



FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Dec. 6th @ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Annual Holiday Tree Lighting *page 6*

FLOTL White Rock Lake Cleanup
second Saturday of every month

Bulky Trash

November - Trash can go out
Thursday, Nov. 5th - Sunday, Nov. 8
Pickup begins the week of Monday,
Nov. 9

December - Trash can go out
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Dec. 14

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January/February 2021 Issue**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Neighbors!

It hardly seems possible we are coming up on year's end ... although sometimes it feels as though this COVID year has been about 5 years long already! But our neighborhood life continues to flourish. I love seeing people outside, book clubs meeting outside, church services in front yards and so much more.

I want to give a big shout out to our Social Chairs Sara Winwood and Carrie Bevers. In this year of distancing they have organized an Easter Egg Hunt, a National Night Out, assisted with two Car Parades, and are planning our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting with a Holiday Bazaar. Thank you for your creative thinking!

We have installed our officers for the coming year. Thank you to the more than 50 folks who emailed their approval of the slate we offered. That's about as many as turn up to vote when we have our in person Fall Meeting. Nobody said no, so we're feeling appreciated!

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A final piece of good news is that after A LOT of paperwork to the State, we have received a sales tax refund of \$2,023.07 that we paid erroneously over the past several years. Sara? Carrie? Let's have another party!

Stay Well,

Jane Ojeda



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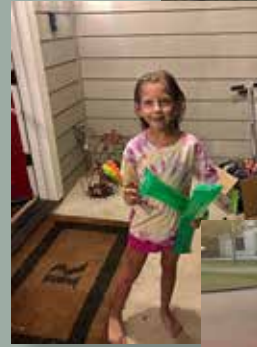
Neighbors Come Out in Support of First Responders

On Tuesday, October 6th, Forest Hills celebrated National Night Out - an event supporting the relationship between our community and first responders. The Social Committee put together and handed out cheer bags which were filled with horns, clappers, and - of course - candy. Sara and Carrie made it easy for neighbors to drive and pick up their cheer bag at the corner of Breezewood and Forest Hills Blvd on the day of the event.

Neighbors were encouraged to step out onto their porch or drive way at 8 pm to cheer on our neighborhood EMS, firemen, police, and all other community helpers. Approximately 60 bags were handed out to families. At 8 pm on the dot, cheers, horns, and clappers could be heard ringing up and down our beautiful Forest Hills streets.

Thanks to our neighbors and thanks to our first responders for building a united community in Forest Hills.

- Sara Winwood and Carrie Bevers, Social Chairs



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FOREST HILLS ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY BAZAAR

DECEMBER 6, 2020
4 to 6 pm
Intersection of Forest
Hills and Breezewood

While COVID-19 has impacted a lot of our normal activities, you just can't take the sparkle out of some traditions. Let's kick off the holiday season with some cheer and twinkles of light at the Forest Hills Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 6th. Bring the whole family for some holiday merriment. Grab and go cookies and hot chocolate will be on hand to warm our spirits. Santa and his reindeer might even make a jolly visit! To add to the festivities, we will have neighborhood entrepreneurs set up with booths to sell their treats and crafts for a Holiday Bazaar. If you feel comfortable, come and shop while supporting our neighbors. It is a fun and memorable event watching the center tree go from

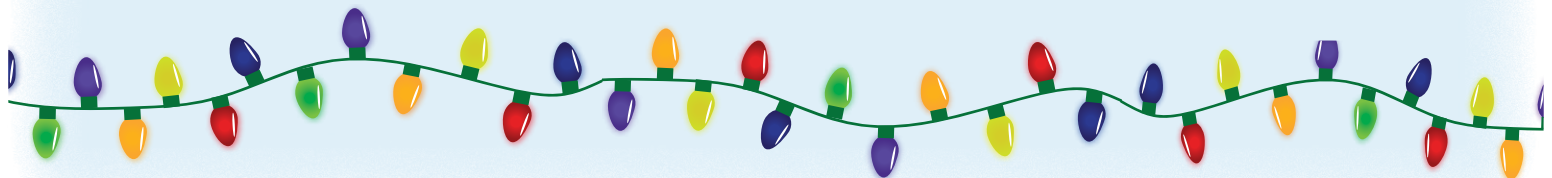
darkness to bright and beautiful! The annual tree lighting happens at dusk. Grown-ups... yes, it is okay to BYOB while you enjoy the festivities and shopping! Ho! Ho! Ho!

