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SAVE THE DATE

**for these Upcoming Fall
and Winter Events!**

Newcomer's Party
November 13th, 2022

Forest Hills Turkey Trot
November 20th - 27th, 2022

Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar
December 4th, 2022

Letter from the President



It's been a year since the Board took office and I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Board members for their time, effort and ideas. As a team we've made strides in the overall maintenance of our neighborhood trees and medians, executed a long overdue neighborhood survey which has been informative as to what is important to you, and now as we flow into Fall (despite summer temps) we have a lineup of different events for all (see the Calendar of Events). We begin our Speaker-Artist Series at the end of September and then National Night Out on October 4th is just around the corner - bring the kids and meet our neighborhood first responders (see p. 4). Take notice of the Alley Cleanup which aligns with our October Bulk Trash week and start early in clearing your alley from brush overhang - look for yellow city notices (p.5). October 11th will be our first Neighborhood Meeting at the Fraternal Order of Eagles! Thank you to Tony Hobley for putting us in touch with their President who has offered to host all future meetings! This will be a fun and important event as we hold the election for three Board Member positions and four Chairperson positions. Please consider running as we need your help (see p.11)!

As we can't do all of this without help, help is what we sorely need from you! **We are a team of only 13 persons out of approximately 650 homes.** The results from the survey say you want more events in addition to the ones we already host. We need more support to make this happen. With the exception of about 10 fellow neighbors who volunteer to assist as they can, we have no other support. I am calling on all of you to think about how you can assist with and at events or on a longer-term basis by joining the Board. There's something for everyone and we would love your support so definitely check out p. 11 for more information regarding volunteering.

All the Best,
Katy O'Mara

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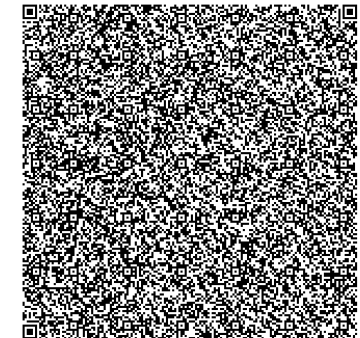
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Tuesday, October 4th

FHNA Presents National Night Out 2022

National Night Out is a non-profit organization and 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.) During Covid, FHNA Social Event chairs expanded our own neighborhood celebration to include first responders as well. They are an 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.

The event will take place on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the park at the corner of St. Francis & San Pedro. We will have hot dogs fresh off the grill and games for young & old

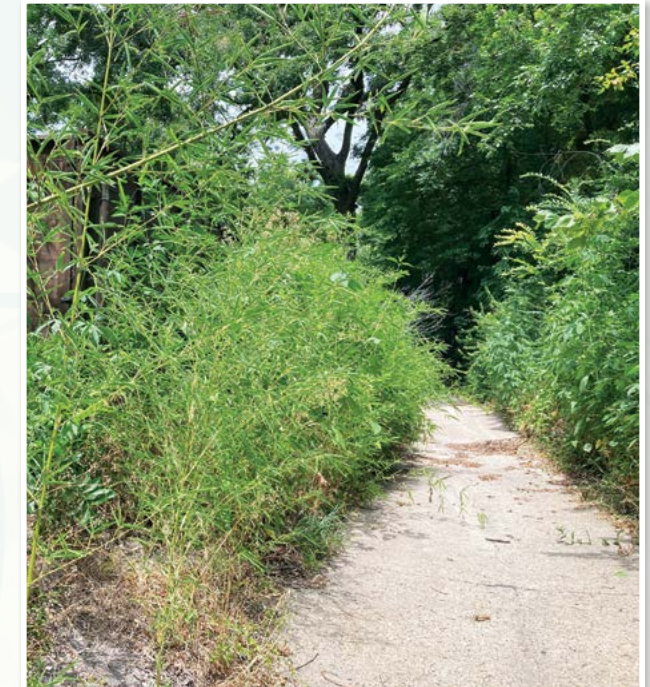
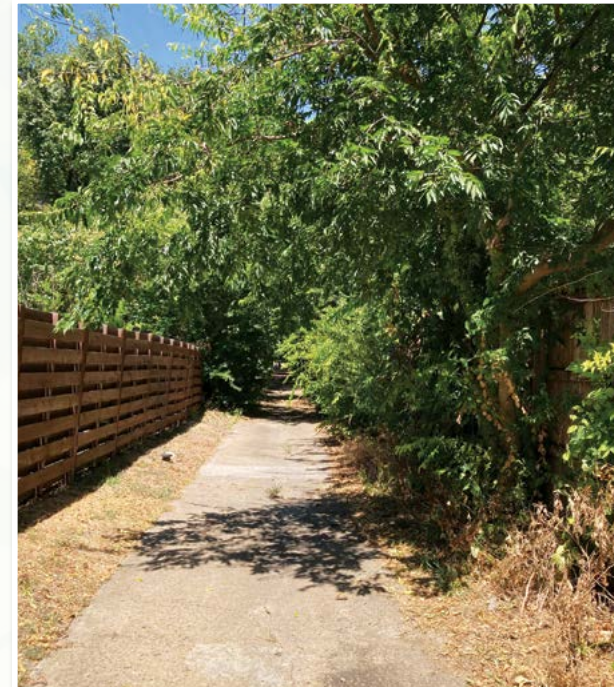
The FHNA board is partnering with the Waste Warriors to make this a green event as we honor our first responders and our Forest Hills Neighborhood Security Program. The FHSP will be displaying some of the available silent auction items for the upcoming Forest Hills is Brewing Fundraiser. The Waste Warriors encourage you to:

