

Forest Hills News

September - October 2013 www.foresthillsdallas.org



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Forest Hills Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 21st - Neighborhood Garage Sale at Alex Sanger Elementary • 8 am – 5 pm foresthillsdallas.org

MONTHLY - Bulk Trash, Week of 2nd Monday dallascityhall.com OCTOBER - General Meeting Times Ten Cellar - watch for flyer foresthillsdallas.org

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



President's Letter

Our great year continues! I want to personally thank Jack and Wilma Keller for their hospitality and generosity in hosting and providing the food for our 4th of July celebration. According to the counts, we had well over 400 neighbors attend.

Our next event is our Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday, September 21 to help fund new projects for our neighborhood. Information about it is in this newsletter.

In October we will have the Fall General Meeting when we elect Officers for next year. Please consider offering your services as an Officer or Committee Chair for the neighborhood. We have a wonderful neighborhood full of areat folks, beautiful scenery and wonderful art.

Be a pART and make us even better!

Please help by VOLUNTEERING!! Thanks for making our neighborhood a community!

Forest Hills Security Program

Because of generous contribution, the Forest Hills Security Program experimented with temporarily increasing patrol hours during the 1st half of the year. That increase has shown us that when we have higher patrol hours during a week, we have fewer incidents during that week. When we have fewer patrol hours during a week, reported crimes go up. So our uniformed patrols are clearly a deterrent and the only thing that is preventing our crime rate from going down more is funding, pure and simple.

Auto break-ins and tire theft are still higher than in past years but home burglary is down. The patrols have made arrests and prevented crimes. For your part, continue to be diligent, lock your home and car doors and use your security system.

Be aware - call 911 and report anyone or anything suspicious.

Forest Hills is still considered one of the safest neighborhoods, which along with the presence of security patrol officers, have become the deciding factors in buying a home here for many prospective residents.

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



Star Spangled Patrol Officers



Questions, Concerns, Compliments fhspenp@earthlink.net FHSP (Forest Hills Security Program) PO Box 180693 • Dallas, TX. 75218



DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mark Your Calendars & Save Your Stuff! Nothing is too big or too small. We NEED as many ITEMS as possible to make this a success. This can be a terrific fundraiser for our neighborhood, but we NEED your PARTICIPATION.

- CONTACT: Denny Hunt (214) 908-8975 dennyhunt@sbcglobal.net
 - To VOLUNTEER
 - Trucks and trailers will be needed for collection
 - To SCHEDULE A PICK UP of your donated goods
- NOTE:
- If we feel it is not right for the Garage Sale we have the right to refuse it.

POOCH PROFILE - Sophie the Chug

Pooch Profiler: Sophie, you and your family are relatively new to Forest Hills. Give us vour take on the new neighborhood dogs and the people they own. Nice, nippers, narcissistic?

Sophie: I have met a few while out on walks and all seem nice enough - but do not let them come near my fence! That's my fence!

Pooch Profiler: Sophie, you're the alpha, tell us a bit about the rest of the family. Don't forget your humans and seahorse siblings.

Sophie: I live with my 2 dads along with 5 siblings - Bailey a Labradoodle, Bella a 140# Bullmastiff, Pippa a Brussles Mix and Dorothy Puggle (pug/beagle mix). Don't know how my dads do it as they are all CRAZY! I own 2 saltwater aquariums. One has seahorses who are as exciting as a lump of coal.

Pooch Profiler: Sophie, we know you're a train spotter, running up your trees to alert the neighborhood a train is coming. We assume you're also spying a bit on the neighbors. Any juicy stories to share?

Sophie: My fence line is the most happening place. Everyone loves to bring their humans by and they spill some juicy gossip! But seeing how this will be published, if the word got out that I spilled the beans I would have less visitors.

Pooch Profiler. Welcome to the neighborhood, Sofie and all your fabulous family.

• All items not sold will be picked up by a non-profit organization. • Nothing will be returned.



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND BBQ

FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORS SHOW THEIR SPIRIT

Forest Hills neighbors displayed their red, white and blue neighborhood spirit at the Annual Jack and Wilma Keller Fourth of July Parade and Barbecue!

A Texas sized thank you to the Keller Family for providing the barbecue, ice cream, drinks and wonderful park for our celebration. We fed over 435 neighbors and friends during the celebration.

Forest Hills is truly a one of a kind neighborhood with many reasons to celebrate.

