



FOREST HILLS NEWS

November - December 2014
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FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th
Annual Tree lighting

MONTHLY - Bulk Trash, Week of 2nd Monday
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OCTOBER 22nd - DECEMBER 7th
Angel Tree



President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

As the leaves begin to fall and the seasons change, it is time to bring new ideas and fresh faces to our Board. At the October 21st General Meeting, we elected 40% new members to the existing board consisting of nineteen positions. We are excited to incorporate their

expertise into our organization. We would like to thank our retiring Board members for their dedication and service throughout the years. A special thank you goes out to Jack & Wilma Keller and their family for a fantastic 4th of July! Thanks also to the army of volunteers for planning and making success possible for our events throughout the year.

At the annual **Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 7th**, we look forward to meeting and renewing friendships with each and every one of you. Come join us for a fun evening.

Your new President,
Gary Grass

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GENERAL MEETING

Our General Meeting of the FHNA was held on Tuesday, October 21st at Times Ten Cellar. More than 65 neighbors attended the standing room only meeting. Speakers for the meeting included Mr. Martinez, Alex Sanger principal, and Susan Falvo from the White Rock Lake Task Force. Neighbors enjoyed visiting and welcoming new residents. Doctors' Hospital and White Rock YMCA were among sponsors for top door prizes.

Our new slate of officers for the upcoming year was presented and FHNA resident, Gary Grass, was installed as our new neighborhood president. We thank the former FHNA board members and wish the new FHNA board the best of luck for the coming year!



Outgoing President, Rick Sorrells, receives a thank you gift from the neighborhood association.

OUR 2ND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE WAS A SUCCESS!!!

Forest Hills Neighborhood hosted another successful Garage Sale on October 18th. The weather was perfect, the volunteers were hardworking, and the donations were plentiful! Signs directed buyers to Alex Sanger Elementary where a long line of customers awaited the opening gates early Saturday morning. Sales continued throughout the day as customers browsed for treasures and bargains! Neighbors enjoyed visiting while setting up and sorting donations. Thanks to the many generous donations from our neighbors.



Happy shoppers and volunteers find treasures galore!!



Volunteers working the garage sale included: Mary & Allen Schaar, Carolyn & Juris Laivins, Andie Comini, Judy Whalen, Katrina Moran, Margaret & Rick Sorrells, Lori Hunt, Susan Bailey, Cozy & Mark Palmer, Tony, Maura, & Christopher Cornell, Barb Michaels, Pat Corrigan, Brenda Dunklau, Becky Bordelon, Marnie McCabe, Abbie Strava, Pat & Wayne Cage, Barbara & Seth Adamson, Kristie Adamson, Ed Yeakley, Dorinda Duncan, Eloise Miller, Cynthia Daniel, Alicia Alessandra, and Peggy Wood.

(If we missed anyone, please let us know you were there!)

The garage sale raised over **\$4200** for our neighborhood.

We would like to thank **Denny Hunt** for spear heading this event. His dedication for our neighborhood has made this an annual sale which benefits the residents of Forest Hills!



Ask the Security Chick

Forest Hills Security Chick says: "Happy Holidays to all and to all SAFETY FIRST."

DEAR SECURITY CHICK,

The holidays are nearly here. How can we thank **Our Wonderful Security Patrol Officers** for all they do for us during the year?

Thankful in Forest Hills

DEAR THANKFUL,

They are the best aren't they? Do you know our program is the standard all other neighborhoods use for their programs? Keeping our wonderful officers on patrol is the way to thank them for all they do. Contribute. Your \$240 yearly contribution averages \$20 a month. The deductible after a break in is a lot more than \$240. Our officers consider us their "peeps", know our cars, our dogs, whether we lock our back gates and are on top of suspicious circumstances. One of our officers grew up on my street where her parents still live, keeping her bedroom as it was when she was growing up. And a thank you, when you see our officers, is always appreciated by these men and women who risk their lives for us every day. **They are the BEST.**

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

8400 Block San Fernando
Jeffrey & Vicki Garrett

8100 Block Forest Hills
Brandon & Candice Sims

8400 Block Forest Hills
Tom Tippetts & Sarah Skousen

8200 Block Santa Clara
Thomas Williamson

8300 Block San Benito
David & Deborah Thomas

8100 Block San Leandro
Kory Jones & Edward Kalabus

8300 Block San Leandro
Stuart & Phyllis Biltz

8100 Block San Cristobal
Thomas & Heather Siegrist

1300 Block Highland
Gregory Stinson

1400 Block San Rafael
William Van Wagner
Joanna Carlton

8500 Block Eustis
Richard & Michelle Akers

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 **Woosy Welcome** and a **Guide to Forest Hills!**

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.

