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Forest Hills News

September - October 2021



FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tues. Sept. 28; 6:30 pm
Fall Semi-Annual FHNA Members Meeting (See pg 5)

Tues. Oct. 5; 6 - 7:30 pm
National Night Out (See pg 6)

Fri. Oct. 15; 7 pm
Forest Hills is Brewing! (See pg 11)

Sat Sept. 25 & Oct 23;
SAC Gatherings (See pg 14)

Sun. Sept. 26, Sat. Oct. 23 &

Sat. Nov. 13 (See pg 15)
FH Young Children's Club Events

Sun. Nov. 14; 4 - 6 pm
Newcomers Meet & Greet (See pg 15)

Bulky Trash

September

Trash can go out on Sept. 9 - 12
Pick-up beginning Mon. Sept. 13

October

Trash can go out on Oct. 7 - 10
Pick-up beginning Mon. Oct. 11

Newsletter articles and ads are due Friday, October 1, for the Nov/Dec 2021 Issue



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is right around the corner! Along with changing weather and foliage, **FHNA Board Officer and Committee Chair positions are up for change as well since this is the time for our annual FHNA elections.** Our Fall Semi-Annual Meeting will be 6:30 p.m. September 28, 2021. Once again, we will meet outside at the White Rock Alehouse and Brewery, where we had a very successful meeting and turnout in May.

The FHNA Board consists of Officers and Committee Chairs. These are all defined as elected positions, with one-year terms, to be voted on by the general membership at every fall meeting. **Please think about getting involved!** The FHNA Nominating Committee is actively looking for members interested in serving. Contact them (please!) at FHNAelections@gmail.com. The continued level of high involvement and interest in FHNA should translate to many volunteers stepping up.

Also at this election, we will be voting on proposed changes to the Bylaws that redefine the Standing Committees of FHNA and their duties. Even if you are not ready to take a Board position, please step up at the meeting to get involved with one of our Committees. See Page 5 for more meeting and elections details.



Don't miss this important meeting!

Stay Well,

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WHITE ROCK STORAGE MOVING DAY



BEFORE



AFTER

One by one, Forest Hills residents showed up to help move our FHNA items from one inside unit to a much larger and easy-to-access outdoor unit. The plan was just to move the items that day and another time to arrange and set-up the new space, but everyone was willing to stay until it was done - COMPLETELY! We now have a lovely big space which is well organized!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING NEIGHBORS

- Susan Bailey
- Jane Ojeda
- Adrian Barbera
- Tim Simmonds
- Andie Comini
- Jonathan Wood
- Melissa Dermakar
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Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Semi-Annual Fall Meeting

Tuesday, September 28th

White Rock Ale House Patio

6:30 Meet and Greet, 7pm Meeting Start Time

Join your neighbors for this semi-annual FHNA meeting.

Flatbreads and one complimentary drink will be provided.

The purpose of this meeting is to communicate an overall update of the committees of the FHNA, to vote on board positions for the next year and to vote on proposed changes to the Association bylaws.

The proposed bylaws changes will be an insert in this newsletter, if there's time, posted our website, www.foresthillsdallas.org, sent out as an eblast and highlighted on our Facebook page.

Questions about the meeting? Contact fhnasocial@gmail.com

Board Positions open for election:

Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairs: Beautification, Communications, Newsletter, Social, Membership & Newcomers, Fundraising, and Planning & Zoning.

All board positions are open for a vote. Positions are held for one fiscal year starting October 1. To be eligible to run you must be a member of the FHNA. Please refer to the bylaws for all requirements.

If you are interested in being nominated for one of the above positions, please take the following steps:

1. Reach out to the nominating committee at fhnaelections@gmail.com by 9/20.
2. Refer to the descriptions listed in our upcoming communications and on the FHNA website to confirm opportunities and obligations.
3. Reach out to the current person holding the position for information if needed.



FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



National Night Out 2021

Tuesday, October 5, 2021: 6 - 7:30 pm

The park at the corner of St. Francis & San Benito Way

FOOD & GAMES

- Hot dogs fresh off the grill
- Games for young & old
- Local fire truck for kids to explore

We are looking for sponsors for additional carnival style games. If you are interested, reach out to fhnasocial@gmail.com for more details.



GOING GREEN

The FHNA board is partnering with the Waste Warriors to make this a green event as we honor our first responders and neighborhood security.

