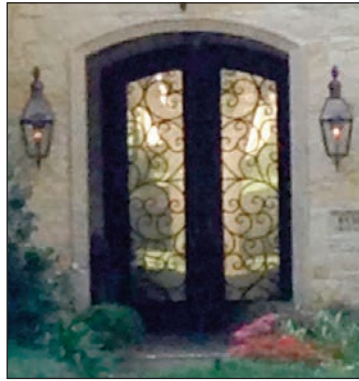
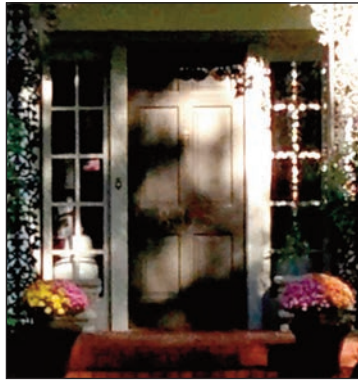
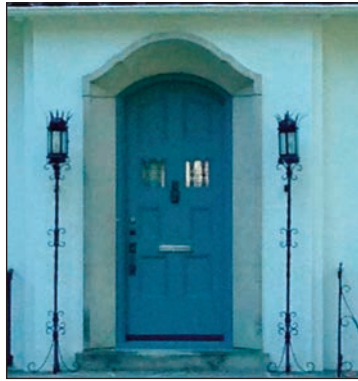
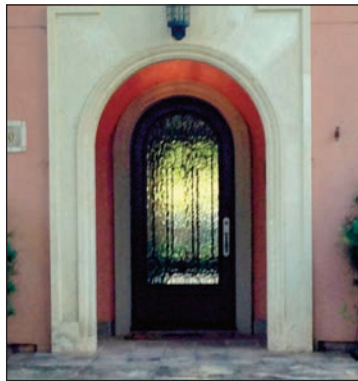




FOREST HILLS NEWS

November - December 2013
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WELCOME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Forest Hills Calendar of Events

Annual TREE Lighting

Saturday, December 7th
from 4:00-6:00

Keller Circle (intersection of
Forest Hills and Breezewood)

Come be a part of this Forest Hills Tradition!

MONTHLY - White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday • whiterocklake.org

MONTHLY - Bulk Trash, Week of 2nd Monday
dallascityhall.com

President's Letter



Seasons Greetings!! As we approach the end of the year and the Holiday Season, it's time to reflect on the past year and say thanks to friends and neighbors who have been a part of our lives and for making our neighborhood a community. Throughout the hustle and bustle of the year and especially now, we need to take time to appreciate where we live in a big city like Dallas. We live in the most unique area in Dallas. We are adjacent to the best recreational facility in the city, White Rock Lake and Park.

We have the world renowned Dallas Arboretum, and now the acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Garden literally across the street.

Our goal continues to be to improve the quality of life, safety, and community that make Forest Hills so special and sought after! The only thing missing is you! Please don't be shy or afraid to call an Officer or Committee Chairperson to volunteer. We have so many neighbors with so many talents. Help our Association, our neighborhood, and our extended families do even greater things next year.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND MAKE US GROW FOR THE BETTER!

Forest Hills Farewell



Sergeant Rod Dillon with the Dallas Police Department was one of the first officers in 2003 to patrol our streets. 10 years later we are sad to announce his retirement as lead officer with the Forest Hills Security Program.

He was the drive behind bringing our crime stats to an all time low. Many of you have stories to tell about his loyalty and helpfulness. From stopping traffic to allow a mama duck and her babies to cross safely, bringing your stray dogs home and closing your forgotten garage doors to arresting an escapee from the Hood County jail and stopping other felons from coming through our community. Forest Hills will miss our faithful friend in blue.

Dillon wrote: "I cannot thank those of you enough, who have been working the Forest Hills Security Program – ENP. Your hard work and treatment of the neighborhood as your own have made the program successful. No other ENP in the city can even come close to the numbers of felons arrested, crime reduced and change in a neighborhood that we have accomplished. Continue to take care of Forest Hills and each other."