We will be following the city guidelines for COVID-19 gatherings at that time. We may be masked and 6' apart, but can still have a jolly good time! Stay tuned for those additional details. Interested in helping with this celebration? Service hours will be given. Please contact Carrie and Sara at fhnasocial@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD ENTREPRENEURS Interested in Setting Up a Booth at the Annual Tree Lighting?

New this year, we are encouraging our creative neighbors to pop a tent or set up a table to showcase their creative talents for our inaugural Holiday Bazaar as part of our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event. The festivities are Sunday December 6th from 4-6 pm, at the intersection of Forest Hills and Breezewood. You must confirm your intentions via email at fhnasocial@gmail.com. Space is on a first come, first serve basis, and you will have to provide all of your own set up. There is no cost to set up a booth at the Bazaar, the only thing we ask is that you email us ahead of time.

Since there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 guidelines with regards to gatherings, please note that we will adhere to the requirements set forth by the city and may have to change these original plans at any time due to the updates. Please contact Sara and Carrie at fhnasocial@gmail.com for more details or if you have any questions.

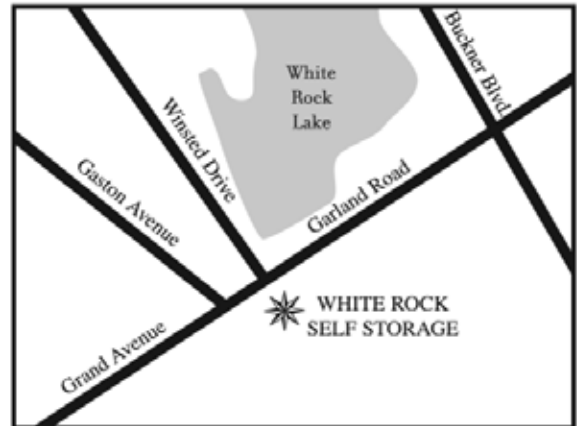


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A Super Night for the



Forest Hills Security Program

The Forest Hills Brewing 2020 Online Auction and Event was a Huge Success!



Susan Bailey
Carol Landers



Ann Deutscher



Annelise Pedersen



Todd Kirby

Due to COVID-19 there were three command centers working Friday night, October 16.

Laura Ann Deutscher and Annelise Pedersen were champions in orchestrating the use of the One Cause software to help execute this online event.

Without their help, we could not have had this event! Laura Ann's house was Zoom command center and Annelise's was the Help/Information center, taking calls.

Carol Lander's home had an outdoor thank you party for sponsors, while inside the live portion of the event was being videoed.

Our auctioneer, Todd Kirby, did an outstanding job keeping the bidding and momentum going!

\$39K Net!

Event proceeds will be used to:

- Increase 2020 holiday patrol hours to 65 hour/week. (11/1/20-1/5/21)
- Increase 2021 weekly patrol hours from 55 to 62 hours/week.
- Assist in a continual increase into 2021.



Note, that this phenomenal amount in no way diminishes the need to have all neighbors make their 2021 security payment in next year's 1-23 campaign.

A big THANKS to these neighbors, who provided the startup funds needed to make this all happen:

- Kevin and Keri Black
- Lamont Real Estate
- Gerald and Becky Oliver
- San Fernando Farms
- Leeann and Marshall Hunt
- Lance and Lauren Williams
- Lisa and William Daves
- Andie Comini
- Doug And Linda Gilpin
- Kelly Lamont and her Forest Hills Friends
- Chapter Chats Bookclub

Silent Auction: It was a truly amazing feat in the midst of a pandemic, that Susan Bailey and Julie Dunn were able to acquire such an abundance of silent auction items, raising over \$14,000! Many of the items came from neighbors sharing their art and talents with us.