- Bring your own reusable drink container
- Learn more about recycling and bulky trash practices by the City of Dallas
- Come out and support a cleaner and safer Forest Hills



National Night Out is a non-profit organization. It is an annual community-building campaign to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This national campaign is celebrated on the same day throughout communities across Texas each year. (The remainder of the US celebrates earlier in the year in August.) Last year, during Covid, FHNA Social Event chairs expanded our own neighborhood celebration to include first responders as well. They are in integral part in the well-being of our community. We will continue again to honor all of those serving our community. Thanks to all who help make our community a better and safe place to live.



FOREST HILLS SECURITY

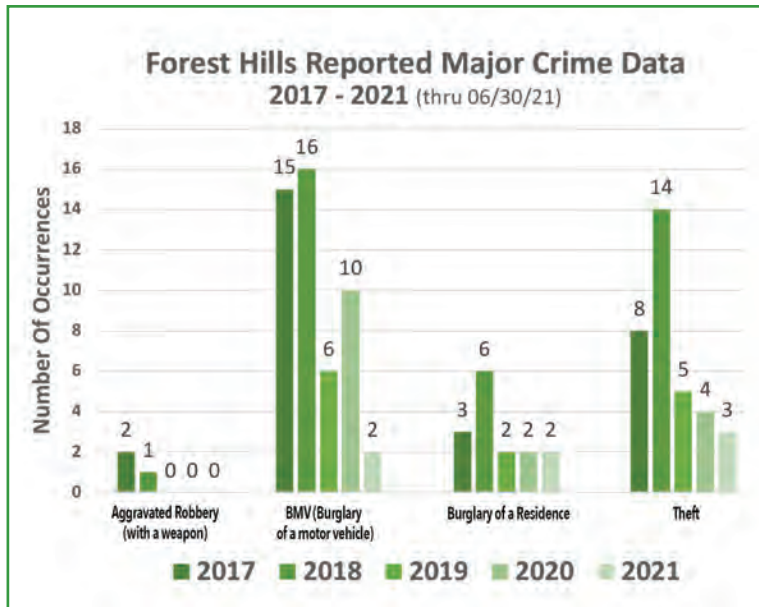
WORKING TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE.



What's Going On?

Over the summer, we have seen a slight increase in criminal activity including:

- Random gunfire (it's difficult to determine where these originate)
- Homeless people sleeping in yards
- Attempted car break-ins
- Suspicious people and/or cars in the neighborhood
- Stolen property
- Attempted criminal activity caught on Ring systems



FOREST HILLS IS BREWING OCTOBER 15th

Please join us for the upcoming Forest Hills is Brewing event which will be held on Oct. 15th at Lakewood Brewery's outdoor pavilion. It will be a fantastic night to spend with friends and neighbors enjoying delicious food and drinks. There will be both an online silent and live auction with amazing auction items to bid on. All the proceeds will go to fund the Forest Hills Security Program which means more patrol hours!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Ring of Honor - \$1,000**
- Platinum - \$750**
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- Silver - \$350**
- Bronze - \$240**

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What Can You Do?

If you observe criminal or suspicious activity, CALL 911 to REPORT the incident. IF our ENP officer is on duty, she/he will IMMEDIATELY go to the scene of the incident. The following are things you can do to help reduce criminal activity.

- Secure your homes, garages, and cars. Gates that lead to the backyard should always have a lock on them. Prevent crimes of opportunity!
- Always keep valuables and fire arms locked up.
- Activate your alarm systems when you leave the house, even for a short time.
- Prevent vehicle break-ins! Be sure your vehicle is locked and do not leave valuables visible inside the vehicle. ****Best Practices Tip - Additionally, if you have a keyless ignition system, it is possible for thieves to relay your car's key fob signal to break in and/or steal your car. The best way to prevent this is to keep your key fob in a Faraday bag/cage which is an enclosure that blocks all electromagnetic fields.**

CRIME STAT COMPARISON	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Aggravated Robbery (with a weapon)	2	1	0	0	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	15	16	6	10	2
Burglary of a Residence	3	6	2	2	2
Theft	8	14	5	4	3

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Join the Forest Hills Security Program and Support the Annual Fundraiser!
Encourage your neighbors to get **IN** and **STAY IN** the FHSP!



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- All Eblast and additional communications will be using MTK by the end of the year ... so, join to stay connected!
- We plan to PRINT the directory in the near future ... don't you want to be in it?
- Don't worry – you decide what personal information is made available in the directory! You can edit it at any time.
- The Social Committee will be using MTK to fill volunteer schedules, and for event RSVPs.
- Pay your FHNA dues via MTK, and have easy access to your account to check when you last paid.
- Since you enter your own data into MTK, we know that there is a good chance that it'll be accurate.

