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# Forest Hills News

January - February 2022



## Forest Hills Calendar of Events

### Friday, January 23rd

Target Date to Pay Security Program Dues (See Page 6)

**Sat. Jan. 28 & Sat. Feb. 26 @ 10am**  
Street & Alley Cleanup (SAC) Days

**Sat. 9-11 am Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 2, & May 7**  
Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days (See Page 12)

### Monday, February 14th

Target Date to Pay Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Dues (See Page 9)

### Bulky Trash

#### January

Trash can go out:

Thursday, Jan. 6 - Sunday, Jan. 9  
Pick-up beginning: Mon. Jan. 10

#### February

Trash can go out:

Thursday, Feb. 10 - Sunday, Feb. 13  
Pick-up beginning Mon. Feb. 14

[www.dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/pages/default.aspx](http://www.dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/pages/default.aspx)

Newsletter articles & ads are due Tuesday, Feb. 1, for the March/April 2022 Issue





## Letter from the President

**2021**, our second Covid pandemic year, has come to an end and I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and reuniting with those you love most after so much time apart. It's now 2022, and we may look back and marvel at the "new norms" in our lives or look ahead setting new goals and challenges. Whatever you do, one thing we all can count on in life is the constant disruptor of change. It sneaks up on you quietly, incrementally, or hits you right between the eyes! While the abrupt changes that swept 2020 gob smacked the world, 2021 has eased up on us a bit.



Changes in our own Forest Hills include welcoming over 90 new families in the past two years, continued improvement to our thriving wildlife oasis in Warren Ferris Cemetery and never-better participation in our community through clubs and activities. It's at golden times like now that I'd like us to voice what we love here in Forest Hills and what we think could benefit from change. It has been many years since our last survey (2008!) so look for a neighborhood survey in the coming months. Please participate so we can all benefit in understanding the community we live in today and informing your Board the direction we should take in serving you.

Your annual dues go to support this newsletter, pay for neighborhood events and semi-annual meetings, community beautification and make donations to other neighborhood entities such as Sanger Preparatory School and Animal Alert! Please Participate - Contribute - Volunteer.

- Be part of the FHNA spirit!

*Katy O'Mara*

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## NEW CITY PARK OPENS IN THE 'HOOD

Daniel Ortman

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, the Ferguson Road Initiative, Far East Dallas residents, and elected/appointed officials celebrated the Grand Opening of CreekSide/White Rock Hills Park. Delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, this event celebrated what committed people can accomplish when they work together for the greater good. This well-attended event brought hundreds together to celebrate this new asset in the backyard of Forest Hills, located at 2229 Highland, just off the Ferguson Rd. intersection.

The event was well-supported by community and corporate sponsorship, including AmeriSouth Realty, City Hospital@White Rock, Lone Star Credit Union, Atmos Energy, David Weekley Homes and Uplift Education.

This official opening of White Rock Hills Park, sitting on 3.5 acres of three adjoining parcels of land, represents Phase I of a larger plan which will include building a new community recreation center. In the month prior to the opening, 50 trees were planted



in the park with a coordinated effort by Texas Trees Foundation, Dallas Park and Recreation Department, Atmos and FRI.

As always, for more insight, look at the FRI website ([www.fergusonroad.org](http://www.fergusonroad.org)). Please consider joining or otherwise supporting the organization that supports our neighborhood, and the rest of Far East Dallas, [www.fergusonroad.org/membership/donate/](http://www.fergusonroad.org/membership/donate/). Please let me know if you have particular questions about FRI and I'll try to speak to those directly, or in the next issue of the *Forest Hills News*. Email me at

[daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org](mailto:daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org).

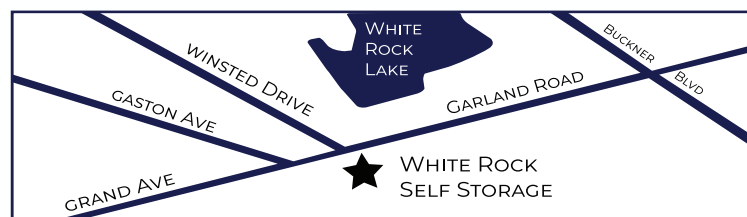


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# WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE DO?



## FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (FHNA)

501(c)(4) Non-profit  
Board of Directors monthly meetings  
Semi-annual neighborhood meetings

### Voluntary Household Dues

January sign-up - Yearly

\$50

\$30 (65 and over senior discount)

**DONATIONS WELCOMED**

### PURPOSE

Enhances the community spirit through beautification, social events, and communication.

- Plans neighborhood social events.
- Manages common medians and beautification projects.
- Addresses neighborhood construction, planning, and zoning.
- Provides important community, city, and environmental information.
- Communicates via the newsletter, signage, website, eblasts, and social media.

[foresthillsdallas.org](http://foresthillsdallas.org)



## FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM (FHSP)

501(c)(3) Non-profit  
Board of Directors quarterly meetings

### Voluntary Household Dues

January 23 sign up - Yearly  
(1-23 IN campaign) - Multiple levels

Ring of Honor: \$1,000

Platinum: \$750 Gold: \$500

Silver: \$350 Bronze: \$240

**DONATIONS WELCOMED**

### PURPOSE

Provides charitable and educational services supporting crime prevention.

- Enlists off-duty uniformed officers to patrol in DPD vehicles.
- Schedules 60-65 patrol hrs. weekly/ 65-70 holiday patrol hrs. weekly.
- Provides home watch for participants while they are away.
- Monitors/tracks crime stats and trends to schedule patrols.
- Communicates via the newsletter, signage, website, eblasts, and social media.

[foresthillssecurity.org](http://foresthillssecurity.org)



# FOREST HILLS SECURITY

WORKING TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE.

are you  
**IN?**

## Happy New Year!

2021 was another successful year for the Forest Hills Security Program. Reported crime was at an all-time low, and we had enough funding to increase our regular patrol from 55 hours per week to 60 hours per week. The Forest Hills is Brewing Auction success allowed us to make a big year-end push and increase holiday patrol from 60 hours per week to 65 hours per week. 375 households participated in the program in 2021.

Although our auction was a huge success, only 25% of our annual budget is funded by the auction. This means we still need you to Stay **IN**, Join **IN** and continue to Invest **IN** our neighborhood security program by making your annual contribution.

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Ring of Honor - \$1,000

Platinum - \$750

Gold - \$500

Silver - \$350

Bronze - \$240

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### TAX DEDUCTIBLE

FHSP is a 501 (C)(3) Non-Profit Organization. Your contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

## Get Ready for 1-23!

Our 1-23 sign-up day is an annual reminder to make your contribution to the security program. Contributing in January allows us to properly plan for the year and ensure we are able to secure our patrol team for the shifts we need covered throughout the year. In 2021, 59% of households participated in the program. Please help us meet our 80% participation goal! Increasing participation will allow us to meet our 2022 goals of 65 patrol hours per week during the year and holiday patrol hours of 70 per week.

## How to JOIN IN

It's easy to join. Pay by mail or go online to [www.foresthillssecurity.org](http://www.foresthillssecurity.org). Choose your participation level and click. **You are IN!**

# Contribute Today!

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**WE NEED TO KNOW TOO! Your reports Help us, Help you!**



# 2022 FHNA MEMBERSHIP LETTER

## WE ♥ FOREST HILLS!

Dear Forest Hills Neighbors –

As we reflect upon last year and a little bit of a return to normalcy, we think it's safe to say that no matter what life throws our way, we are lucky to be part of such an amazing neighborhood. Not only are we blessed with a picturesque setting near White Rock Lake and large trees lining our streets, but we have a wonderful group of people who come together to celebrate and support each other!

The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance the community spirit through social events, beautification, and communication. We are most successful when we have the support of neighbors through both participation in events and payment of annual dues. Although dues are voluntary, we hope neighbors will choose to pay because they understand the value the association brings to the neighborhood.

We continue to keep our dues low at just \$50 per household or \$30 for those 65+, as we believe this allows a vast majority of our neighbors to participate. The FHNA relies on dues to provide our neighborhood social events and semi-annual general meetings, beautification of neighborhood common areas, and to keep you informed through all our methods of communication (newsletter, website, eblasts, signage). Paying dues gives access to our online directory making it possible to easily connect with neighbors.

Neighborhood participation has increased over the last few years. With only 20% of households participating in 2019, our 2020

membership drive was successful in increasing participation to 50%! In 2021, 56% of households were paid members. We would love to continue this upward trend. Just think of all of the amazing things we could do if we had 75% household participation!