We raised over \$10,000 from the live Auction thanks to these donations:

- Colorado condo from Becky and Gerald Oliver
- Lakewood Brewing Tap Room Event from Brenda Busch and Wim Bens
- Julia and Tom Cearly 's beautiful Cabo house.

Our Swag bag contributors:

- Meghan Dennen from Life in the Hills Magazine
- Lauren Danhsuser at Nothing Bundt Cake
- Monster Tree
- Kate and Howie Reed with Moss Real Estate Group

Our Pod Parties were another way to have fun and they raised \$1700!

Forest Hills Blvd: Bevers, Hammonds and Allegro families

Santa Clara: the Chapter Chats, Melissa Dermarkar, Samantha Dugger, and Tiffany Hubbard

San Leandro: Becky Bordelon and friends.

Special thanks to: Susan Bailey and Carol Lander and their helpers Andie Comini, Judy Whalen, Carmen Banks, John Mitchell, Vikki Rae Espinosa, Frances Bagley, Linda Westerberg, Mary Daniels, others who helped make this work.

We took a risk with this online event, and with your participation we made more money than we ever have!

*Thanks to you, our wonderful neighbors,
our Forest Hills Security Program
will have more patrols!* 9



Melissa Dermarkar
Samantha Dugger
Tiffany Hubbard



Gabriel Ojeda



Joe and Carrie Bevers
Kellie and Chuck Hammonds
Lisa and Matt Fontaine



WASTE WARRIORS:

New FHNA Tribe Forms to Put Waste in its Place

The Waste Warriors are a new group of environmentally-minded neighbors who are focused on making our many daily interactions with waste as positive as possible. Trash isn't top of mind for most people, but each one of us has the power to help keep the natural world healthy, thriving, and beautiful.

Our goal is to find creative and collaborative ways to reduce the amount of waste we generate, dispose of it effectively, and inspire others to be good stewards of the Earth.



Want to join our tribe?

Contact Elizabeth Descarpentries (elizabethlylekinhead@msn.com) or Lynda Caughey (edgy2@comcast.net)

Tis the Season for Deliveries

With the holidays upon us, let's plan to recycle as much of all that packaging as possible (and order less)!

- Know what can be recycled in your blue bin: dallascityhall.com>Trash Pickup>Recycling>Resident's Guide to Recycling
- Got Styrofoam? Plastic bags? Plastic mailing envelopes? Check out Dallas's Recycle Revolution Zero Waste Subscription Program: residential. recyclerevolutiondallas.com
- Keep cardboard out of bulky trash: dallascityhall.com>Trash Pickup>Brush and Bulky Items



Photo courtesy of the Dallas Arboretum

HOLIDAY AT THE ARBORETUM PRESENTED BY RELIANT

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November 7 - December 31

by Terry Lendecker

The classic 12 Days of Christmas exhibit depicting each day in the beloved carol with 25-foot tall elaborately decorated Victorian-style gazebos; and the return and expansion of The Pauline and Austin Neuhoff Christmas Village highlighting 14 old world European-style shops in a magical setting. New this year in The Christmas Village are a 23-foot-tall German-built authentic Christmas Pyramid that includes beautiful lighted motion on every level, an Edelweiss Haus for delicious food and drinks, a Chocolate Shop a Toy Shop and more. Santa visits nightly starting on November 27. Reservations can be made Online or by calling 214-515-6615. Face coverings are required for the duration of your visit.



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Forest Hills Security



Ready to Wrap Up 2020?

It has been a different year for sure, but fortunately our ENP has continued to watch over us through it all. We now have 60 hours a week of patrol, doubling our patrol hours since 2017.

