating some income for

them.

This was our first time to hold the Garage Sale at this location and Lori Bailey, a Forest Hills resident and our church contact, helped make the transition go smoothly. Her "can do" attitude made miracles happen! The Good Samaritan Episcopal Church is located IN Forest Hills. If looking for a church to attend, please consider visiting with them. They could not be a nicer group of people!

And all this could not have happened without all the wonderful donations and volunteers. The donations just kept coming! And so did the volunteers! THANK YOU ALL! And plans are already underway to hold our 5th Annual Garage Sale at the church again!

Forest Hills Security Program-Board volunteers needed

The Forest Hills Security program (FHSP) works when we make it work!

Our security program and its residents are looked upon by other communities and law enforcement as a leading example of how a community can work together to stamp out crime. FHSP has been instrumental in making Forest Hills a safe zone and one of the most desirable places to buy a home. However, we cannot rest on our laurels, be over confident and let our guard down. It is even more important now to keep up our level of awareness and diligence. Let's get even better!

THESE VOLUNTEER JOBS MUST BE FILLED SOON TO CONTINUE THE POLICE PATROL WE HAVE HAD SINCE 2003.

- **CFO/TREASURER**
(Current: Dennis Reed, a CPA. On board since 2012)
- **ACCOUNTANT/BOOK-KEEPER** (New position to assist Treasurer)
- **CEO/PRESIDENT/LEADERSHIP** (Current: Judy Whalen, while post is vacant. On board since 2003)
- **OFFICER/LOGBOOK CO-ORDINATOR** (Current: Lottie Minick. On board since 2012)
- **MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** (New position)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Find a way you can

contribute your time and leadership to a program you believe in. See if you are a match.

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It's that fabulously fall time of year when our stunning Dallas Arboretum shows off with some of its best seasonal displays. In full swing now through November 23, is the enormous (and enormously popular) **Tom Thumb Pumpkin Patch** and **Autumn at the Arboretum** festivities.

Then, as the weather cools and the holidays move in, don't miss the spectacular **12 Days of Christmas** outdoor exhibit. There is nothing quite like these Victorian-styled, rotating gazebos to put you in a holiday mood. Each display creatively depicts a verse of the beloved Christmas carol through the use of costumes, characters, lighting and movement. You can enjoy the 12 Days of Christmas during a day visit or purchase tickets to a nighttime showing illuminated with over 500,000 lights for a truly memorable evening. The 12 Days of Christmas exhibit will run from November 6-January 8, 2017. While you are there, pop into the DeGoyler house for a peek at the **Claus Collection** Santa exhibit featuring the jolly man himself in artistic representations from around the world.

In other news, a groundbreaking ceremony took place at the Arboretum on Monday, September 12 for its newest

addition, **A Tasteful Place**. This two-acre food garden will overlook downtown and focus on sustainable, naturally grown edibles including a vineyard and orchard. Blending beauty and bounty, A Tasteful Place will be a potager garden, meaning that it will be a productive working garden that is also visually appealing. A Tasteful Place will offer guests daily opportunities for learning and relaxing. Choose from a variety of cooking or harvesting classes, tastings and "garden-to-table" celebrity chef events. A Tasteful Place is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2017. For more information on this forthcoming feast for the eyes and the palate at the Dallas Arboretum, visit <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/named-gardens-features/a-tasteful-place>.

Did you know that the Arboretum offers a limited number of fall and spring dates per year when young guests can visit its beautiful grounds overnight? **Overnights** include a flashlight night hike, a seed bomb project and continental breakfast. What a fun outing for a family or kids' group! Learn more at <http://www.dallasarboretum.org/education/other-childrens-programs>.

Tree Update-Keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

Hi neighbors:

My name is Tim Simmonds and I am on the committee for the Forest Hills Urban Forest Plan. This committee was created to keep our neighborhood medians beautiful! The plan was created especially for Forest Hills by Bcworkshop -- a nonprofit community design center. The goal was to create a multiphase plan the neighborhood association could then implement as funds are available.