Please show your support of our neighborhood association by paying your 2022 dues. Early contributions will allow us to best plan for 2022. To encourage this, we will hold a \$100 drawing to a local restaurant for all who contribute before Valentine's Day - because we LOVE our neighborhood!

Thank you to each and every one of you for making this such a wonderful place to live!

Warmest regards,  
Kathleen Davis and Michaela Klose  
FHNA Membership Co-Chairs

To pay your 2022 FHNA dues, please visit us at [www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org)  
OR you can mail your check (payable to FHNA) to:  
Forest Hills Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 180897  
Dallas, TX 75218



## THANK YOU 2021 FOREST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS!

We want to express a huge thank you to all of the wonderful and generous neighbors who showed their support of the neighborhood by paying their 2021 FHNA membership dues. We couldn't do this without you!

The list below reflects those who made payments between January 1st and November 30th, 2021. If your name doesn't appear as you'd like it to, or has been incorrectly omitted, please let us know by emailing [fhnadallas@gmail.com](mailto:fhnadallas@gmail.com).

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# ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & TREE LIGHTING

By Andie Comini

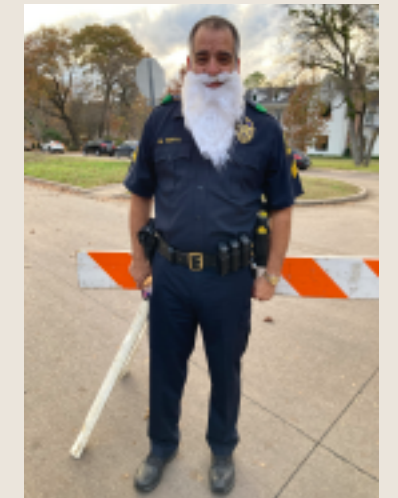
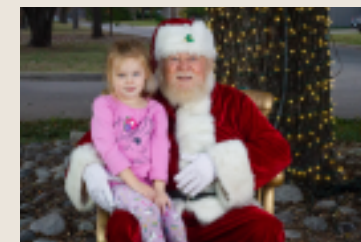
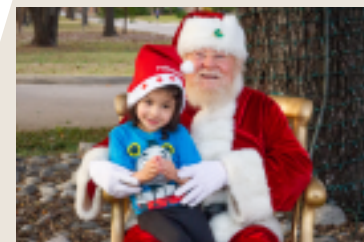
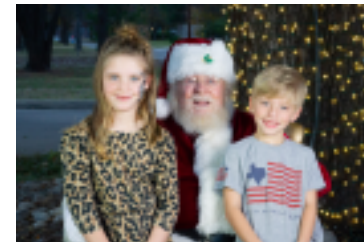


On Sunday, December 5th, the Holiday Spirit filled the air as Forest Hills residents gathered together to celebrate this time of year! Neighbors caught up with each other over hot cocoa while children enjoyed a ride on the Christmas Train as it circled the event. And to the delight of all, Santa showed up and visited with each child as to what their hopes and wishes were while a professional photographer snapped pictures.

This year FHNA partnered with FHYCC (The Forest Hills Young Children's Club) to add fresh ideas to our holiday event. Their contributions included the idea to have a professional photographer this year for all to enjoy; introducing for the Hot Cocoa truck run by the wonderful Snow Cone City where everyone was able to get fresh cocoa and choose between 6 toppings; and for providing our littlest community members some fun activities throughout the event. A long table was setup where kids decorated Christmas cookies, painted two different types of ornaments, and wrote letters to mail directly to Santa himself! The cute red mailbox was a nice touch. Thank you Melissa Presley and Kate Gutnovik Reed for volunteering their time and the creative ideas to elevate our neighborhood event. Thank you all our neighbors who support FHNA through their membership participation allowing us to continue providing the mass amounts of cocoa, sponsoring the train, lights, a new photographer and Santa. Kudos to all for a successful collaboration.

A big thank you to Melissa and Kate for tirelessly volunteering their time and always coming up with creative ideas to elevate every event. Thank you to FHNA for continuing to provide mass amounts of cocoa and sponsoring the train, lights, photographer and Santa. Kudos to all for a successful collaboration!

And for the second year, a group of FH residents participated in the Holiday Bazaar selling holiday-related products and art. Thank you to Sara Winwood and Carrie Cole for introducing this idea to us last year and now a FHNA tradition!