Thanks to our wonderful neighbors who have made it possible. Your membership and increased donations have allowed us to ensure that we have officers patrolling our neighborhood daily.

The Forest Hills Security Program Annual "Sign In" day is January 23, 2021.

Our "IN" Coming 1-23 signs will be around the neighborhood to promote awareness for this campaign. Let's make this the day when we rally our friends and neighbors to Join In, Stay IN and Get Back "IN" to keep our neighborhood safe and secure!



More Patrol Hours = Less Crime

It is proven with more Patrol hours, we have decreased crime. Let's go from 62% to 80% of the residences "IN"vested in maintaining the beauty, safety and security of this idyllic neighborhood.

This once a year January revenue allows the Security Program to forecast with certainty, the police patrol coverage for the whole year.

Please go to www.foresthillssecurity.org choose your level and 1-2-3 CLICK and you are "IN". JOIN US!



Holiday Security Tips:

- Lock your home and use the alarm.
- Keep gates closed and cars locked.
- Pick up newspapers and fliers. Don't show signs, you are away!
- Be on the lookout for your deliveries! Do not leave packages unattended on your porch! Porch thieves are out and about, doing their own holiday shopping.
- Avoid posting travel plans on social media.

Have a Safe and Secure Holiday Season!

UNDERSTANDING & CARING FOR COMMUNITY CATS

by Linda Ortman



Have you noticed an increase in Missing Cat posters around the neighborhood? I sure have and one belongs to me. Seeing the posters made me wonder about the circumstances surrounding each cat's disappearance and the worried family looking for their pet or free roaming cat.

In my case, our outside community cat was trapped and relocated miles away without our knowledge. This beautiful calico was born across the street and within the last few years I trapped her and two siblings as part of a TNRM (Trap, Neuter, Return, and Monitor) program encouraged by Dallas Animal Services and ASPCA. All three cats were taken to Spay Neuter Network at 2223 S Buckner where they received spay/neuter surgery, rabies shot, microchip, and an ear-tip. After the procedure, I brought each cat back to our yard and released them where I continued to provide food and water every day. The white/orange male wandered off, the white/black female returned to the home of her birth across the street, and the calico remained in and around our yard until she was taken away in July.

I took pride in being the caretaker of this little colony of community cats and have learned a great deal about the role from some cat experts in East Dallas. Here are some things I have learned:

- Community cats are outdoor, unowned, free-roaming cats.
- Not all cats that have been TNR'd (spay/neutered and returned) are monitored and cared for.
- Not all TNR programs provide an ear-tip which is a common sign that a cat has been spay/neutered (ask your provider).

- TNR results in a stable, healthy, non-reproductive colony that minimizes fighting, spraying, and new kittens.
- It is important to learn about the benefits of a healthy community cat colony and ways to deter unwanted behavior in and around your yard.
- Community cats control rodent populations without the use of harmful chemicals.
- Many of your Forest Hills neighbors have TNR'd cats and care for these community cat colonies.
- Your neighbors need to both understand and respect the community cats you care for to prevent the inhumane practice of relocation.

If you have any questions about living with or managing your community cats, please contact one of the resources below or email me at linda.n.ortman@gmail.com.

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YARD of the MONTH

by Julie Dunn



September 2020
George & Debbie Knight
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While many yards succumbed to the late August heat, Debbie Knight's shone like an

oasis. Caladiums and Coleus looked brilliant against the varied cool shades of her undulating perennial beds. "They say don't plant Caladiums before Mother's Day, but I never plant mine until mid-June; they only last about 90 days", she says. This is shade gardening at its best where colorful annuals nestle into an evergreen backdrop of Japanese Aurelia, Speckled Aucuba, Mahonia, Encore Azaleas and ferns.