Phase 1 Tree trimming along San Rafael Drive. (completed Fall 2015)

Phase 2 Tree planting and irrigation work at the intersection of Forest Hills Blvd and Breezewood Lane. (completed Spring 2016)

Phase 3 Tree planting on San Rafael Drive from Garland Road to Highland Road. We will plant 33 trees during the month of December, as well as the repair of the irrigation system for that zone.

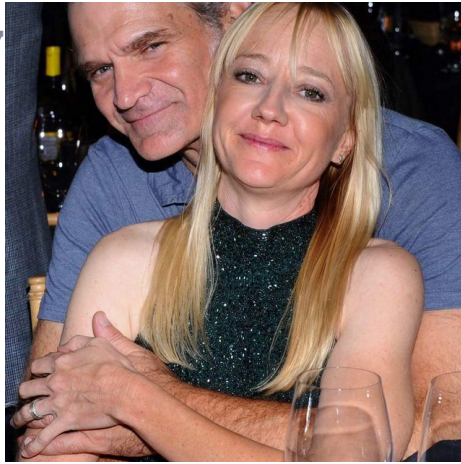
A mix of native Texas trees have been recommended for our medians. The trees include many different varieties of varying sizes when mature. Some of the larger trees are -- Pecan, Burr Oak, Chinkapin Oak and Mexican Sycamore. For the smaller ornamental trees we hope to use -- Mexican Buckeye, "Oklahoma" Redbud, Possumhaw Holly, Texas Persimmon and Prairie Flameleaf Sumac. All of these trees are well adapted to our hot, dry summers here in Dallas! Each phase of the master plan costs approximately \$7,500 which the city will reimburse up to 50%. We hope with the continued support of the neighborhood we will be able to do all nine phases proposed. Let's keep Forest Hills beautiful and forested!

If you have any questions or would like to contribute to Urban Forest Plan, you can reach me at t.simmonds@work-plants.com Thanks,

Tim Simmonds



In Memory of Paige Anderson



Friend and Forest Hills neighbor Paige Anderson passed away on Sunday, September 18 after enduring an almost year long fight with a rare type of gynecologic cancer, MMMT (malignant mixed müllerian tumor).

Anderson was hilarious, high-spirited, irreverent, endlessly caring, plucky, fierce, and above all, she had a deep love for all creatures - especially dogs.

Paige was the President of Animal Rescue of Texas (ART). She was a fearless leader with a huge heart. Many ART volunteers started their work by chance, running across a stray dog or desperately wanting to pull a certain pup from a shelter. Fast forward a year and Anderson had you knee deep in fostering, fund raising, and/or running events. She had this amazing way of persuading you to do things that you didn't think you knew how to do.

She was dedicated to doing the dirty work. There are countless

stories of Anderson braving the elements to save a dog whether it was heading out in the rain to search for a stray dog hit by a car to braving winter weather to locate a stray mama dog holed up with her pups before an ice storm struck. She was a walking encyclopedia of pet knowledge that held the answers to medical and behavioral questions for fosters and she'd answer the phone at any time of night if you were having a foster emergency.

Our most sincere condolences go to her husband Chris McGilivray. Anderson will be missed by her Forest Hills neighbors, many friends and all she worked with in the animal rescue world. To you Paige - we send a HUGE WOOF of gratitude.

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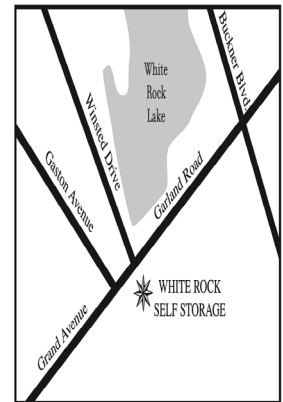
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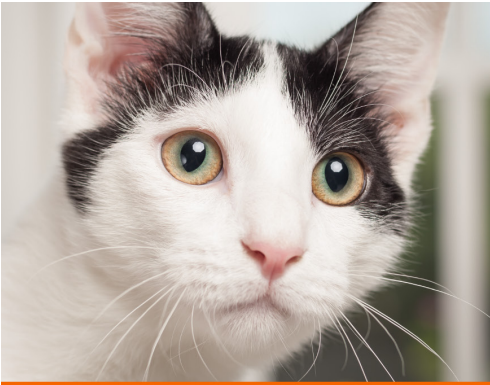
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