## A Holiday Thanks to All Who Helped!

Thank you to the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association for yet another successful event!

Tony and Caitlin Hobley secured the photographer. Andie Comini and two neighbors, Sandy Rivera and her son Aster, loaded up and brought chairs for the Special Senior Seating - allowing our seniors to enjoy watching the kiddos while being comfortable. And our newly elected FH Vice President Tony Hobley greeted the crowd and was in charge of kicking off the lights around dusk to the delight of all.

Sergeant Mike Mata was in charge of traffic control and

overall neighborhood safety. Always wonderful to have him participate in any FHNA event! We're grateful to Tony Hobley and Matt Koellner were in charge of set-up and tear-down and others stayed to help, like Wes Gilpin and Andie Comini.

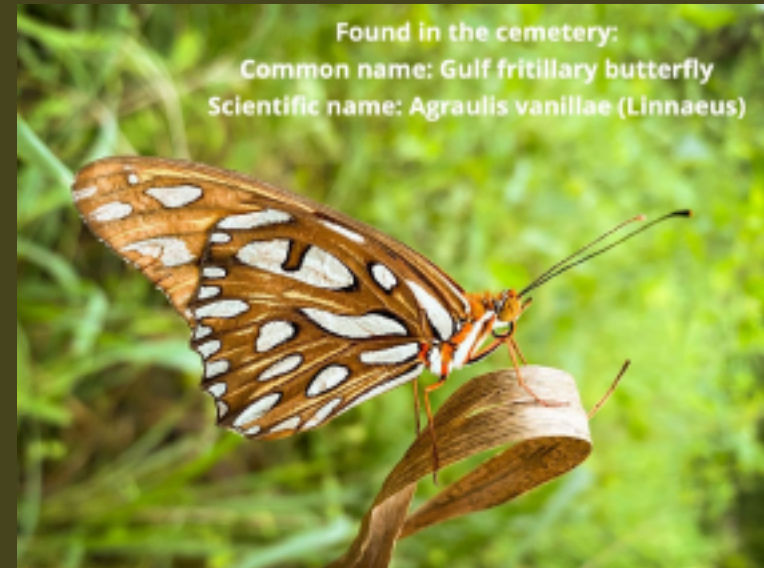
Planners and coordinators of the event were primarily - Kade Poulson, Katy O'Mara, Tony Hobley, Melissa Pressley, Kate Gutnikov Reed, Kathleen Davis, Susan Bailey and Andie Comini and all the Block Captains who did a very fast distribution of the holiday flier. There were numerous others that pitched in too and have escaped our list!

See you all next year!



# THE WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY 2021 UPDATE – A WILDLIFE OASIS

As we look back at the enormous strides we have made last year we express our gratitude to those who have helped us meet our goals to become a wildlife oasis and inspiration to other communities around us. We were officially “ordained” as a Monarch butterfly way-station, installed bird, owl, bat and bee houses, partnered with Texas Conservation Alliance, completed Segment 7 of the Documentary series-- Ferris Cemetery's Pocket Prairie & woodland Forest Restoration and finally raised the last funds to purchase a nature-mimicking water feature, which gives the wildlife and pollinators that pass through a vital resource. Together we have been able to transform our special neighborhood nook into a green corridor. What a year! All of this has been completed with your and others generous contributions, continued membership and the hard work and collaboration of our team and community.



Found in the cemetery:  
Common name: Gulf fritillary butterfly  
Scientific name: *Agraulis vanillae* (Linnaeus)



Found in the Cemetery  
Common name: Rain Lily

Moving into this new year of 2022 we remind the community that historical cemeteries are perfectly compatible with wildlife refuges. Maintaining the grounds to respect the dead and add unobtrusive amenities for wild creatures can be easily accomplished in a way that preserves the original state of the site. Warren Ferris Cemetery is an example of how land in the area once appeared before shopping centers, lawns and parking lots took over.



## What to expect in 2022? Veteran of the War of 1812, Benjamin Dye

Ours is a cemetery without original gravestones. However, there is one interesting marker shaped like a gravestone. It is an authentic War of 1812 marker used by the Veterans Administration as a gravestone and dedicated to Benjamin Dye, a veteran of the War of 1812. Though the exact location of his grave is unknown, Dye is buried somewhere in the Ferris Cemetery. To read this story by Historian and Ferris Biographer Susanne Starling visit the August issue of our Descendant Blog at [www.friendsofthewarrenferriscemetery.org](http://www.friendsofthewarrenferriscemetery.org).