- 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

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



Code Enforcement: Alley Cleanup



Code Enforcement wants to remind us to clean-up our alleys. It is important that our security, emergency vehicles, city waste trucks, repair vehicles, and our residents can all safely use our alleys.

A resident is responsible for their alleyway from where the pavement starts behind their house to the middle of the alley where at that point the neighbor behind them is responsible.

During September, Code Enforcement will be looking for litter, high weeds, and obstructions in our alleyways. When it comes to vegetation (trees, shrubs, bamboo, etc.) they need to have a clearance of 15 feet straight up before any branches/overhang can extend over the alley.

Code plans to coordinate with our **Bulky Trash Week for October**

Bulky Trash can go out
Thursday, October 6 - Sunday, October 9
with pick up beginning on Monday, October 10.

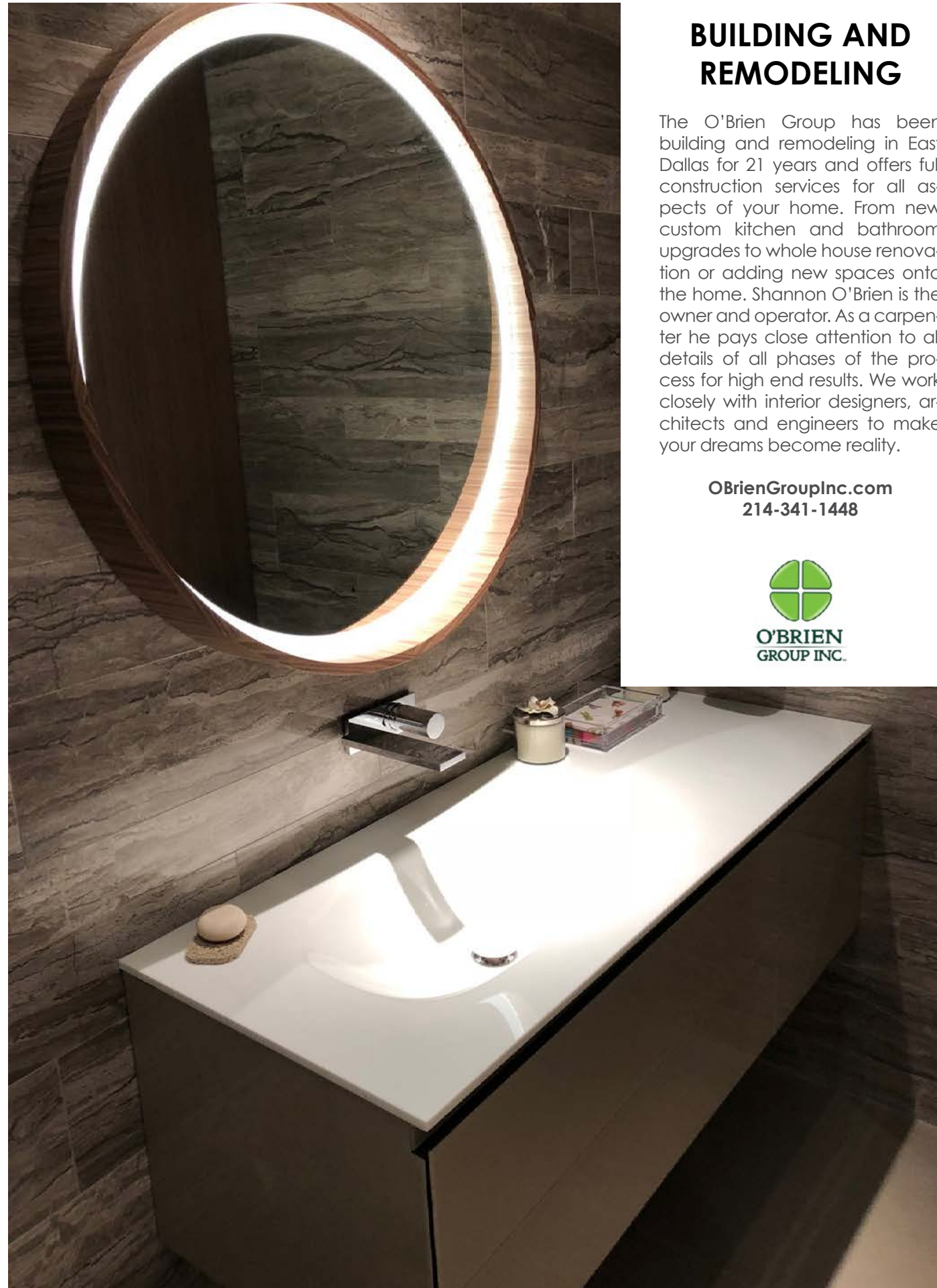
When you see our Bulky Trash signs go out, and/or you get a FHNA e-blast notifying you of our Bulky Trash week, you may begin work cleaning up behind your property and pack the debris/trash as neatly as possible in front of your house for the Bulky Trash pick up.

YELLOW DOOR HANGERS

This fall **EVERYBODY** will be getting a Yellow Door Hanger as a reminder to check both in front and behind their house for litter and/or obstructions. This will not be a ticket, just a reminder.

The first Yellow Door Hanger is a courtesy reminder as Code Enforcement wants to give you time to address any problems you have. Later they will be checking and if they find any problems, will leave a citation giving you a number of days to correct the problem(s). That will be followed by another inspection and if the problem areas are not addressed, the homeowner will receive a ticket.

Check your alleyway now. If it's bad, start cleaning up as soon as possible to prepare for October.



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Speaker-Artist Series

We are excited about our upcoming Forest Hills Speaker-Artist Series. Please see below for upcoming events. We plan to add more experiences in the future! If you know someone who is willing to share their knowledge, experiences, or talents with us and/or a neighbor willing to host an experience please reach out to Nicole Ross and/or Kellie Hammonds at nrhfnfundraising@gmail.com and fhnaakhamm@gmail.com, respectively.

Sept 24, 5:30 pm - Janet Smith
Sex In The Garden

Fineman/Glenn Residence, 8371 San Leandro Dr. Wine & light appetizers will be served. Bring your lawn chairs.

Oct 22, 4:00 pm - Karen Woodard, Dallas City Forester
The Good, The Bad, The Ugly - Meet at the Warren Ferris Cemetery, 8375 San Leandro Dr., then we'll walk through the neighborhood to discuss trees.

