

November-December 2022

Forest Hills

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News



Calendar of Events

Friday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m.

Forest Hills is Brewing

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Newcomers' Party 10

Saturday, Nov. 19, 4:30 p.m.

POSTPONED

Forest Hills Speaker Series Susanne Starling, author of Land is the Cry!, the biography of Warren Ferris 10

Sunday, Nov. 20-27th

FHNA Turkey Trot 2022

5K and 1-Mile 5

Sunday, Dec. 4 – 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar 5

1st Saturday Nov. 5 and Saturday Dec. 3

9 a.m. - Noon

Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days.

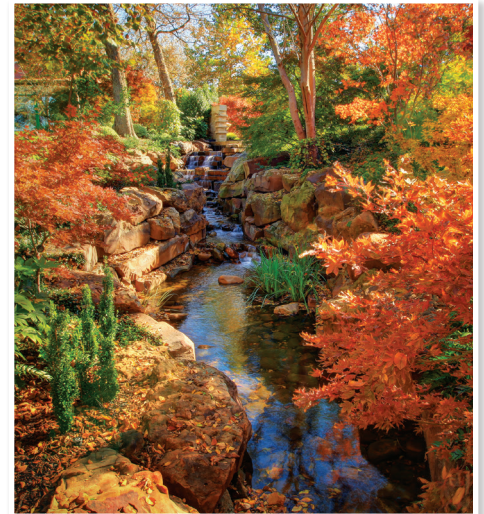
4th Saturday Nov. 24 and 3rd Saturday Dec. 17

10 a.m. Street and Alley Cleanup (SAC)

Bulky Trash

November - Trash can go out Thursday, Nov. 10 - Sunday, Nov. 13
Pick-up starts Monday, Nov. 14

December - Trash can go out Thursday, Dec. 8 - Sunday, Dec. 11
Pick-up starts Monday, Dec. 12



NOTICE

**Newsletter article
& ads are due
Thursday, December 1
for the Jan/Feb 2023 Issue**

Letter from the President



Fall is one of my favorite seasons, and I don't know about you but I am especially grateful during this season of Gratitude and Holiday Cheer for the cooler weather. I'm also grateful for our newly elected 2023 Board Members. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering your time and service to our neighborhood. I look forward to working with you. See p. 8 for our October Election results and recap of our Fall Semi-Annual meeting. Here's what I'm also grateful for: helpful and collaborative neighbors, the Waste Warrior volunteers for their commitment to keeping our streets clean and educating us on how we can be better stewards of our planet, the officers who patrol our streets, and to our neighbors who open up their homes or yards for events for all to enjoy.

Let's not forget that it's also the season of pie, apple cider, hot chocolate, goodies and holiday parties! During the Thanksgiving week we hope to see you running or walking the streets of our beautiful neighborhood at the Annual Turkey Trot. Bring the family, go with friends or use it as your You time. You have from November 20th-27th to complete the circuit; see p. 5 for more details. Then we have our Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, December 4th from 4-6 PM. We will have pictures with Santa, Hot Chocolate, Goodies, and Train Rides, and for the adults, a Holiday Bazaar featuring local and neighborhood vendors. Come for some fun and a stroll with your neighbors.

All this sounds awesome, and you can't wait to join in?! Well we can't do this without help and help is what we sorely need from you! **We are a team of only 13 persons out of approximately 650 homes.** I am calling on all of you to think about how you can assist with and at these events. Have a Cool Season!

- Katy O'Mara

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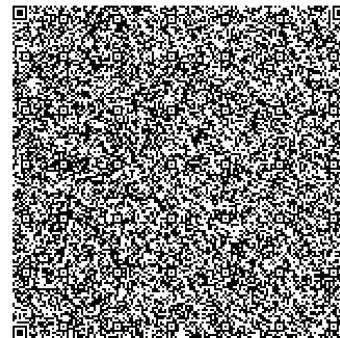
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FHNA National Night Out Tuesday, October 4th



Thank you to all who came out to our National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 4th! We cooked hot dogs out on the grill, had some drinks and snacks, and we were fortunate enough to have Sergeant Mata in attendance so that he could speak on monitoring our neighborhood. Sgt. Mata also spoke about the security program and its benefits, and how we can better protect and serve our small community.

Thank you all again for coming out!



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Upcoming Events

November 9 - December 31

Holiday at the Arboretum



Holiday at the Arboretum, presented by Reliant, returns with a garden transformed to get people into the holiday spirit with The Christmas Village, The 12 Days of Christmas and the Dazzling Musical Tree. These three large-scale outdoor displays are perfect outside in the 66-acre garden setting and are open to the public both in the daytime and evening. In the historic DeGolyer House, the Dallas Arboretum debuts The Artistry Faith & Culture that features the three world holidays celebrated during the season: Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa. The holiday festival opens November 9 and runs through December 31.

Holiday at the Arboretum also showcases live, seasonal performances from local schools, churches, community groups and local professionals in The Christmas Village and Jeanne's Pavilion. Other special events include a special Bishop String Quartet concert (Nov. 29 and 30) holiday tea (daily), vendor markets (select weekends) and more. Check the website and social media for the latest schedule.