“Groveland was the kind of street you didn't go down unless you lived there”

When Debbie and George bought the house in 1976, "Groveland was the kind of street you didn't go down unless you lived there." They had very few neighbors and they all faced an old farm property, 3.5 acres of woods and wildlife. Twenty years later the farm was still there, but the Knights were changing things up: they built a welcoming stone porch, dug up Ligustrum bushes, created larger, less formal planting beds and lined them with beautiful river rocks.

If the front yard is an oasis, the back yard is a little slice of Eden overflowing with Hostas and Maples, Jewels of Opar and Spider Lilies. Gardening - is it relaxing? As she contemplates the weeding and the watering, the potting, the dividing, trimming, overwintering... she smiles. "Maybe a better word would be therapeutic."



October 2020
Lory Posteraro &
Jerry McMillan
8126 San Fernando Way

The forest can be a cruel mistress. A storm with high winds can uproot your oldest tree, damage your home, and catapult you into expensive repairs. With all of that thankfully behind them, Lory Posteraro and her fiancée Jerry McMillan installed an ambitious landscape this spring.

What makes this yard grand right now is the way all of the elements come together. The scale of the extended beds fits the house and sloping yard. The oversized porch pots bursting with hot pink Vincas,

“The house has really taken on a new serenity”

soften an elegant front landing. The sculptured bronze statues of two boys pausing their bike in the shade of a magnificent tree provides a place to rest one's eye, as well as a glimpse of a grandmother's love for her grandchildren... It all reveals the eye of a seasoned landscape enthusiast.

Lory, a certified master gardener, believes that landscaping adds the finishing touch to a house. Her goal was to enhance the beauty of a house that lacked a certain "umph" and keep the yard looking as natural as possible. She's managed to do that, grounding the modern design in a natural wrap and extending the "welcome mat" way beyond the house. For Lory, "the house has really taken on a new serenity as we watch things take hold." Best of all she says, "it has turned this house into a home."



CITY SIDEWALKS,

With the last half-year of quarantining and working from home, my wife Linda and I have been walking much more for exercise. Besides being more connected to our community, our time together and the beauty of our neighborhood were a real gift. During these walks I began to notice different things about the sidewalks in Forest Hills and the surrounding neighborhoods. A number of questions came to mind and thought to reach out to Paula Blackmon, our City Council representative for some answers. She and her office were very helpful in providing me a better understanding. I thought others might also want to know, so here are my questions and their condensed responses.

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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. Let us know of any oversights.

Also if you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, please contact us with names/addresses, so we can extend a big welcome. welcometoforesthills@gmail.com

Q WHO OWNS SIDEWALKS?

A Typically, the sidewalk is located on public right-of-way for the use of pedestrians; however, city ordinance requires property owners to replace sidewalks, drive approaches or any other associated element when they become defective, unsafe or hazardous.

Q WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE?

A The abutting property owner per Chapter 43, Article III, Sec. 43-63 of the Dallas City Code.

Q HOW DOES SOMEONE HAVE THEIR BROKEN SIDEWALK REPLACED IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME?

A The City partners with property owners through the Sidewalk Replacement Program to share the cost 50/50 for existing residential removal and replacement. For additional program details please contact our office at (214) 948-4127 or (214) 948-4125. Additionally, property owners have the options to hire a private contractor to make repairs.

Q DO PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE LIABILITY EXPOSURE FOR SIDEWALKS AT THEIR PROPERTY WHEN NOT MAINTAINED (WHERE CRACKED, UNEVEN, BUCKLED, ETC.)?

A Yes, per Chapter 43, Article III, Sec. 43-33 (LIABILITY OF ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE SIDEWALKS) of the Dallas City Code.

BUSY SIDEWALKS

Q HOW CAN SOMEONE LEARN ABOUT PLANS FOR INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD, WHERE NONE EXIST?

A The Property Owner Petition Program provides property owners with a method whereby unimproved streets, alleys, and sidewalks can be improved to urban standards which consists of concrete pavement, curb, sidewalk, drive approach, and any necessary storm drainage improvements.

To inquire about a petition, please contact our office at (214) 948-4125.