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Angel Tree and Tree Lighting



For the **fourth year Forest Hills 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 22nd or at our Forest Hills Tree Lighting. Return the gift to 8416 Santa Clara Drive no later than December 7th.

This is a great opportunity to help your family celebrate the true meaning of the holiday season. 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
johnsonzookeeper@hotmail.com

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.



Fun pictures from last year's Tree Lighting Festivities!!

MOTHER NATURE'S TREE PLEA 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 the last half of 2014. As residents you need to look to the future and

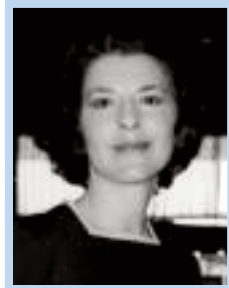


remember the past to what attracted you to this beautiful neighborhood. **THE TREES! When a tree falls, plant 2 more!** And don't forget to plant trees in the parkway, that grass area between the sidewalk and street. Driving down some of your streets, you will see that there are many which are not tree lined any more. That beautiful cool canopy is going away. *Please keep the Forest in Forest Hills!* 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, the planted trees will then burst with growth when spring arrives. Watch the amount of rain in the winter. If there is very little moisture, don't forget your sweet young trees. A sprinkler system is not the way. Sometimes a slow drip with a hose is necessary, but be sure to ask the nursery for instructions about planting and care.

Love and Tree Hugs,
M.N.

MARIAN PRESTON - 1932-2014



Marian Sue Wilson Preston, born August 6, 1932 left this earth to climb the stairway to heaven on September 22, 2014. Three children, Mark Lyle, Kathleen Lyle Kelsey, and Amy Preston Lambert, and most favorite son-in-law, Tim Lambert, survive her. She is predeceased by her father, the Honorable J. Frank Wilson, mother Ruby Lee Hopkins Wilson, brother J. Frank Wilson, Jr., and two sons, Jody J. and Jonathan Paul

Preston. Marian had a love for genealogy and was very proud of each of the 10 grandchildren that called her Gammie: Michael Alan, Kelli Michelle, Karington, Brett, Cole, Carlie, Blake, Kurt, Cody and JJ. She felt blessed to have lived to interact with her 5 great-grandchildren, Hannah, Aidan, Brighton, Oliver, and little Ephraim. Marian spent much of her youth in Washington DC where her father was a member of the House of Representatives. As a young woman, she represented Texas as princess of Washington's Cherry Blossom Festival. She attended Mount Vernon Seminary for her undergraduate, she married, and the couple later moved to Dallas where she completed her bachelors' degree at SMU. Marian taught 8th grade science in DISD for 27 years and went on to pursue her masters degree in her early 40s and her doctorate degree in her early 50s. She was proud of her memberships in the Mary Crosson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum, Dames of the Court of Honor, and the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims where she was an active leader in these organizations into her 70s. Although an accomplished, independent woman, Dr. Preston valued family more than anything. She held a strong Episcopalian faith and was friend, mother, and grandmother to many. Marian bought her Forest Hills' home in 1957 and had lived here since then. She will be sorely missed.

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Date

Forest Hills Security Program UPDATE

The Forest Hills Security program solicited builders and realtors throughout our neighborhood for help with extended patrols for the holiday season. We would like to recognize:

• *Craig Scruggs of Brooke Bailey Custom Homes*

• *Rian Purvis of Purvis Realty Group*

These FHNA Security donations will help increase the hours of patrol during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Forest Hills Security Program helps our neighborhood remain safe.

Thank YOU to neighbors and businesses for making Forest Hills be the best place to live in Dallas!

Preventing Coyote Conflicts

Presented by Lynsey White Dasher, Director of Humane Wildlife Conflict Resolution
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Photo by Cindy Gordon

- Basic Coyote Ecology & Behavior
- Latest Research on Urban Coyotes
- Why are Coyotes in our Community?
- Types & Causes of Human-Coyote Conflicts
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- Keeping Coyotes out of Yards & Neighborhoods
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by check to Forest Hills Security,
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Questions, Concerns, Compliments
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FHSP (Forest Hills Security Program)

Let's Talk Shop: Forest Hills Real Estate

There is lots of activity in and around our beautiful Forest Hills neighborhood. Taking a look at the numbers as compared to last year, there has been quite a bit of activity. Year-to-date, we have seen 25 homes sold at an average price per square foot of \$216.94. This is more activity and at a greater price point than 2013 where the neighborhood saw 23 sales at an average price per square foot of \$159.81. There are a number of new construction and renovation projects in progress. Forest Hills is seeing a positive trend in per square foot price, with an increase of 35.7% over 2013.