Nov 19, 4:30 pm - Meet historian Susanne Starling,
Warren Ferris Biographer, and author of Land is The Cry! for a discussion of Warren Ferris, the original 640 acre land owner of Forest Hills. Bring your lawn chairs. Fineman/Glenn Residence 8371 San Leandro Dr.



Welcome Newcomers!

8500 Block of Groveland

Stephanie Filoteo
Kyle & Liz Irons

8200 Block of San Fernando

Samuel Borgese

8500 Block of Santa Clara

Aaron & Jennifer Armistead

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.

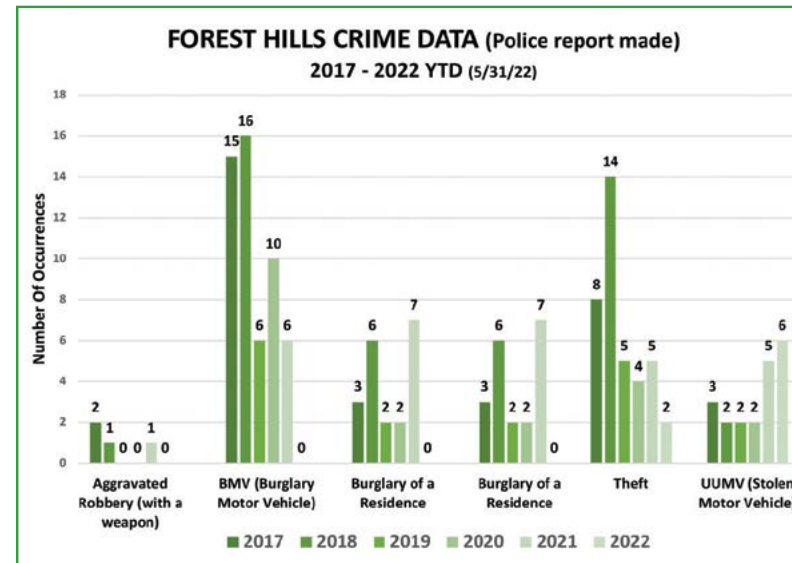
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Crime is down in all categories EXCEPT vehicle thefts.

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- Be alert!
- Remove valuables.
- Take the time to be certain your doors are locked and alarm activated.
- Secure vehicle keys in your home.
- Park vehicle in garage or driveway. (Exterior lighting is always a good deterrent.)

Don't give the bad guys an opportunity. They can and will steal your car. A few extra minutes of prevention will eliminate hours of frustration and anguish.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Ring of Honor - \$1,000
- Platinum - \$750
- Gold - \$500
- Silver - \$350
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Teen Safety Summer Symposium with Sgt. Mike Mata San Rafael - June 21

Safety IN Numbers

Our new "Safety in Numbers" educational program, keeping Forest Hills residents informed about safety and security has already had two successful popups! There will be another youth program this fall with Sgt. Mike Mata leading the discussion. Date to be announced. If your block or street is planning a get together, please consider inviting a FHSP board member and/or police officer to give a short security presentation. Contact Louie Buckman 214.454.1035 mabuckman@att.net

FOREST HILLS IS BREWING - NOVEMBER. 4TH

Location: Filtration Building on White Rock

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A fun night! Join us!
Last Call for sponsors and silent auction items



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A big shout out to Nellie Gerard, Home Watch Coordinator and her crew, Annelise Pederson, Linda Westerberg, Sgt. Mata and officers for orchestrating volumes of summer home watch requests. Thanks for keeping our homes safe!

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Shop Local: Second Chance Treasures

Our own Forest Hills resident and local businesses owner, Dr. Karen Fling, spends her days at her East Lake Veterinary Hospital on Northwest Hwy. helping the furry members of your family. On nights and weekends, she can be found helping homeless pets at East Lake Pet Orphanage.

Dr. Fling started East Lake Pet Orphanage in response to the over 200,000 pets in the Dallas areas alone who are euthanized because of crowded shelters. To support East Lake Pet Orphanage (ELPO), Dr. Fling found a quaint old house at 10101 Garland Road and opened Second Chance Treasures whose proceeds fund ELPO. To help stand out from other buildings, Dr. Fling painted both East Lake Veterinary Hospital and Second Chance Treasures her signature color-Squash Blossom Orange.