Q WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND THE MANY ADA ACCESSIBLE SIDEWALK ENTRANCES (INSTALLED AT STREET CORNERS, THROUGHOUT DALLAS) WHERE NO SIDEWALKS CURRENTLY EXIST?

A The Barrier Free Ramp program provides for the construction of new barrier free ramps (BFR's) at street intersections, crosswalks or other identified paths intended for pedestrian use in crossing a vehicular way where BFR's do not exist. Additionally, BFR's projects are requested by the general public. However, the priority is given to walkways serving government offices and facilities (including schools), Health care facilities (hospitals, clinics, retirement facilities, etc.), bus stops and transportation centers (DART), Commercial District (private businesses offering goods and services to the public), followed by walkways serving residential areas.

For additional program details please contact our office at (214) 948-4287.

Q WHAT ELSE SHOULD BE MENTIONED ABOUT SIDEWALKS?

A The Department of Public Works has identified a need to develop a Sidewalk Master Plan in conjunction with the City-wide ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan that establishes asset management policies for sidewalks through the use of a data driven model and stakeholder input to prioritize future improvements. The Sidewalk Master Plan will incorporate Equity, Safe Routes to School, ADA Transition Plan, and Five-Year Infrastructure Management Plan into a newly created sidewalk selection criteria matrix.

As always, for more insight, check out the FRI website at www.fergusonroad.org. Please consider joining or otherwise supporting the organization that supports our neighborhood, and the rest of Far East Dallas at www.fergusonroad.org/membership/donate. Please email me at daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org if you have particular questions about FRI and I'll try to speak to those directly, or in the next issue of *Forest Hills News*.



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- 8530 San Benito **COMING SOON**
- 8714 San Benito **PENDING**
- 8335 San Benito **SOLD***
- 8723 Daytonia **SOLD**
- 8502 Groveland **SOLD**
- 8807 Groveland **SOLD**
- 9026 Groveland **SOLD**
- 8242 San Cristobal **SOLD**
- 8430 Santa Clara **SOLD**

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SPOTLIGHT ON: THE HOBLEY FAMILY

Our New Neighbors on San Benito Way

by Nicole Bosworth

Caitlin and Tony Hobley recently relocated to Dallas from New York City. Caitlin is originally from Minneapolis, and Tony from Detroit. They were both nomads for a while, working in Brooklyn, San Francisco, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Paris - before settling in New York. They have two beautiful children - daughter Zoe (2.5) and son Pierce (10 months). No pets yet, but they anticipate getting a dog at some point, since Zoe has been asking for one as soon as she could talk!

When Pierce was born last September, Caitlin and Tony felt the stress of raising two young children in New York City. Originally from the Midwest, they craved more open space and fewer angry people pushing past each other to get out of the subway. Then Tony's company offered the opportunity in Dallas. Caitlin used her journalistic research skills to dig deep on area neighborhoods and honed-in on East Dallas, which has personality, families with children, trees, parks, the lake, and proximity to downtown. Their expert East Dallas realtor (and Forest Hills neighbor), Becky Oliver, brought them over to Forest Hills and it was love at first sight!