	# of Sales	Avg. Sale Price	Avg. Days on Market
2013	23	\$369,213	69
YTD 2014	25	\$661,198	64

There are many exciting developments going on in and around Forest Hills. As construction continues at Arboretum Village, we can soon expect the opening of The Fresh Market, voted #1 on Supermarket News' "small chains and independent grocers." It has been compared to a mini-Central Market offering fresh cut flowers, meats and produce. The grocer will also offer plenty of organic products and a mixture of both mainstream and specialty brand foods. Luke's Locker and Ace Hardware will also join the shopping center. Stay tuned for more business announcements soon!

Elliott's Hardware will be joining the neighborhood at 9540 Casa Linda Plaza, near the corner of Garland and Buckner, next to Chili's. Construction is underway and the store is expected to be open before the end of the year. The location will be 14,500 square feet and feature a variety of hardware, lawn and garden, grilling and outdoor living, paint, electrical, plumbing, and home organization products.

Great news for Costco shoppers! Sounds like you won't have to drive to Rockwall to stock up! Costco has purchased the old Steakley Chevrolet auto dealership at the northwest corner of Northwest Highway and Abrams that most recently housed the Dallas Furniture Mart.

It is most certainly an exciting time for our neighborhood and the East Dallas community! As your neighbor and as a realtor, I am passionate about our beautiful Forest Hills neighborhood and continued development. I live in Forest Hills and love Forest Hills. . Please let me know if I can be of service in any way. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions regarding neighborhood development or your home value.

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8179 SANTA CLARA DRIVE

September Yard of the Month was awarded to **David and Donna Swanson** of 8179 Santa Clara Dr. This modern garden design is a perfect compliment to their lovely contemporary home. Congratulations!

YARD OF THE MONTH

for October 2014



8555 SAN PEDRO

Congratulations to homeowners **Rita Hendricks and Dennis Reed** of 8555 San Pedro. Check out the beautiful bright yellow fall color in this lovely naturalized front garden bed. Thank you for bringing beauty to our neighborhood.



Andie Comini discusses her artwork with interested visitors.



Rocky Ford volunteers to help tour artist Cynthia Daniel.

WHITE ROCK ARTISTS' STUDIO TOUR

Congratulations to all of our neighbors who were part of the recent tour. We had several artists participate in the well attended open studio tour. Enjoy a few pictures of neighbors volunteering and artists explaining their work!

Neighborhood artists: JERRY ALLEGRO, ANDIE COMINI, CYNTHIA DANIEL, VIRGINIA LINDSAY, MATT & SHARON BAGLEY, REBECCA & KEN BOATMAN, GLO COALSON & BRITT COALSON, SUSAN GILLER, CHRIS LYONS, MARTY & RICHARD RAY

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

* **THREE CHEERS** to those that pick up and bag their pup's poop when out for a walk in our beautiful neighborhood.



* **THREE JEERS** to those that then just throw the bag on the curb of someone else's property. Please take the bag home with you and dispose of it properly.



* **Fall is here!** If you use a landscape company please be sure they do not blow your leaves, etc. into the street or to others yards. This is a common and unappreciated practice.



* Please stay on top of gathering up the leaves on your lot - be it bagging or mulching. Please do not blow the leaves off your property into the street for others to deal with. For many parts of Forest Hills this accumulation of leaves in the street can cause flooding when there is a heavy rain. Also, accumulation of leaves in our drainage system ends up polluting White Rock Lake.



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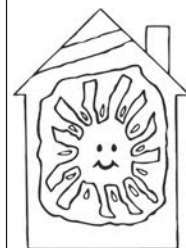
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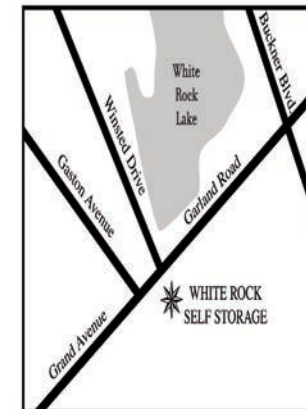
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