- Many thanks also to the neighborhood volunteers who:
 - Set up the parade
 - Called for the police and fire-truck
- Manned the floats Lined up the entries for the parade
 - Handed out medals for the children
- Decorated bicycles, scooters, pets, wagons, and cars
- Ordered the tables and chairs Secured the bounce house
 - Picked up the cupcakes
 - Set up the slip–n–slide and water wiggle
 - Bought the water shooters
- Jack & Wilma Keller
- Decorated the park for the luncheon
- Cut the watermelons lced the drinks Worked at the hostess table
 - Cleaned up
 Carried storage items
 Donated to the FHNA
 - Joined the Security Program and Neighborhood Association
 - Welcomed longtime and new neighbors
 - Made the event a HUGE success!

We saw you on the fourth! Did you see us?







WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

- 8500 Block Groveland Ben & Lauren Tison
- 8300 San Benito David & Kim Hurt
- 8100 Block San Cristobal Jason Morahan
- 8300 Block San Cristobal Andrew McCabe David & Mikalyn Carter Bruce Xiong

8300 Block San Fernando Robert & Melinda Faulk

- 8500 Block San Fernando Mitch & Rebecca Blanchard
- 8100 Block San Leandro Israel & Stacie Silvas
- 8500 Block San Pedro Scott & Katherine Reynolds
- 8100 Block Santa Clara Mike Ehlert & Deborah Reardon

8300 Block Santa Clara Richard & Dana Dunbar

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.

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



HECTOR MARTINEZ Principal

TOMEKA WILLIAMS Assistant Principal

Meet our NEW Administrators for Alex Sanger Elementary School

As you know, Alex Sanger is changing its face and its reputation. Bettering our schools means bringing in new and fresh people and ideas. Fostering the education of each child & making our neighborhood welcoming to new children is at the forefront of our goals in Forest Hills.

Last year Alex Sanger Elementary started changing and looking at ways to improve itself in every way, including its academic standing. Part of these changes came with a new administrative team. The Principal and Assistant Principal came to our neighborhood as a result of these changes. These professionals have added an incredible amount of knowledge, skills and leadership abilities to our neighborhood school.

Principal Hector Martinez, a product of Dallas' schools, has a broad understanding of what it takes to make Alex Sanger Elementary a successful "neighborhood school" with an environment that is conducive to parent involvement and open communication.

Martinez looks at the opportunity to be the head of Sanger as being the one in charge of "turning the ship around." He is making many changes in the staff and the implementation of new innovative systems and programs that will improve the level of academic success. He promotes cultural diversity in a global world. Martinez believes that all children "can learn" and is working on promoting a love for learning for his students, not just the idea that one must get a job. He has created ways for teachers and parents to grow, learn and communicate for the success of the children throughout life. He has a team of Duel Language and Literacy supporters and a Parents Advisory Committee working together to ensure the academic success for the students at Alex Sanger. Martinez is preparing each student to be an asset to our society and "college ready" through his combined efforts developing curriculum that surpass the current standards that have been offered.

Assistant Principal Tomeka Williams comes to Alex Sanger as a product of Dallas' schools also. She comes with diverse experience in Montessori Training and a speciality in the sciences. She believes in hands on learning and works as a team member with Principal Martinez coordinating the efforts to create an educational environment that engages students in their own education. Her efforts are to assist Principal Martinez and the entire population of students, parents, and teachers to ensure that everyone involved in Alex Sanger receives a positive and successful experience.

I would encourage each of you to take time out of your busy schedule and meet these fine professionals that have dedicated themselves to making Alex Sanger the "best" place to get an education.

Remember, many of your tax dollars go to supporting our public schools.

FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2013 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



HAVEN'T JOINED YET?

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*****THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT*****

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YARD OF THE MONTH

for July 2013



8422 Forest Hills Drive Congratulations to COZY AND MARK PALMER of 8422 Forest Hills Dr. on their amazing front yard landscaping. Although this landscape was only recently completed, it looks as though it has always been in place. Note the use of native plants. Thanks for the lovely addition to our neighborhood!

YARD OF THE MONTH

for August 2013



8114 San Leandro Dr MARVEL KIEWIT of 8114 San Leandro Dr., a longtime resident of Forest Hills, is the August recipient of Yard of the Month. Thank you Marvel for taking such good care of your yard and for continuing to contribute to our beautiful neighborhood!