At Second Chance Treasures you have a unique opportunity to shop for hidden treasures, donate to help a homeless pet, or become a Second Chance Treasures volunteer. Those who have been there know the wide

variety of items they carry. Need a last-minute gift? Stop by! Everything you do will help give an orphaned pet a “second chance” at East Lake Pet Orphanage.

Donate items such as clothing, household items, and small appliances seven days a week, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Second Chances will take almost anything as they work to recycle anything from scrap metal and rags to fine china and beautiful antiques. Donations are also accepted at East Lake Veterinary Hospital located at 10101 E. Northwest Hwy. Tax receipts are available for your tax-deductible contributions.

For larger donations, including furniture, appliances, post-estate sale items or garage sale pick-ups, call (214) 660-9696 and leave your address and contact information. Please allow up to two weeks for pick up arrangements, as they are primarily a volunteer organization.

Come shop with us soon and give a pet in need a Second Chance!

FHNA Fall Meeting

Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting - Tuesday, October 11th

Our next Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th at the Fraternal Order of Eagles located at 8500 Arturo Drive. Networking will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meeting start time of 7:00 p.m.** Please come and hear updates from the board as well as participate in the election of new board and committee chair members (more details below). This is a great opportunity to both socialize with your neighbors as well as hear the latest about all of the wonderful things happening in our neighborhood. Heavy appetizers and two drink tickets per person will be provided.

Questions about the meeting?
Contact fhnasocial@gmail.com

Board and Committee Chair Elections

It's that time of the year again when we look to our neighbors to step up and join the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association board. Per the approved changes to the bylaws at our April meeting, the board positions are now staggered, and held for two fiscal years (starting in October and ending on December 31 of the second year, with the exception of Members-at-Large). The President and remaining committee chair positions will be up for election next year. To be eligible to run you must be a member of the FHNA.

Board Positions open for election:

Officers: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
Standing Committee Chairs: Communications, Newsletter, Co-Chairs for Fundraising and Three Board Members-at-Large

Please refer to the bylaws on our website, www.foresthillsdallas.org, for all position responsibilities and requirements.

If you or someone you know 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 09/30/22.
2. Refer to the descriptions in our upcoming communications and in the bylaws at www.foresthillsdallas.org to confirm opportunities and obligations.
3. Reach out to the current person holding the position for information if needed (Page 2).

Volunteer Call to Our Neighbors!

If you can't make a full commitment of holding a board position, please consider helping out by volunteering to be on a committee. Our 13 board members and small number of current volunteers are not sufficient for us to put together all of the wonderful events that many of you indicated you would like to have during our annual survey. We need your help! Please email Nicole Ross or Kellie Hammonds at nrfhnafundraising@gmail.com and fhnakham@gmail.com, respectively, if you are interested in volunteering for a specific committee. Right now, our social committee needs the most help, so we have listed specific needs below, but interest in helping any committee is welcome!

- **Four social set-up coordinators** (four people for each holiday event); they help set up, coordinate vendors, prepare drinks (when provided, like hot chocolate for the tree lighting), and help with miscellaneous jobs.
- **Four social committee members**; these people will help to coordinate events and provide ideas for new or upcoming events
- **One social committee historian** - documents events, takes photos, and helps coordinate social media
- **Four information outreach volunteers** - help set up signs in neighborhood, disperse flyers when necessary for events, and possibly communicate with neighbors when necessary.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer!

JOIN US!



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To purchase tickets, visit: one.bidpal.net/fhbrewing2022

ANNUAL FOREST HILLS IS BREWING PARTY, LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS

Friday, November 4th, 7pm - White Rock Filter Building

Your ticket includes the following:

- Food from *Food Glorious Food* and all the beer and wine you want.
- Live auction with *Todd the auctioneer!*
- Fun getting to know your neighbors and More!

