



# FOREST HILLS NEWS

November - Decemer 2017

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## Neighborhood Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 3

### FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

White Rock Shore Spruce-Up  
2nd Saturday each month

Newsletter articles due Friday,  
December 8 for the January/February

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# THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello and an early Seasons Greetings,



**CHRIS MCCAULEY**

With Fall finally coming our way and Thanksgiving just around the corner, I wanted to reach out and note I'm still seeking some input from any chili lovers bold enough to take on creating a neighborhood chili cook-off. This would be a new event and require volunteers to spearhead, organize, and potentially make this an annual event. Some of you have noted interest in passing, well, now's the time to take action. Form a group, email me, and let's see if we can organize a neighborhood event that involves competitors from each street and is lots of fun. On the neighborhood calendar, we have lots of fun coming up with the heavy Halloween traffic we experience and then in early December, we'll have our Christmas Tree Lighting event with an expanded set of activities for all to enjoy. During this window of time, we're also working with the City to have our next round of Mowmentum tree saplings planted to continue building up our new forest as our current trees are impacted by lightning or other weather events.

Lastly, I'd like to raise a topic published in our prior newsletter, the work on Lakeland Dr. As many of you know, the City of Dallas has initiated a drainage project that will take 2 phases to complete. Phase 1 is already in motion with a short 3-4 month duration. Phase 2 will be longer in nature, taking 6-7 months (Jan '18-July '18) as it's a larger effort. Unfortunately, this will have an impact on the traffic in the neighborhood for a bit as this project is executed and certainly end up routing traffic onto St Francis for a period of time. If you find that the traffic flow and drivers are presenting more challenges than expected given the roadwork conditions, please reach out to our City official Noe Villarreal (214) 948-4243 at [noe.villarreal@dallascityhall.com](mailto:noe.villarreal@dallascityhall.com) such that this can be tracked and resolved.

Thanks for your time and have a great day.

Chris McCauley, President  
Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

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# Forest Hills Security Program



The Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) Dear Forest Hills Community, Are you "In"? No doubt you've seen the signs around the neighborhood. Some of you may be curious while others have jumped right in and joined our security program. We have had a great response, increasing participation from 33% to 54% in the last 2 months. We need to get to 100%! Why? We need more patrolled hours. A significant concern is the closing of Lakeland Road and the increase in traffic coming through our neighborhood. It is crucial for



everyone to participate to cover the cost of patrol cars, hourly pay for the officers, and new security signage going up. We currently have 34 (from 28) hours of security per week and we want to increase it to 40 plus for the holidays and beyond.

Benefits of joining the Forest Hills Security Program and having more patrol in the neighborhood:

- Quicker response time to a 911 call
- Safer streets
- Monitoring of suspicious persons and vehicles
- Protection of your home, vehicles, and valuables from theft and vandalism
- Home Watch program
- Increases your property value with lower crime rates
- Positions our neighborhood as proactive against crime, reducing vulnerability
- Tax deductible contributions
- Police presence

**Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP)**

A resident funded program hiring off duty Dallas police officers to patrol Forest Hills. Providing security and education supporting personal safety and crime prevention.



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Many of you have used Next Door to alert neighbors of suspicious activity. Please know that this is not a secure app. Anyone from anywhere can read it. You must call 911 even if you aren't sure if your concern is worth reporting. Officers will not be put out by calls about anything that seems "off". There are several instances where a call was put in about someone lurking about and the culprit was someone the police have been looking for. We are a big help in catching criminals. You've heard the saying "See Something Say Something." Please do so! The current wait time in Dallas is a whopping 6 hours for a non-emergency 911 call, but with increased neighborhood patrol, the Forest Hills response time is 5 minutes!

Thank you to those who have stepped up and joined the security program. We need everyone on board!

In the interest of security,  
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On a personal note, our neighbor, Kathy Wall, collected Beanie Babies to give to our FHSP's lead police officer for the Northeast Station. The officers like to have these toys on hand to comfort children in emergency situations. We love working with our officers and getting to know them!

# It's that time of year! Time to pay your 2018 FHNA Dues

Your annual fees are used for:

The Newsletter  
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## Welcome Newcomers!