To fully document the Ferris Cemetery, Genealogist Donald Payton has been commissioned to find the names of the approximately 100 unidentified pioneers buried there. On completion of his research a monument to name and honor all souls buried on the property will be installed. Installation date TBD.

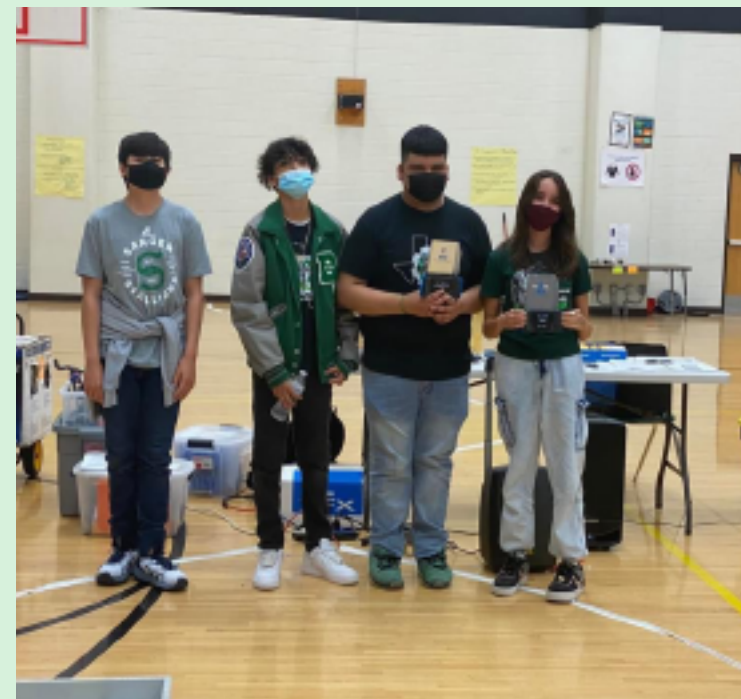
Want to Volunteer? Volunteers meet the first Saturday of every month. Meet in the cemetery, 8375 San Leandro Dr., Dallas, TX, kitty-corner to Sanger Elementary School.

Come for all or part of the volunteer sessions as your schedule allows. Proper social distancing protocols will be observed. Bring your own virus protection measures as you see fit, including masks and garden gloves. Don't forget to bring plenty of drinking water.



## Sanger Preparatory STALLION CORNER

It was a busy Fall for the Sanger Stallions and one filled with gratitude and celebrations all around. We started the school year off with Sanger Fest in late October raising almost \$9000 for the school! November saw two out of three of our Sanger middle school robotics teams, Robolution, win a bid to the upcoming Spring State championships and with this bid they and the elementary teams advanced to the first of a few district competitions in early December. And boy did they score big! Combined they took 1st and 2nd in the Teamwork Challenge and 2nd and 3rd in Skills category, finally winning the Design and Excellence awards! Congratulations to the teams and their teachers, their hard work and commitment is leading them toward success.



The most recent buzz around Sanger was the grade-level Spelling Bees also held in early December. Each Home room for grades 4th – 8th hosted a competition over a few weeks culminating in the school Finals on Dec. 3rd. The winner for 5 years in a row is our very own Forest Hills teen, the reigning champion, **Anthony Stanley!** Anthony and runner up, **Jayna Kush** will go on to compete in the District competition. They then might advance to County, then Regional and on to State and culminating at the Scripps National competition in Washington, D.C. Good luck Anthony and Jayna! As the school year moved into the Holiday break season the staff and parents want to thank the neighbors and community for contributing to the sponsorship of Sanger family holiday meals, the amazing turnout for the school pantry and hygiene locker and most recently the new Clothes Closet.

A special thank you to our Forest Hills neighbors, **The Klein Family**, who not only purchased new outdoor sports equipment for the school, but also graciously purchased a Platinum Sponsorship of Sanger Preparatory in the name of Forest Hills Neighborhood Association! Thank you for your generosity and supporting our neighborhood school.