The Beat Goes On

Sgt. Dillon has passed on the Lead Officer baton to Officer **David DeTamble**, who has dedicated his off duty times to Forest Hills since 2005. With his leadership and experience, *we won't miss a beat!*

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Tree Lighting and Angel Tree



Saturday, December 7th from 4:00-6:00

**Keller Circle (intersection of Forest Hills and Breezewood)
Come be a part of this Forest Hills Tradition!**

- * Train Ride for Kids
- * Cookie Decorating
- * Hot Cocoa and Apple Cider
- * Tree Lighting at Dusk

We need volunteers to bring snacks and help set up and clean up. Please email fhchildrensnet@aol.com to volunteer!

This will also be your last chance to adopt an Angel from our Angel Tree.

For the third 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 24th or at our December 7th Tree Lighting. Return the gift to 8416 Santa Clara Drive no later than December 9th.

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**
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John Andrew Cage, 32, passed away in Dallas on September 4, 2013 after a 13 month struggle with complications from West Nile Virus. John grew up in Forest Hills and is survived by his parents, Pat and Wayne Cage and his wife Monika. John graduated from the University of Texas School of Architecture and had many creative interests - cooking, camping, woodworking and design.

FHNA GARAGE SALE... A BIG SUCCESS!

The Forest Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale was a huge success! Thanks to the many contributors for both their time and donations for helping to make this event a great fundraiser for our neighborhood.

Alex Sanger opened its gymnasium on Saturday, September 21 for this wonderful event. **Denny Hunt**, one of our neighbors, suggested this event and with his team of volunteers, went to extreme efforts to make it successful.

The **White Rock Self Storage** contributed a space for collection and it was utilized to maximum capacity. For all that attended and all that helped, you know just how much effort and organization went into this event. To: *Barb Michaels, Lottie Minick, Andie Comini, Abbie Strava, Maureen Mann, Julie Dunn, Cynthia Daniel, Margaret Sorrells, Rick Sorrells, Tony Cornell and his son, Parks Stearns, Katrina Moran, Sue Bailey, Brenda Dunklau, Lori Hunt and any other volunteers we may have overlooked....* your assistance was greatly appreciated!!

A special thanks to ALL!

We brought in more than **\$4000** for our Forest Hills Neighborhood improvement fund. We were also able to make a generous contribution to the Alex Sanger PTA as a token of our appreciation for the use of the gymnasium.

We hope to make this an annual fundraiser. In order to succeed, we will need much more assistance and support.

Thanks again to all the neighbors who made this a successful event!!

ALEX SANGER DISD POLICE DEPT

Thanks to DISD Police who helped with our neighborhood garage sale. **Officer Epi Garfias** is responsible for our neighborhood school, Alex Sanger. If neighbors see any suspicious activity or mischief surrounding Alex Sanger Elementary, Officer Garfias asks that we contact him personally. Thanks Epi for helping make Forest Hills a safer place.

Epi Garfias (214) 932-5627
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As Denny Hunt organizes, he discovers a special hat!



Look at all the merchandise we had for SALE!!



Looks as though there were some really fun treasures worth searching for!!



Lottie Minick encouraging a shopper. Or is she fighting for merchandise?

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

8500 Block Eustis
Hector Mendoza & Keri Boyce

8300 Block San Fernando
Chris Spafford & Annelise Pederson

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.

8300 Block Forest Hills
Robert & Linda Westerberg

8200 Block San Leandro
Gavin Spittle & Rian Purvis

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8500 Block San Leandro
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1400 Block San Rafael
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Bill & Angie Smith

8200 Block Santa Clara
Kelly Wells

8200 Block San Fernando
Scott Carlson

8400 Block Santa Clara
Jeff and Mari Kristine Sullivan

If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact fhnewcomers@aol.com with names /addresses so we can give our new neighbors a **Woody Welcome** and a **Guide to Forest Hills!**

1700 Block Whittier
Kris Etter

MOTHER NATURE SPEAKS TO FOREST HILLS

"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." - Greek proverb

Forest Hills lost some mighty trees this past summer. You as residents need to look to the future and remember the past to what attracted you to Forest Hills. **The trees!** Drive down your streets. Some are not tree lined any more? That beautiful cool canopy is missing. **Keep the Forest in Forest Hills!** When a tree falls, plant 2 more! And don't forget to plant some in that grass area near the street. Fall is the best time to add trees to your landscape. Trees planted in the fall get a head start on establishing roots before the brutal summer returns. Tree roots (and those of other plants) grow whenever the temperature is roughly above 40 degrees. In mild winters, roots gain the strength they need to deal with summer. And, because their roots have been growing all fall and winter, trees planted then burst with growth when spring arrives.