Timeline

October 7 Tickets go on sale
 October 14 Preview Week
 October 21 Online Bidding starts
 Daily: Check out social media for updates

Online Silent Auction

Go online to register to start bidding at one.bidpal.net/fhbrewing2022

- Silent auction again this year
- You do not need to attend to bid and play
- Open to all Forest Hills residents and friends
- Raffle tickets open to ALL registered bidders at home and at the Filter Building
- Split the Pot (winner and FHSP split equally) is back and we are already at \$4,000!

If you would like to be a Sponsor, contact Carol Lander at 972-571-6526

To donate Silent auction items contact Susan Bailey at 214-906-0622 or Cecily Shull at 432-218-7274

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

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Sat/Sun October 15 & 16, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day

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Focused on artists who live and work in neighborhoods near White Rock Lake. The tour includes over 37 artists and three art centers/schools. Mark your calendar to visit the artists, see work in varied stages, talk about ideas, processes, and the materials they use. Some have demonstrations during the tour hours.

LOCATION This event is located in neighborhoods surrounding White Rock Lake. The area is known for its natural beauty, native forests and historic city lake. Visit artists in their studios and learn first-hand why the area is a haven for visual artists.

HISTORY In 1992 on a fall weekend, six artists in the White Rock Lake area opened their studios to the public. That humble beginning has grown, providing a rewarding experience for all ages. The tour's mission is to foster connections and understanding about local art and artists.

WEBSITE Check the site for a map of locations. Questions? Contact tour coordinator/founder, artist Marty Ray at raystudios@sbcglobal.net.

NOTE Masks may be required by individual studios

FOREST HILLS & BARBAREE ARTISTS

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Glo Coalson - sculpture
gcoalson@mac.com

Susan Giller - sculpture & works on paper. 469-909-9904

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Chris Lyons - stone/wood sculpture & furniture. 214 564-8471

Marty & Richard Ray - incised pottery & paintings
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Sanger Stallion Corner



teachers, followed by parents picking back up where they left off when summer kicked off.

Look in the next newsletter edition for updates on school happenings and progress. The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association wants to thank, once again, Ron and Debbie Klein, for purchasing a Platinum Sponsorship of Sanger in the name of our neighborhood association. Sanger thanks you as does your Forest Hills Neighborhood Association.

If you're interested in sponsoring your neighborhood school please contact Emily Button: emilybutton@gmail.com

If you're interested in helping fulfill a teachers wish list; keeping our Pantry and Hygiene lockers stocked or donating to the clothes closet, please contact Carolina Cerrillo: cacerillo@dallasisd.org



It's that time of year again; school is back in session and fall sports are in full swing. Sanger is no exception. The Stallions students started the year off right looking fresh in their new uniforms and crests. A big welcome back sign had kids posing before entering school and balloon arches everywhere inside made it possible for a personal photo of each student as they entered the school - all to the music tunes chosen by Principal Martinez. Our principal is a fan of starting each school day off with upbeat tunes to get the kids energized and the first day was no exception. It was a cheerful reunion for the students and

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Calming Initiative to Address Traffic Safety

I wanted to update everyone on an important topic raised in an earlier issue of the FHNA newsletter.

Recent pedestrian and traffic fatalities in Far East Dallas have spurred the Dallas Police and the Transportation Departments to address the issues of speed racing and unsafe streetlights along Ferguson Road from I-635 to I-30. Their approach is to categorize their activities to address these concerns through the Vision Zero plan. Vision Zero is a city-wide plan created to set a goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and cutting severe injuries in half by 2030. One of its strategies involves creating Calming Initiative studies to determine how traffic can be safely slowed and thus reduce fatalities and injuries along high-speed corridors.

In August 2021, the city successfully launched its first Calming Initiative study in Oak Cliff to explore ways to slow and control speed racing. Its success has been expanded to other areas in the city, including Ferguson Road from I-635 to I-30.

Vision Zero utilizes a multi-prong approach to solving the issue of speeding called the "3-E's": Enforcement, Engineering, and Education. To successfully address speeding, all three of these components must be in place. The engineering prong of this program is looking for immediate ways to help solve this issue by installing raised lane markers and considering land reductions in some locations.