If you're interested in volunteering or supporting the programs at our wonderful neighborhood school please contact Mrs. Cerrillo at [cacerrillo@dallasisd.org](mailto:cacerrillo@dallasisd.org) or **972-749-7606**. Interested in being a school sponsor? Contact Mina Shamsa, PTA Fundraising chair at [minaashamsa@gmail.com](mailto:minaashamsa@gmail.com) or **469-569-9269**.



# THE TURKEY HAS TROTTED!

By Kade Poulson

Thank you to all of the participants who came out for this “virtual” event and helped to make it a success! We want people to be able to have fun in our community and to share experiences. The Turkey Trot is a great way to do both! Many neighbors and their families sent in their photos taken along the course and it seemed that everyone had a lot of fun! We hope to keep this event around for a long time as it is a great way to get out of the house and get moving - especially after eating so much that you feel like a stuffed turkey (or maybe I'm just speaking for myself, ha ha)! Thank you to everyone who participated! Finally, thank you to Sara Winwood and Carrie Bevers who inaugurated this event last year. We will see you again next year!



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARBORETUM

Jump start the new year and enjoy the gardens and the outdoors at the Dallas Arboretum with **\$5 general admission, beginning January 2 for the entire month!** Pre-purchased tickets are required, as well as online parking. The Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden is closed for preventive maintenance from **January 1 to February 17.**

Dave Forehand, Dallas Arboretum's Vice President of Gardens, said "After the holidays, we all need some motivation to get moving, and there is not a more peaceful or beautiful place to come out and walk than the Dallas Arboretum. We encourage people to see the winter plantings and our horticulture staff prepare for the upcoming Dallas Blooms festival."

Visitors can also enjoy an elegant, three-course Friendship Tea served **January 2 to February 19** for guests 13 and older. Teas are available Monday through Friday with seatings at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling **214.515.6511** or purchased online at **www.dallasarboretum.org.**



## CATCH THE SPIRIT: EARTH FIRST

When you hear sad stories about wildlife extinction, ocean pollution, and massive wastefulness of every resource, don't you wonder what you could do to make a difference?

Shifting from a convenience-first to an Earth-first mindset would be a simple step.

Recycling isn't enough to fix the problems of man made waste.

- **91 percent** of all plastic is never recycled.
- **8 million tons** of plastic end up in the ocean every year.

It's time to take accountability for everything we consume, and we consume a lot of stuff!

- Each of us generates about **5 pounds of waste per day.**

### Adopt an Earth-First Mindset

Start by paying attention to what you throw away. Many items we take for granted every day, like paper coffee cups, plastic bottles of water, produce packaging, and take-away containers go straight into the garbage within minutes of consuming their contents – and take hundreds of years to decompose.

- Hot beverage cups are lined with plastic and aren't recyclable, and we use **120 billion** of them per year.

Take time to make Earth-first choices. Bring reusable bags and beverage containers with you wherever you go. Ask for a ceramic mug. Dine in. Decline plastic water bottles. Drink from the water fountain. Don't buy it. Compost.

- A plastic grocery bag was found in the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the ocean, **36 thousand feet underwater.**
- **85%** of the clothing we buy ends up in incinerators or landfills.

### Start today

Commit to shifting one habit of convenience today, then make it a daily practice. That's it, you're on the path to an Earth-first mindset!

### Listen now

All the statistics in this article came from "At Scale: A Sustainability Podcast," a series of friendly, 20-30 minute podcasts about the waste challenges we face and the kinds of solutions that could lead to sustainability. Available on Apple Podcast and Spotify.



### Resources for Reducing Waste

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The Newcomers Committee hosted the semi-annual Wine and Cheese Party on Sunday, November 14th at the home of Mike and Kathleen Davis. Because of Covid, this was the first Newcomers Party since September 2019! The long overdue event was open to the approximately 90 families who moved into Forest Hills during 2020 and 2021. Although some families have been here for almost two years, and might no longer be considered "newcomers," we still had a great turn out and were happy to have another opportunity to get to know our neighbors. This event not only gave new families a chance to meet others from the neighborhood, but also a chance for them to ask the board members in attendance about the FHNA and learn about opportunities to be more involved. Thank you to all of our new neighbors and board members who were able to attend!

Each attendee left with either a special Forest Hills Candle or Wine Tumbler made by Forest Hills neighbors Valerie Adams and Rakhi Patel, respectively. We are expanding our Newcomers Welcome Basket to include gifts highlighting some of our neighbor-owned businesses. We are compiling a list on these and other neighbor-owned businesses to share in an effort to let all of our neighbors know about all of the wonderful things the residents of Forest Hills have to offer.