PROPER PLANTING

1. Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball. More important: Make sure the hole is no deeper than the top of the rootball. Planting the tree 1 to 3 inches above the level of the surrounding ground is best, since the tree may settle.
2. Place the tree on solid soil. Don't loosen the soil under the root ball, and don't add compost, bark or any other amendment. Lift and carry the tree by the root ball, not the trunk.
3. Backfill only with the soil you excavated for the hole.
4. Tamp down the soil around the root ball.
5. Water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets.
6. Use soil to build a 4-inch-tall berm around the edge



POST-PLANTING TIPS FROM YOUR TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

- The extension service recommends lightly watering the tree every day for a week.
- The second week, water every other day.
- The third week, water every third day.
- The fourth week, water once a week, if needed. (Check the soil with a finger to see if it needs watering.)

ASIDE FROM MOTHER NATURE:

- Watch the amount of rain in the winter. If there is very little, don't forget your sweet young trees.
- A sprinkler system is not the way. Use a slow drip hose for new trees.
- Don't fertilize the tree after you plant it. Spring is the time for that, and even then go light on fertilizer, because fertilizer can burn roots.
- Staking the tree is considered a last resort.
- Some experts believe staking weakens a tree's ability to thrive on its own once the stakes are removed and also can damage the bark, making it easier for pests to infiltrate. However, if the trunk is too weak to support itself, use two stakes, on opposite sides of the tree, and remove them after one year.

Ask the nursery for instructions about planting and care. Tell them Mother Nature sent you!

Plant trees in the grassy areas near the street.

KEEP the FOREST in Forest Hills.



Garden Club News



Mary Ehrenberger's Blue Ribbon Special!

Blue ribbons, butterflies and sculptures dominated the Forest Hills Garden Club's annual trip to the State Fair. After visiting the Friends of Lottie Sculpture Garden, the girls sat with the "Butterfly Man" on the lawn of the Discovery Garden and tagged monarch butterflies. What an informative and magical treat. We asked him to speak at one of our future meetings and he agreed.

On to the Creative Arts Building where two of our members, Barb Michaels and Mary Ehrenberger receive blue ribbons year after year for their delicious creations.



Barb Michaels' Blue Ribbon Winner!

Garden Club member Rocky Ford suggested we take in the bird show. Unbeknownst to us, this is the last year the Fair will host this wonderful show. We felt privileged to see these incredible creatures. Thank you, Rocky.

An annual event with the Garden Club Girls, the State Fair of Texas remains our favorite "road trip".

The Garden Club is open to all.
Email Debbie Knight for information.
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Garden Club poses in the "Friends of Lottie Sculpture Garden" at the State Fair of Texas.



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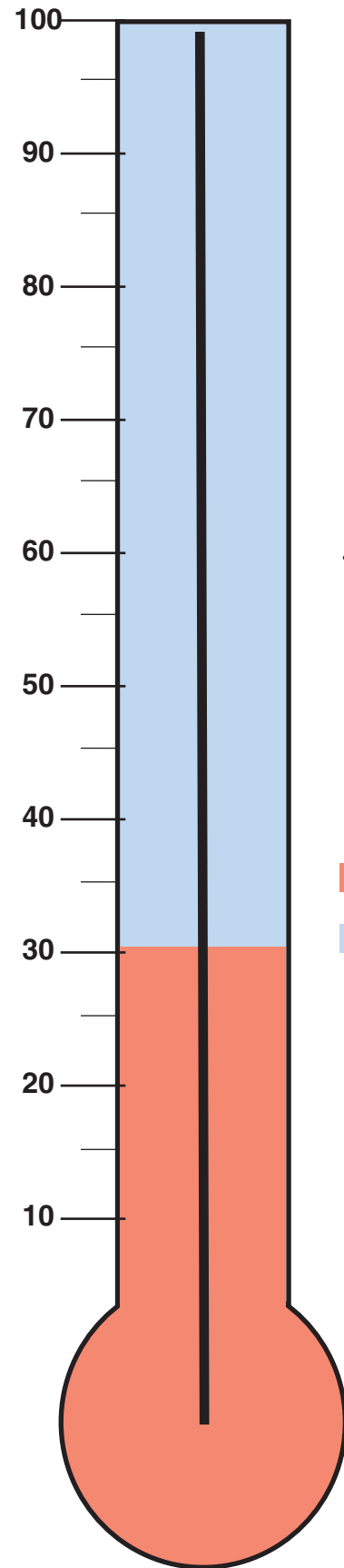
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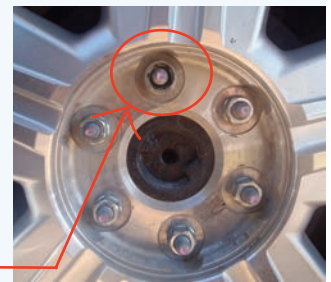
Ask the Security Chick