HOW TO JOIN²CONNECT

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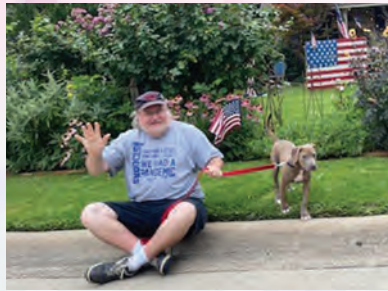
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4TH OF JULY PARADE

Both Charlotte Golden and Adrian Barbera stepped up to lead this year's 4th of July Parade! On Saturday, July 3 at 9:00 am a dedicated group of FH residents in colorful outfits, vehicles, golf carts, motorcycles and one bicycle started their spirited journey up and down every street in Forest Hills. Their efforts were rewarded by cheering neighbors lining the streets to cheer them on!

Thank you to those that participated in the parade AND those that showed their appreciation!



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Friday, October 15 - 7:00 PM

PARTY AND LIVE AUCTION

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- INCLUDES Ruthie's Food Truck meals plus all the beer and wine you want!
- LIVE AUCTION in person with Todd the auctioneer!
- FUN getting to know your neighbors AND MORE!

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Go online to register to start bidding at:

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- Silent auction on line only this year.
- You do not need to attend the Brewery Party to bid and play the most fun game in town!
- Open to ALL Forest Hills residents and friends.
- Raffle tickets open to ALL registered bidders at home or at the Brewery.
- Split the Pot is back! It could grow to \$1000 each for you and FHSP equally.

TIME LINE

September 16 Tickets go on sale.

September 25 Preview week begins on line - Start browsing 100+ items.

October 1 Online bidding begins.

Sunday, October 10 Preview Party 4-6 pm to see in person all the art, the bicycle, baskets of goodies and more. 8146 San Benito Way (Linda Gilpin's Art Studio Tour stop).

Daily Check "Forest Hills Neighborhood Association" Facebook page for details on fabulous auction items!

Weekly Eblasts with details.



**Friday, October 15
7 PM**

**FOREST HILLS IS
BREWING EVENT**

**The Lakewood Brewery
2302 Executive Drive,
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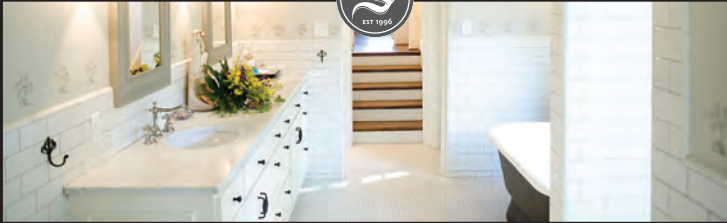


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SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARBORETUM: IT'S PUMPKIN SEASON!



The 16th annual Autumn at the Arboretum, presented by Reliant, is upon us and we are excited to once again share 90,000 pumpkins, gourds and squash, hailing from THE pumpkin capital of Texas, Floydada, throughout the garden.

We are excited to share a NEW pumpkin village location, just behind Jonsson Color Garden! Long-time visitors will likely remember our Lakeside Exhibit Area as the former home to Texas Pioneer Adventure. This year, the space is transformed into Bugtopia! Our signature display will come alive with larger-than-life insect topiaries, fascinatingly bugged-out pumpkin houses, and, of course, a maze for younger visitors.

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TEEN SPOTLIGHT: JACK AND BEN MCLEAN

Jack and Ben McLean, residents of Forest Hills for over 8 years, have enjoyed having their school friends from St. Thomas Aquinas and now Bishop Lynch High School as their neighbors.

The brothers just completed their freshman and senior years at BL and loved being in high school together, with the highlight being that both played on BL's varsity baseball team at the same time. After many years of both playing baseball, it was the first time the brothers were teammates which made for a very special season.

While Ben continues at Bishop Lynch, Jack is on to the University of Colorado Boulder in the fall - Go Buffs!

The McLean brothers have enjoyed growing up in Forest Hills and are grateful for the memories they've made in our wonderful neighborhood with their family and friends. We wish them both luck as they go forward in life!