If you own a business and would like to either include a product in our Newcomers Basket or have information included on our Business List, please email the Newcomers Committee at [newtoforesthills@gmail.com](mailto:newtoforesthills@gmail.com).



## Welcome Newcomers!



**8152 Santa Clara**  
Anand & Sujata Lodha

**8222 San Fernando Way**  
James & Simone Thomas

*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](mailto:newtoforesthills@gmail.com)*



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# YARD of the MONTH

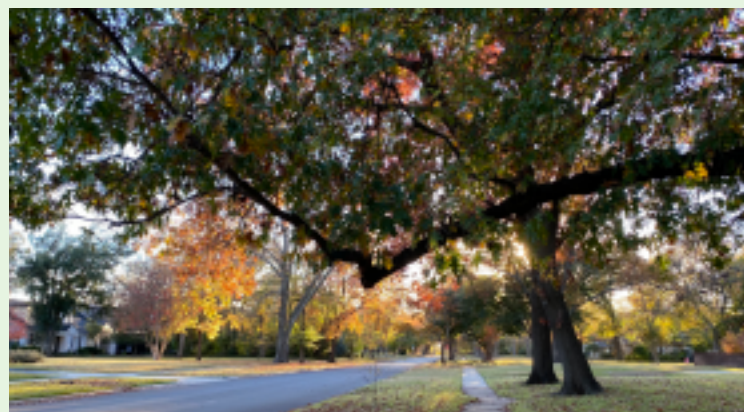
## November - Our Forest Hills Giants Forest Hills Neighborhood, Dallas

Choosing a November yard of the month proved futile: Halloween decor and pumpkin displays look oddly out of place in the heat of late October afternoons. Gardeners delayed their fall plantings to allow leggy summer annuals one last flush of blooms. The yellowing trees threatened to shed their leaves without turning color. Miraculously, they survived our first high winds which sadly felled two of our old giant trees on Breezewood. Finally, our first real cold snap hit and thankfully our trees began the journey through their glorious fall color display. Suddenly, Forest Hills became one big garden knit together by these wonderful trees.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us honor the legacy of our forest. And let us be grateful for everything that sustains and nurtures our lives in this neck of the woods.

We live among giants and I don't mean just our trees. Many folks labor tirelessly behind the scenes to keep Forest Hills going, making way for a younger generation as they take the helm. Thanks to the many neighbors who plant new trees as the old ones give way; to the service-minded among us who

head our Forest Hills Neighborhood Association; to area business and merchants that support or sponsor our events; and to the many volunteers who collaborate on projects like Waste Warriors, the Garden Tour, our Security Program and more. As 2022 unfolds, let's support their efforts. Pay your Neighborhood Association FHNA dues. Contribute your fair share to our security patrol program, FHSP. And consider lending your talents to one of our neighborhood's many worthy projects. Happy 2022 everyone!



## December Lynda Caughey & Kathy Fatrell 8236 San Cristobal

Gardeners come in all shapes and sizes. Some go for color, and others love varied shapes and textures. Some are methodical, others, chaotic. And then there's Certified Master Pruner Lynda Caughey who is passionate about trees.

You may have noticed her one-story, mid-century modern home with its bright blue front door and matching Adirondack chairs. Less apparent perhaps is the beauty of this sparse winter landscape when viewed from afar. A closer look reveals a marvelous mini forest of young Maples and Pines growing among the spent perennials. Plants are well-spaced to prevent overcrowding; their variety is a testament to what can grow in Dallas, given proper conditions and care.

It all looks very Zen and well thought out, but Lynda claims there is no plan. "My strategy is trial and error and studying the sunlight year 'round... I plant just what I like." There's a yellow barked Bihou Japanese Maple, and a curious Dwarf Creeping Ginkgo. Various miniature conifers largely unknown to these parts include Eastern White and Thunderhead Japanese

Black Pines, a Lolilop Southern Pine a Scott's Pine and a newly planted Little Christopher White Pine.

"Pruning is essential to trees," she explains "and most people don't know how to do it... It appeals to me because it reveals the tree's natural architecture." Guided by her innate love of asymmetry and unusual shapes, this Master Pruner is creating a unique sense of balance in a garden that will withstand the test of time.



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