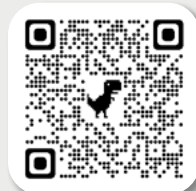
Consultants have been engaged to conduct a traffic corridor safety study and will make recommendations to promote safer movement along the corridor. There will be public involvement in this process and residents will be given opportunities to provide feedback. Also, part of the plan includes upgrades to several of the traffic signals along the Ferguson Road corridor.

Streetlights are owned and operated by Oncor.

Options are being explored as to how the City and Oncor can work together to upgrade the concrete foundations in the center medians that have caused at least two fatalities over the past year.

The Dallas Police Department are committed to the enforcement prong of Vision Zero. Since the program began, they have made over 3,000 traffic stops and issued more than 1,700 citations - 200 of which were given to spectators which was made a misdemeanor under the initiative. While responding to 2,500 phone calls the police task force made 65 felony and 400 misdemeanor arrests, impounded more than 300 vehicles, confiscated guns and illegal drugs, and seized 9 stolen cars.

As always, for more insight, look at the FRI website (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/. Please let me know if you have questions about FRI and I'll try to speak to those directly, or in the next issue of the Forest Hills Newsletter. daniel.ortman@fergusonroad.org



-Daniel Ortman

Dedicated neighborhood police resources beyond our Forest Hills Security Program:

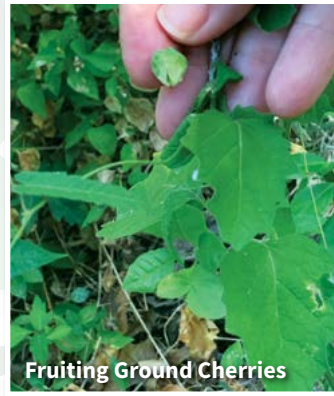
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These officers urge residents not to hesitate calling in an emergency. They want you to know you need not worry about tying up the 911 line.

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L-R: Doug Glipin, James Jordan, Christie Phillips, Jim Bagley, Carol Clark, David Allen, Clint Hall



Sideoats Grama

July Volunteer Day Included a Peach of a Discovery

Volunteer Day on July 2nd featured naturalist Carol Clark touring the cemetery garden for the first hour accompanied by nine volunteers before the monthly work began. Carol's mission was to identify the spirited growth that has continued to spring up in the absence of invasive vegetation.

After three years of ongoing clearing and care, more and more natives are responding to the primal urge to reassert themselves as an indigenous landscape. In addition to plethora of American Beautyberry,

Texas Redbud, Coralberry and Yellow Passionflower, Carol was able to name a host of new plants, as well as the occasional insect. The flora and fauna's re-emergence is a testament to the resilience of a native landscape, now no longer competing with invasive species for light, air and water.

One of the surprises was the discovery of a peach tree that had been formerly identified as a Mexican Plum...ongoing surprises. The FWFC maintains an updated compendium of flora in the cemetery.



We've added a new welcoming feature for all who visit

Due to three years of weathering, Jordan replaced the original hand-made log cabin mailbox, clad with crows and a white picket fence as was constructed and installed by Tommy Hogue before we were a 501c3. The original log cabin mailbox became our logo. A big thanks go out to both Tommy and Jordan.

Wildlife Throngs to the Garden

Thanks to the wonderful addition of our burbler water fountain (cleverly disguised as a boulder). All kinds of wildlife are visiting the garden as summer continues to reign supreme.

What's Blooming/Fruiting Now in the Ferris Wildlife Sanctuary?

Plants Providing Seasonal Nutrition to Wildlife

Ground Cherries fruiting (Physalis)
www.inaturalist.org/taxa/51733?locale=en-US

Turks Cap – flowers edible (Malva viscosa)
www.inaturalist.org/taxa/120942?locale=en-US

Sideoats Grama (Bouteloua curtipendula)
www.inaturalist.org/taxa/75858?locale=en-US

Living Memorials Pilot Program

Hello Neighbors,

Over the last three years, The Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery has been restoring the neglected Historic Ferris Cemetery landscape in Forest Hills back to its original eco-system supporting the wildlife as a means of honoring the Dallas pioneers buried there because of our neighborhood!