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> LOTTIE MINICK 8331 San Cristobal

JERRY ALLEGRO / MICHAEL OBRANOVICH 8239 Forest Hills Blvd

> **VIRGINIA LINDSAY** 8012 San Cristobal

SHARON SHERO / BOB QUAGLIA 1418 Highland Road

> **MARTY & RICHARD RAY** 8166 Barbaree Blvd

Check out the website for a downloadable map and additional information. WWW.WHITEROCKARTISTS.COM

LISTING OF FHA OFFICERS **COMMITTEE CHAIRS - LIAISONS**

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Animal Alert! Andie Comini andiecomini@aol.com

LOOKING FOR A **FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS!**

We are looking for several new Block Captains.

Block Captains duties include: Picking up Newsletter and distributing to the neighborhood blocks in a timely manner. (6 times a year)

> Contact: Lori Hunt 214 908 6599 loriphunt@sbcglobal.net Fhnabcc@aol.com

WHITE ROCK ARTISTS' STUDIO TOUR OCTOBER 12 - 13TH • 10 AM - 5 PM

CYNTHIA DANIEL 8210 Barbaree Blvd

REBECCA & KEN BOATMAN 8207 Barbaree Blvd

GLO COALSON / BRITT COALSON 8247 Barbaree Blvd

> SUSAN GILLER 8239 Barbaree Blvd

> **CHRIS LYONS** 8255 Barbaree Blvd

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BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Several years ago our neighborhood initiated a project to clean up our alleys. This effort enabled our neighborhood to keep our garbage pick up in the alleys AND made our neighborhood a safer place. With our milder summer weather and increase in rain, there are some alleys that are becoming overgrown and are not in compliance. Please review the city of Dallas code violations listed below and check to see if you are in compliance. Then grab your clippers or ask you landscaping company to get your yard in compliance with city code. Thanks!



1. High Weeds - High Grass/Weeds (Section 18-13(a)) Weeds or grass more than 12 inches high is a violation of the City Code. Failure to do so may result in a court citation and/or a bill for the City's mowing services.



2. LITTER – Litter and High Grass/Weeds (Section 7A-18/Section 18-13(a)) Homeowners or tenants are responsible for keeping their lawns mowed, clipped mulched or cleared and the property free of litter (garbage, paper, cardboard, wood, glass, bedding, auto parts, appliances, limbs, etc.). The property must be maintained between the curb in front of the house (or if no curb then from the edge of the pavement) to the middle of the alley (or the back property line if there is no alley). Weeds or grass more than 12 inches high is a violation of the City Code. Failure to do so may result in a court citation and/or a bill for the City's mowing services.



3. OBSTRUCTIONS ALLEY/SIDEWALK/STREET - Obstructions (Section 18-14) The occupant or owner is responsible for keeping the street, alley, sidewalk and public grounds clear of obstructions. This includes the trimming of trees, shrubbery and vines which may obstruct any vehicle traveling through an alley, or which may obstruct a sidewalk or street or other public grounds. Additionally, sidewalks must have a height clearance of 8 feet streets and alleys must have 15 feet of overhead clearance. Take advantage of the City's Bulky Trash Program by trimming trees and shrubbery to coincide with your legal Bulky Trash Week."



4. SIGNS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – Signs (Section 3, 7A-16 and 51A)

It is a violation of the City code to post any signs (notices, posters or other paper devices) on a utility pole, lamp post, shade tree; public structure or building or on the City's right-of-way or median except as may be authorized or required by law. This includes garage sale signs.



5. BULKY TRASH – Brush Collection/Bulky Trash (Section 18-4)

This once-a-month large item (includes large limbs, shrubbery, bagged leaves-sealed in bags up to 50-gallon capacity, furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs, etc.) is operated by Sanitation. The City does not collect debris from construction, demolition or clearing of land unless an additional fee has been paid. Additionally, no dirt, rock or concrete will be removed. No material may be placed out front earlier than the 7:00 a.m. on Thursday prior to collection week, and must be in place by 7:00 a.m. the Monday of the pickup week. Violations of our bulky trash ordinance are immediately ticketed.



6. SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES – Substandard Structure (Section 27-11(b))

Property owners are required to keep structures in good repair. Peeling paint, leaking roof, electrical and plumbing problems, holes in the wall, floor and ceiling, and decayed wood are building violations.



7. JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE – Junk Motor Vehicle (Section 18-20) Motor vehicles that are inoperative and/or partially dismantled and have expired license tags or safety stickers are considered ""junk motor vehicles"". These vehicles are in violation of the City Code. Owners of the vehicles and all lien holders will be notified of the violation by certified mail. Should the owner fail to remove the junk motor vehicle from the property or prove the vehicle operable, the vehicle will be towed and sold for salvage. Owners may store inoperable vehicles in a garage to avoid towing. Please note: Code Compliance only addresses vehicles on private property. If the vehicle is on the street, the Dallas Police Department has jurisdiction. Please report your concern to 311 and Dallas Police Department will respond.







10. <u>GRAFFITI</u> – Graffiti (Section 31-38(b)) Defined as any marking, including, but not limited to, any inscription, slogan, drawing, painting, symbol, logo name character, or figure that is made in any manner on tangible property. An owner of any tangible property in the City commits an offense if he/she fails to remove all graffiti from the property that is visible from any public property or right-of-way or from any private property other than the property on which the graffiti exists. Statistics prove that removing graffiti quickly may avoid the graffiti from re-appearing. Owners will be issued a Notice of Violation and a timeframe to remove the graffiti. Failure to remove the graffiti may result in a citation.



8. ILLEGAL DUMPING – Illegal Dumping (Chapter 18 Section 12)

The improper disposal of waste at any location other than a permitted landfill or facility.

9. <u>ILLEGAL OUTSIDE STORAGE</u> – Illegal Outside Storage (Chapter 51a Section 4.213 (b) (9)

A person commits and offense if he/she places outside on a lot, in excess of 24 continuous hours, an item that is not customarily used or stored outside or is not made of material that is resistant to damage or deterioration from exposure to the outside environment. (Unless permitted by zoning and a valid Certificate of Occupancy exists).

City Code and Violations

This tree is located on the Forest Hills median between Whittier and St. Francis. Across the street is a construction site that is overgrown with weeds. Both of these situations have been reported to the Street Services Department with the City of Dallas. Sometimes several reports have to be made before action is taken. Any of the residents in Forest Hills can report these occurrences - call 311 or visit the city website www.dallascityhall.com. If you see something that is in violation of city code or dangerous, please call or visit the website.

For the Love of the Lake



Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up

In cooperation with The Dallas Park and Recreation Department For the Love of the Lake Cordially Invites You to Come Help

Spiff Up • Shape Up • Snazz Up • Spruce Up White Rock Lake

Forest Hills has adopted the area from the fishing pier on Garland Rd. (across from White Rock Rd entrance to our neighborhood) to the Garland and Winsted corner.

The second Saturday of every month is **Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up** at White Rock Lake Park. Join the clean-up effort put on by For the Love of the Lake and our Adopt-A-Shoreline groups, never missing a month since April 1996!

Newcomers are welcomed and all meet between 8 to 9 a.m. at the FTLOTL office in Casa Linda Plaza, Suite 123, Buckner & Garland Road (facing Buckner). Come on out nice and early on Second Saturdays, have some refreshments, get some exercise, meet a great group of folks (if we do say so ourselves), and help us keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and sparkling!

A great project for families or scouts or students trying to get volunteer credit at their schools! www.whiterocklake.org info@whiterocklake.org Please be sure to indicate that you are representing Forest Hills

on the sign-up sheet and ask about our designated area.

TRASH TALK

You can be fined up to \$2,000 for placing brush and bulk trash out at the wrong place and the wrong time!!!

Place: On the curb in front of your home

Not on the medians or vacant lots. Not in the street or protuding out into the street from the curb. This presents a traffic hazard!

Time: The week of the Second Monday By 7 am on the MONDAY of the collection week, but not earlier than the Thursday before.



Have you LOST or FOUND a pet? Have you registered your pet with us? Do you receive the alerts about lost and found pets? Do you want to donate or volunteer? www.foresthillsdallas.org



Most of our pets have been returned home because someone recognized the picture of a pet in our Animal Alert! emails and contacted the neighbor. Our best and fastest way to communicate is through email.

If you would like to be included in our emails please send an email to info@lfhanimalalert.org. Include your name, phone numbers and just simply let us know you want to receive Animal Alert! emails. Some weeks you may get two or three emails. Other weeks - none. All depends on how many pets are reported lost or found. We do not sell emails or use these emails for any other reason. If for any reason you wish to be removed from the list, simply let us know.

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