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WASTE WARRIORS

BY ELIZABETH DESCARPENTRIES

I Dig Composting

Think about what you consume in the morning. For me, it's lemon water, celery juice, coffee, fresh-squeezed orange juice, a banana, and in the summer, melon too. That creates a lot of daily garbage: a lemon rind, celery pulp, three orange rinds, banana peel, melon rinds and seeds, and coffee grounds. During the pandemic, I decided to give composting a try. I started dumping all my kitchen waste into a pile on the side of my house. A year and a half later, I have added hundreds of pounds of vegetable, fruit, and grass trimmings, but the pile has decomposed into a tenth of that – and it even looks like soil!

Composting makes a big difference to the amount of trash we generate. The City of Dallas reports at least **30 percent** of what goes into the Dallas landfill is compostable. Why not give it a



try? If you'd rather leave it to the professionals, you can join a subscription service like **Recycle Revolution** or **Turn**, and they will provide you with buckets and pick-up service, and even bring the organic soil back to you. Both Turn and Recycle Revolution offer composting services in Dallas

COMING UP:

National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5:

Waste Warriors and the FHNA Social Committee are partnering for a neighborhood gathering to honor our security police officers while enjoying a traditional hot dog cookout from 5-7 pm.

- Bring your own reusable drink containers
- Learn more about recycling and bulky trash practices from the City of Dallas
- Come out and support a safer and cleaner Forest Hills!

Upcoming SAC Gatherings: Join us

September 25 and October 23 for a fun and rewarding experience and get to know new neighbors!



Fourth Saturday in July SAC gathering.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

8366 Forest Hills

Robert Slovak & Jaimee Farrell

8024 San Cristobal

Judy Witzig

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Kade Poulson & Jen Rodney

8146 San Fernando

Nick & Katie Cutri

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James Wallace

8441 San Fernando

John & Diane Josephakis

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Bret & Kaitlin Corbin

8462 San Fernando

Michael & Amanda Doran

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John & Kate Dorff

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. newtoforesthills@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE



NEWCOMERS MEET & GREET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14



Are you new to Forest Hills and would like to meet other neighbors who are also new? The FHNA Newcomers Committee would like to invite anyone who moved into the neighborhood either

in 2020 OR 2021 to drop in to this little meet & greet! Many board members and committee members will also be present, so it'll be a great time to learn about the various ways to get involved with the neighborhood. The event will be at Medora and Craig Koenig's home at 8319 San Benito Way on the afternoon of November 14th, from 4-6 pm.

FOREST HILLS YOUNG CHILDREN'S CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Back to School/End of Summer Bash:

September 26th

- Snow cones
- Bounce houses
- Water activities

Halloween Party:

October 23rd

- Pumpkin decorating
- Costume contest
- Sensory activities

Rhythm + Rose:

November 13th

- Themed rhymes by Audrey Schott
- Thanksgiving crafts

Holiday Party:

Date to be determined

YARD of the MONTH

by Julie Dunn

When this Cape Cod styled home was built in the 30's, the owners planted a Pecan tree to shade the house from the summer heat. Today, it bears the most delicious paper shell pecans in the Fall, framing the McFarland's landscape majestically.



July 2021
Christie and Greg McFarland
8547 San Fernando Way

The color palette for this perennial shade garden is intentionally green and white. Depth and interest are created by varying the sizes and shapes of the plants as well as their leaf colors and textures. There are just a few spots designed for seasonal color. A layer of White Caladiums highlights the fern bed and variegated Hostas that surround the Pecan tree. A pocket of ruby throated Cong Coleus fronts a backdrop of jubilant Elephant Ears, Snowball Viburnum and St. John's Wart to name a few. The Japanese Maple that anchors the driveway corner gives way to a sunny side yard, where colorful flowering perennials are in their prime.

Although it was expensive to install this undulating foundation bed back in '96, the results have proven economical in the long run. With the help of a landscape designer's plan, Greg did most of the planting and Christie has tended it ever since. "I love gardening! Pulling weeds, it's very zen. I love to sweep; it chills me out. And I love perennials! They are so great! ... With kids and jobs," Christie remembers, "a perennial garden just made a lot of sense."

This renovated ranch home feels hip and contemporary thanks to the landscaping choices the Marrs have made to date. Having no back yard to speak of, they needed a functional and attractive side yard for their young children to play in. Their architect and landscape designer gave them valuable advice as they created a garden that protects the kids from the street and shields the neighbors from a direct view of the swing set and extensive vegetable garden. The result is a very smart, black 'hog wire' half fence with a xeriscaped border which achieves the goal without blocking out the neighborhood.



As John explains, "We all love Forest Hills because of the forest and the trees!"