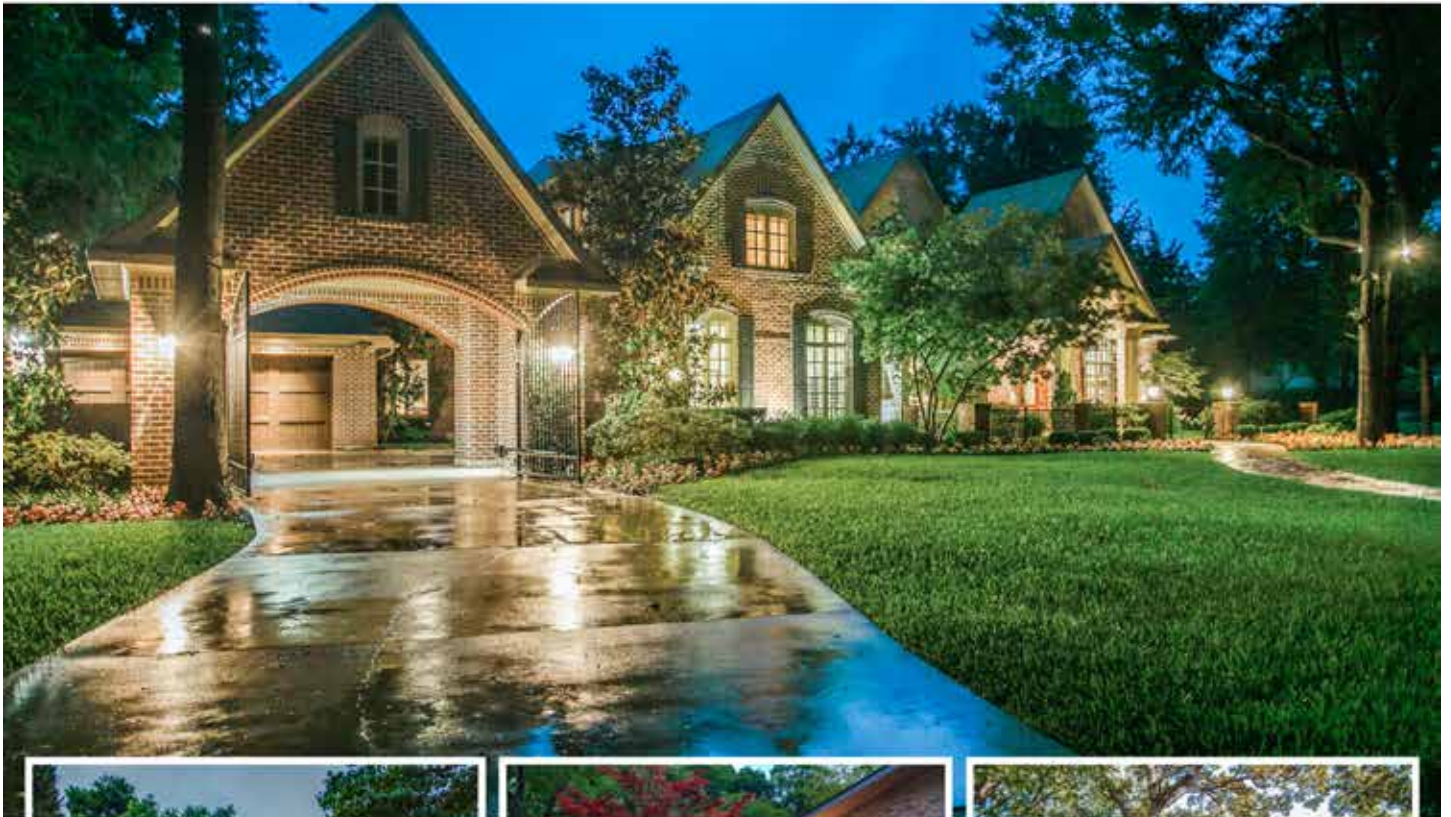
Caitlin works as a documentary filmmaker and Tony is an advertising executive. Tony is opening a new office in Dallas with his global advertising and marketing firm, Omnicom, while Caitlin is producing a feature documentary film for National Geographic about Army Special Operations in Afghanistan. When not working, they are engaged in the challenging routine of chasing and catering to Zoe and Pierce! Zoe is a whirlwind of conversation and opinions, and Pierce, when left unattended is happy to crawl away from everyone and escape to the backyard where he likes to eat rocks.

As a family, they love kitchen dance parties, spending time with friends, and walking around the neighborhood looking for dogs to meet. During quarantine, they enjoyed their large yard, and drive-thru TCBY soft serve. Tony and Caitlin also consume massive amounts of books, podcasts, TV series, movies, and music.

Please welcome the Hobley Family to Forest Hills!



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