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

**8200 Block Garland**  
**Georges Feghali & Nina Sandhu**

**8500 Block San Pedro**  
**William & Lisa Daves**

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# Elizabeth Carol Siar Stearns

Elizabeth Carol Siar Stearns, aged 73, left this life peacefully on October 2, 2017 while watching a football game with family. Beth spent her early childhood in Westport, Connecticut, and her family later settled in Dallas, TX in 1954. Beth attended Our Lady of Good Council Academy, now Bishop Dunne. There, Beth maintained excellent grades, played as a starter her freshman year on the varsity volleyball team, competed on the speech and debate teams, and was crowned Homecoming Queen. While at Bishop Dunne, Beth met her Jesuit High School sweetheart and future husband, Parks H. Stearns, Jr. After graduating from The University of Texas with an Education degree and marrying Parks in 1967, Beth taught at Metz Elementary in Austin, TX while Parks attended UT Law School. Upon graduation Parks joined the FBI, and they relocated to Seattle, WA briefly



before settling in San Francisco, CA. Beth earned her master's degree in Early Childhood Education from San Francisco State University and became a mother with the birth of Elizabeth Anne Stearns & Parks Harding Michael Stearns, III. The family was transferred to Alexandria, VA, where Allison Mary Manning Stearns was born. The family resettled in Dallas, TX in 1980, and there Beth reengaged her teaching career at Truett Elementary, making her students the luckiest learners in the world. After retirement, Beth and Parks relaunched their antique dealership where they enjoyed discovering unique items and vintage curiosities together. An ardent fan of the Texas Rangers, Cowboys, & Longhorns, Beth knew enough and cared deeply enough to call the plays even before the officials could decide what happened. Beth is survived by Parks, her husband of 50 years, her son Michael and daughters Elizabeth and Allison; and numerous relatives. Always generous in spirit, Beth bequeathed her earthly remains to UT Southwestern Medical School to further the education of tomorrow's healers.

## Come to our Neighborhood Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 3!

This annual event is fun for the whole family and a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

From 4:30 – 6:30 pm there will be activities, food, drinks - something fun for everyone. Santa Claus will make his appearance as well. The tree lights up at dusk. We plan to add some fire pits this year for adults to hang out around while the kids play. So bring your lawn chairs and join your neighbors (and grown-ups, it is okay to

BYOB). At the corner of Breezewood and Forest Hills. See you there!



# Forest Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale

On Saturday, October 7 Forest Hills held our 5th Annual Garage Sale at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on Highland Road. Once again the Garage Sale was a HUGE SUCCESS as we made around \$7,500 before expenses! FANTASTIC!

We are donating \$4,000 to our wonderful Forest Hills Security Program for extra holiday patrolling. Also donating \$500 to the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, \$500 to the Alex Sanger PTA and \$100 to our local White Rock Center of Hope on Garland Road. New this year we are donating \$200 for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma to the Episcopal Relief and Development Organization. The remainder will go the Forest Hills general fund. Any items that were left after the sale were picked up by East Lake Pet Orphanage in hopes of generating some income for them. So the Garage Sale was a Win-Win for so many!

The Good Samaritan Episcopal Church is located IN Forest Hills and here for us. 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 6th Annual Garage Sale at the church again!

**Co-chairs:** Andie Comini - Susan Bailey - Lori Bailey - Evan Bogar - Barb Michaels

## Volunteers:

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## Others:

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*Sorry if we left anyone off the list - we do the best we can to acknowledge all those that help us one way or another!*









# YARD OF THE MONTH

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*September*

8155 San Cristobal  
Richard & Donna Manyin

When I drove by this sweet southern charmer I felt the temperature drop a few degrees. The yard is filled with tall trees and loads of ferns that make you feel cooler – even on a hot September day. A semicircular driveway leads you to the front porch that is outlined with a multi tier hedge and monkey grass. Asian jasmine and pots of seasonal color fill the center island of the circle drive. The home’s covered porch and classic landscaping invites you to slow down and sit awhile.



*October*

8231 San Benito  
Scott & Brooke Fedro

This beautifully treed lot on San Benito Way gives a feeling of being at retreat in the woods. As you approach the house the homeowner has created a lovely patio that leads to the front steps flanked by Loropetalum bushes trained into trees. The patio combines gravel and a stone walkway that is bordered by a low brick planter. The planter is filled with Mexican feather grass, periwinkles and a Japanese maple. Potted yuccas and adirondack chairs complete the relaxed yet elegant setting.

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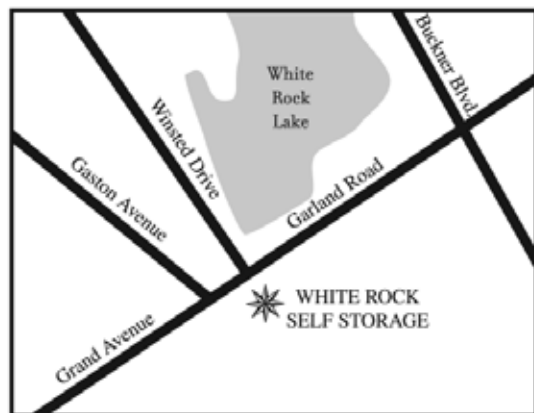
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