Question: DEAR SECURITY CHICK, I am concerned about the recent car break-ins, vehicle and wheel thefts. I don't want to wake up and find my SUV up on blocks or just plain missing. What can I do to prevent myself from being a victim other than sitting up all night on guard, devising an electrical field around my vehicle or caging it in with a pack of pit bulls?

Answer: DEAR GUARDING YOUR RIDE, An alligator moat might do the trick! All kidding aside, auto theft, accessory theft and burglary of a motor vehicle (BMV) are crimes of opportunity. The more preventative things you can do, the less opportunity of you becoming a statistic.

PREVENTION TIPS

1. Park your vehicle in the garage, close the garage doors.
 2. Park your car behind a gate, close and lock the gate.
 3. Remove all valuables (jewelry, cameras, guns, garage door openers, etc) from the passenger compartment or hide them (under the seats, between / behind the seats, cover rear compartment with cover usually attached the rear seat). Do not leave anything visible. Even if something of no value is in sight, it might be mistaken as a pawn worthy item.
 4. Have a car alarm or a vehicle-locating device installed (Lojack, Onstar, etc)
 5. Contribute to the Security Program. When there are deep night shifts, there are fewer BMV's reported. Our uniformed patrols are clearly an important deterrent.
- (Auto Accessory Thefts) Follow prevention tips 1-5 above and
6. Have wheel locks (special lug nuts) installed on all wheels, including the spare wheel if it is exposed. Lock up the wheel locks or hide inside the vehicle.
 7. Purchase stock wheels/tires or wheels/tires less than 20 inches. (20 inch or larger rims are popular to steal)
 8. If replacing a radio, purchase a stock radio or one with a removable faceplate.
 9. Pick up tail gates: purchase a lock for the tail gate or have a lockable tail gate installed, secure the tail gate with a hose clamp on the removable side of the tail gate, some pick ups have them on both sides.



(Auto Thefts) Follow prevention tips 1-5 above and

10. Purchase an auto theft prevention device (The Club, have a ignition cut off switch installed, Onstar, Lojack, etc)

Question: DEAR SECURITY CHICK, Please give a definitive answer on the correctness of wearing white after Labor Day.

Answer: DEAR CORRECTNESS, You may wear white year round ONLY if your security dues are up to date. However, patent leather shoes and belts are always in fashion.

If you contribute to the Forest Hills Security Program, thank you!

If you don't, **it's never too late to join in with your neighbors and contribute:**

- **\$240 yearly or**
 - **\$60 in quarterly payments** via PayPal
- at www.foresthillssecurity.org or by check to Forest Hills Security, PO Box 180693, Dallas, TX 75218

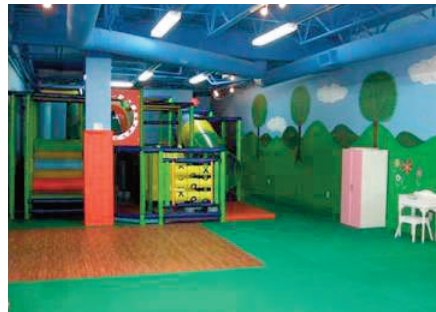


Questions, Concerns, Compliments
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Spotlight on a Neighbor

BAKE AND PLAY CAFÉ (RESTAURANT)

Kid-Recreation, Parent Relaxation, Party Customization and Whatever Else!



FOOD AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY EVERYDAY!

Forest Hills residents **Jameson and Justin Kemp** were VERY busy this summer! They helped create the Bake and Play Café! Mom, **Kelly Kemp** and partner Dee Moore, conceptualized this neighborhood, family-friendly restaurant and multi-use space over the past few years and the East Dallas strip center at the southeast corner of Mockingbird and Abrams was the perfect spot for the new venture!