August 2021
John and Caroline Marrs
8328 San Leandro Drive

The landscaping provides a changing vista for neighbors and passers-by of Yuccas and Desert Willow blooms giving way to red Salvia and Black-Eyed Susan, and now, the delicate lavender blooms of Texas Sage. Behind it, green beans and tomatoes, herbs, lettuce and cucumbers happily ripen thanks to the visiting bees and hummingbirds. Cantaloupe and watermelon vines peek through the fence. It's a harmonious marriage of form and function.

The Marrs have watched the fence line garden bounce back from our terrible freeze. It's proof positive that our native plants best tolerate our North Texas climate.

FERGUSON ROAD INITIATIVE UPDATE

Greetings neighbors – here’s a quick update on some key activities and announcements involving Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI).

BLOOD DRIVE

In July, FRI’s annual blood drive exceeded last year’s results and Carter Bloodcare’s expectations - thank you, all!

COVID-19 IN FAR EAST DALLAS

FRI was awarded a grant from North Texas CARES to help address Vaccine Hesitancy. We learned that our key zip code 75228 reports less than 25% of the population has been vaccinated, but in the more affluent zip code 75218 the rate is near 50%. FRI is piloting pop-up vaccinations clinics throughout Far East Dallas to bring the vaccine directly to people who live in apartments, frequent our area businesses, and attend our schools and churches. To schedule a pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic please contact intern@fergusonroad.org.

CREEKSIDE - ASH CREEK URBAN RESERVE / WHITE ROCK HILLS PARK—GRAND OPENING

Save the date! All in the community are invited to join us on Saturday, November 6, 2021, to celebrate the Grand Opening of CreekSide/White Rock Hills Park from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 2229 Highland Road. In partnership with the City of Dallas, FRI celebrates this milestone event. Twenty-two years of advocacy work have transformed a crime-ridden apartment and illegal dumpsite at Highland Road into a recreation and trail-connection designation: the White Rock Hills Park, Trinity Forest Spine Trail, Highland Road Complete Street, Highland/Ferguson Intersection Improvement and future White Rock Hills Recreation Center. Join us rain or shine for this landmark event that will include our community leaders and ribbon cutting.



CreekSide/White Rock Hills Park Grand Opening
 Saturday, Nov. 6 | 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 2229 Highland Rd.
 (Parking @ Shopping Center: 8080 Ferguson Rd.)

Join us as we celebrate these milestone amenities:

- White Rock Hills Park
- Highland Road Complete Street
- Trinity Forest Spine Trails
- Future Recreation Center

Activities for the whole family!

- African Dancers & Drummers
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WHITE ROCK HILLS PARK is the first phase of the future recreation center, phase two to be funded in Dallas’ next bond program. The park is one step toward addressing the recreation desert that has existed along the lower Ferguson Road corridor for decades. It is a terrific example of the power of a people working together for the greater good. Trees will be planted in -the coming months.

TRAIL CONNECTIVITY

Construction of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail Phase I has begun and will start at the Santa Fe Trail, connect to Highland Road, and then continue southward to Samuell Boulevard. Phase II will continue from Samuell Boulevard to the Lawnview DART station. The South Phase will run from the Lawnview DART station to Pemberton Hill Road near the Trinity River Audubon Center. The Trinity Forest Spine Trail will connect to White Rock Hills Park and the future recreation center via a new bike path to be included in the improvement of the Highland Road Complete Street, scheduled for completion in early 2022.

FERGUSON ROAD INITIATIVE UPDATE: EVENTS

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKELAND DRIVE / FERGUSON ROAD

The improvements here are scheduled to begin early next year. The intersection design at Lakeland Drive will be replicated at Highland and Ferguson Roads.

FRI continues to plan for new projects. These include exploring innovative ways the Claremont Village Shopping Center at Ferguson and Highland can be revitalized. FRI is also exploring ways we can engage a healthcare partner to establish a Senior Activity Center at the old grocery store until the Recreation Center is built. In short, FRI leadership is guiding development that is contributing to a renaissance of Far East Dallas.

Visit the FRI website at fergusonroad.org to help or donate. For questions you can email daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **September 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**
FRI Community Connection Town Hall Meeting at White Rock Church of Christ, 9220 Ferguson Road.
- **September 23, 6 a.m.-midnight**
North Texas Giving Day
Make a gift at NorthTexasGivingDay.org, find Ferguson Road Initiative, and GIVE!
- **November 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**
CreekSide/White Rock Hills Park Grand Opening at 2229 Highland Road (Parking at the shopping center at 8080 Ferguson Road).

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