In the spirit of Warren Ferris, the first to survey Dallas County and a naturalist, FWFC has proposed The Constellation of Living Memorials Pilot Program to honor other neglected or abandoned historic cemeteries in North Texas by restoring native landscapes to support and enhance local wildlife and expand migratory corridors. We will be working with the Dallas Pioneers Association Cemetery Committee to identify six historic, neglected cemeteries in the Dallas or adjacent counties for "rewilding", with native, rather than invasive species.

Upon success restoring native habitats in these park-like locations, we would like to extend our campaign nationwide.

A study by Trinity Prairie Company shows that native landscapes are less expensive to maintain and more self-sufficient during periods of drought. We know that a healthy native ecosystem with wildflowers and native grasses can be very attractive, and safer for memorial statues, plaques and gravestones which are more likely to be damaged by mowers, weed eaters and fertilizers. In the spirit of our neighborhood, please consider getting involved and donating to this pilot program by donating as part of the North Texas Giving Day this September. Use the QR code to access the website.

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Your neighbor,
 Julie Fineman, Vice President of FWFC



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Cat Friendly Practice

Yard of the Month

By Julie Dunn



July 2022
Linda and Frank Roby
1507 San Rafael Drive

The property was a bit of an eyesore when the Robys bought it back in 2016. Undeterred by the way the lot tilted toward one of the neighborhood's only remaining run off gulches, Frank envisioned transforming the 60's one story into contemporary home that tucked in beside this wild patch of Forest Hills.

They enlisted a gifted landscape architect, knowing no mere garden artist could handle the job. Form follows function in the design of the angled drive through which spans the width of the property and de-emphasizes the slope of the yard. Extended foundation beds and a new courtyard entryway foreshorten the distance between the house and the street repeating the hard-scaping materials used in the drive. At the corner of the house, the land has been built up to accommodate a cozy conversation pit that overlooks the wild gulch.

Frank and Linda have settled on some great plant choices along the way. Their Salvias, lavender Rose of Sharon and wispy Desert Willows in the courtyard have been blooming their hearts out all summer long. Untrimmed Zoysia grasses flourish in their distressed raised planting box. Japanese Maples anchor the base of the driveway and a weeping Atlas Cedar brings a craggy civility to the foot of the wild gulch.

The Robys can now sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labor. Surprisingly, their "low maintenance" landscape still requires a good bit of tending, but they're happy to work outdoors and feel lucky to have found Forest Hills. "It's a joy to be in the neighborhood." For the neighbors, it's been a pleasure to seem them bring their project to fruition.



August 2022
Marvel Kiewit
8114 San Leandro Drive

Marvel's front yard is a welcomed site this hot scorching summer. Her massive Caladium plantings drape the landscape in cool refreshing tones. A magnificent yellow Shrimp Plant thrives in an old urn at the corner of the house and her Angel Wing Begonias float fire engine blooms that seem impervious to the heat. At 90, Marvel moves carefully around the yard as she inspects the garden's state of affairs. The multicolored inpatients that were so beautiful a month ago, are succumbing and quietly receding beneath the caladium canopy. She wishes her Star Gazer Lilly bed in her side yard was still in bloom, "it was gorgeous!" and stops to admire her Oak leaf Hydrangea bushes which were planted over 25 years ago.

The potted geraniums along her walkway are also tried & true repeaters. "I keep them going from year to year... they have the most beautiful fuchsia colored flowers." The potted Sago Palm by her front steps is another favorite. She thought she had lost it a couple of winters back and is thrilled by its revival. This year she'll move it onto the porch where she can more easily cover it in a winter storm.

Marvel is quick to give credit where she thinks credit is due, "The nod goes to Mario" she exclaims. He landscapes her beds twice a year, bringing along whatever he wants to plant that season. "I let him do whatever he wants." With his help she's been able to care for her yard the way her husband and sons always did. "I've been here 55 years! And as long as I live here and have money in the bank, I'm going to keep the garden going. It's my joy!"



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