The grab-n-go breakfast pastry cases are filled with fresh savory kolache (the 'real' Czech kind) stuffed with egg and cheese, bacon, ham, sausage or sweet fillings with much more to come! Choose from mini-quiches or fresh baked muffins - all ready to go for the classroom or the office!

Time to dine out but have ants-in-their-pants kids? BAKE AND PLAY CAFE is a restaurant serving lunch and dinner where you order at the counter and then find a place to sit. Salads, sandwiches, lite tea sandwiches and hearty combinations of chicken, turkey, ham and bacon too!

Seasonal soups and sides: home style pot roast, stuffed pork loin, pot pies, baked potatoes (NOTHING FRIED here!) and more! Wash it down with a soda, tea, lemonade, beer or glass of wine ALL while your kids are playing in the 1,600 square foot indoor play area!

A great after-school stop or play-date destination PLUS weekend party central. Kids are garbed in their own aprons and chef hats and participate in mixing batter, frosting and decorating and/or making their own mini-pizzas! The party IS the participation and seemingly very fun for all ages!

Need a space to hold YOUR neighborhood activity?... PTA meetings, fundraisers, cooking class, music class etc.? The space is rentable during the week – we can custom build anything to suit your needs! Look for Kid Camps and cooking classes with area chefs to come too!

We hope to see you there!

Follow BAKE AND PLAY CAFE on Facebook!

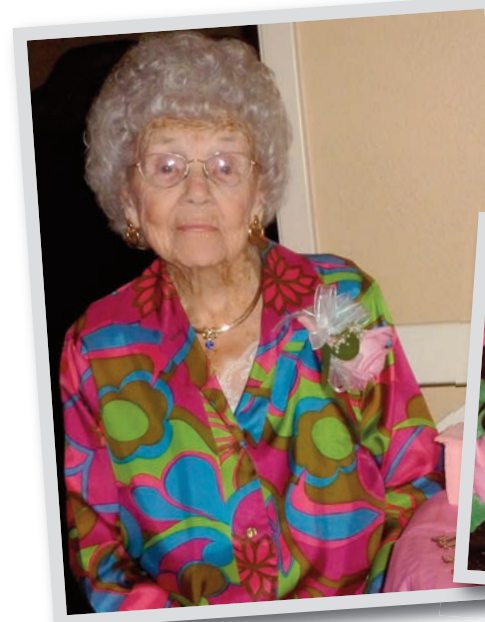
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BOOK YOUR PARTY or MAKE your Parent Night Out Reservation TODAY!

Forest Hills Congratulates Centenarian

Resident, **La Verne Huckaby** is

100
years young!



September 7, 2013 neighbors, friends and family gathered together at a party hosted by Larry and Vicki Burns/ Ron and Krista Dunham to celebrate La Verne's birth 100 years to the day. The birthday girl answered lots of questions. One being, "What's your secret to longevity?" and her reply was "Just live!" Sunshine, her assistant believes her long life is attributed to her love and insistence of doing things for herself.

Sixty of those hundred years La Verne has lived in Forest Hills. The thing she still loves most is its quiet beauty and trees.

She and Lee, her husband of 65 years spent World War II stationed at Seabee military bases in the US from NJ to CA. Returning to their home state Texas in 1945. It was then after the war a boom in car sales came, making the two-car family common place. By the 50's, the car was king and cruising was all the rage. People could do just about anything without getting out of their cars. From drive-in restaurants, movies, liquor stores, cleaners to drive through funeral parlors and banks, the car influenced them all.

Within this post war explosion in 1945, La Verne and her husband opened "Lee Huckaby Motors" on Ross Ave. Some of the cars they sold, she said were the Nash, Hudson, Metropolitan and Citroen. She worked side by side with Lee, keeping the books. They traveled the world in their spare time and after retirement in the 60's, they bought a farm in Midlothian raising cattle and growing crops dividing their time with Forest Hills. La Verne had a big garden she loved to tend and an orchard.

In these golden days, La Verne still keeps busy. She has a weekly card game with FH resident, Marvel Kiewit and a standing lunch at the Highland Park Cafeteria with neighbor, Pat Colacecchi. She says she enjoys watching the Dallas Cowboy games and the evening news. She's fun to talk with and can still tell you all the features the Citroen had!

The most dramatic world changes in her hundred years she says have been in technology and medicine. Laverne's life has seen so many things. The year of her birth, 1913, the crossword puzzle, windshield wipers, the modern x-ray tube, the bra, the parachute, Brillo pads and stainless steel were invented! The first ten years growing up in Sulphur Springs, TX the band-aid and the modern zipper were invented, while Clarence Birdseye introduced frozen food. Before she was 30, penicillin was discovered, Schick patented the electric shaver, Dupont invented nylon, radar was first developed and beer was canned for the first time. The 1940's brought synthetic rubber, along with the Slinky and Silly Putty and in the 50's here in Dallas, the transistor radio was invented by Texas Instruments. Here she is in the 21st century watching the evening news with stories about mapping of human DNA, Internet news, tweeting, carbon foot printing, green living, nanotechnology and more. At her party, she was even seen with an iPhone in her hand looking at photos! A long way from viewing them with a stereoscope or atop the family's upright piano.

A full life! A good life! Congratulations La Verne!

POOCH PROFILE - Lakho Hendricks-Reed

Pooch Profiler: Lakho, give us a little background about you and your family. Any cats, chickens or other siblings? How long have you lived here? Where did you and your family live before Forest Hills?

LAKHO: I don't allow cats in the yard. But I love chicken, tastes just like squirrel. My sister, Bernice, is my squirrel spotter. But as a Border Collie, she's way too hyper. She needs to chill. We've been in Forest Hills almost one year and I love it. Lots of windows to look out, dogs and runners going by, and a big yard to run in. And squirrels. Lots of squirrels.

Pooch Profiler: The holidays are among us, Lakho, lets talk about your plans. What costume will you be wearing this Halloween? Did your Mom sew it in her spare time or did your Dad get out his power tools?

LAKHO: I'm going as an Afghan Rebel, you know being an afghan hound and all but my Mom said I was that last year and wants me to go as Bodhidharma, cause I am so zen.

Pooch Profiler: Cool. On to Thanksgiving. Will you be running in any Dog Trots, Turkey Trot or Cat Chases?

LAKHO: I don't trot, I'm a sprinter. But the Turkey Trot sounds fun. How fast are they? I think I could catch one. Bet they taste like squirrel, too.

Pooch Profiler: Now Christmas, probably your favorite. All about doggie treats and toys or does your family have another tradition? Wait, I'm sure it's all about Lakho.

LAKHO: Every day is Christmas for Bernice and me. Lots of healthy treats. And Bernice has lots of toys. I'm done with those puppy things but maybe I will get more squirrels to chase.

Pooch Profiler: We are delighted to have you and your family as part of Forest Hills. Welcome to the neighborhood!

LAKHO: Thanks, we love it here!



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YARD OF THE MONTH

for September 2013



8540 Groveland Dr.

Debbie and George Knight are long time residents of Forest Hills. Debbie is an avid gardener and you can always count on a lot of seasonal color and a beautifully maintained yard. Always a pleasure to see. Congratulations!

YARD OF THE MONTH

for October 2013



8431 Forest Hills Blvd.

Congratulations to **Lori and Denny Hunt** for October YOM. They bought a house with many beautiful large trees but in the true spirit of Forest Hills they have added an additional fifteen trees. And checkout the really cool sculptures in their front yard!

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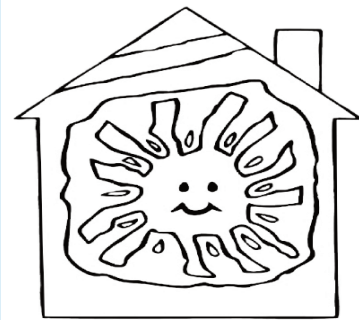


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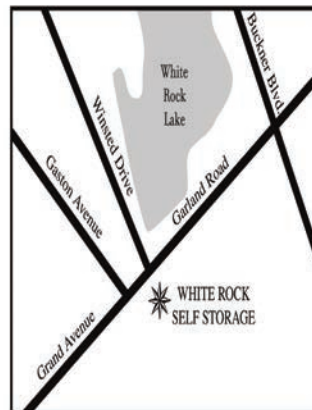
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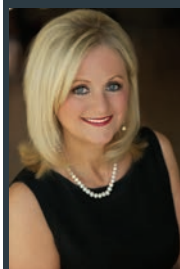
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