Tickets, which range from \$10-\$25, are required for entry for the garden, so guests are encouraged to reserve preferred dates early. For more information, visit <https://www.dallasarboretum.org/events-activities/holiday-at-the-arboretum>

Sunday, December 4th from 4:00-6:00pm Forest Hills Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar Event



Bring the family and come out to our Annual Neighborhood Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar! We will have Santa for pictures with the kids, hot chocolate for everyone, and a train for the kids to ride. The Grilled Cheese Co. Food Truck will be there with food available for purchase. You will also have an opportunity to buy festive goods from your neighbors at our holiday bazaar. The initial lighting of the Forest Hills Tree will be at dusk. Additionally, starting at 3:00 PM, Mrs. Claus (Comini) will be going up and down Forest Hills Blvd. collecting food to fill the gap for the families in need of Alex Sanger Preparatory over the holiday break. Listen for the music and honking and send the kids out with bags or boxes of food to fill Mrs. Claus' truck bed. If you miss her before the party starts, bring it to the tree lighting! She'll be there collecting until the tree is lit. For a full list of what is needed please visit <https://foresthillsdallas.org/events-and-news>. There will be fun for the whole family!



Please remember to bring your own chairs and reusable mugs for this event.

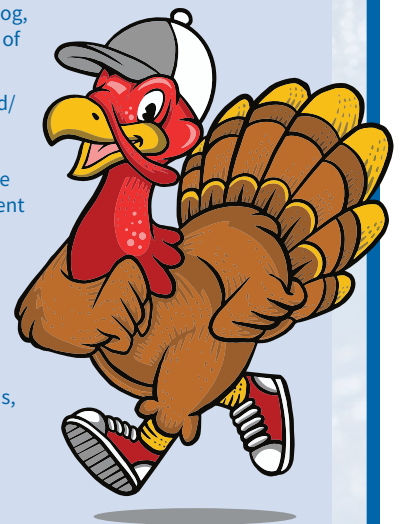
If you'd like to participate as a vendor in our bazaar, please email fhnasocial@gmail.com by November 25th. You need to have your annual 2022 membership dues paid and need to provide your own set up (tables, chairs, etc.). Additionally, you need to be selling a good or other item that is relative to the holiday season. If you know someone who does not live in Forest Hills, but wants to be a vendor at our bazaar, they may participate for a \$50 fee.

November 20-27th, 2022 FHNA Turkey Trot 2022 5K and 1-Mile

Grab your sneakers and kick-off this holiday season with our Third Annual Neighborhood Turkey Trot! Neighbors can participate anytime from November 20th. through November 27th. Turkeys and pumpkins will mark both the 5k and 1-mile courses, respectively. You can run, jog, or walk at any time within the week of Thanksgiving!

Please send a picture of yourself and/or your family participating in the Turkey Trot to fhnasocial@gmail.com by November 30th. We will have participation prizes for those who sent us pictures at our Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar on December 4th.

This is not an official event, and therefore, there will not be course monitors or police along the way. Please be mindful of cars, traffic, bumps in the road, trees, street signs, bikers, etc.





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Contribute to FH 2022 Holiday Fund for our Sanitation Crews

- We'll be collecting money for our recycling, garbage, and bulky trash workers again this year
- Last year, more than 145 FH neighbors contributed to the holiday fund, raising \$8,900 for gift certificates for 34 sanitation crew members
- Look for a contribution envelope in your mailbox during November – or Venmo your 2022 donation to @Elizabeth-Descarpentries

Skip the plastic and buy whole foods!

- Unwrapped foods are fresher and eliminate all landfill waste – especially if you compost your organic matter

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FHNA Fall Meeting Recap



Thank you to all who attended our Fall neighborhood meeting at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Tuesday October 11th. We had a full agenda which included the election of our first staggered group of Officers and Chairs. During our Spring 2022 meeting, we voted to update the bylaws allowing for two-year terms (with the exception of Members-at-Large) and the staggering of half the board positions each year. This change helps ensure continuity between the incoming and outgoing boards. Next Fall we will be voting for the positions of President, Membership & Newcomers Chair, Social Chair, Planning & Zoning Chair, and Beautification Chair, as well as the three At-Large Member positions which are held for one year only.

Congratulations to the following neighbors:

Vice President – Alicia Alvarez

Secretary – Lori Hunt

Treasurer – Erin Marino

Communications Chair – Aman Scott

Newsletter – Marissa Benavides

Fundraising – Kurt Bielawski

At Large Members (3) – David Benavides; Christen Richardson, Jaimee Slovak

Thank you to all of you for making the decision to offer your support and time to our neighborhood. The official start date of new Board members is January 1, 2023 as per the April 2022 updates to our ByLaws. Current outgoing Board members will assist in the transition over the next two months and newly elected members will be invited to the remaining 2022 monthly Board meetings as part of the transition process.

Please see foresthillsdallas.org for the PowerPoint presentation at the meeting.



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The Forest Hills Security Program Annual "Sign In" day is January 23, 2023.

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 58% 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!**

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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
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Welcome Newcomers!

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Witherite Family

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Paul Melvin & Audrey Rogers

8300 Block of San Cristobal

Collin Laden

8100 Block of Santa Clara

Wesley & Emily Bauer

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.

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

Newcomers Meet & Greet

Sunday November 13th, 2-4 pm

The FHNA Newcomers Committee would like to invite all neighbors who have moved into the neighborhood in 2022 to attend our upcoming Wine and Cheese Party.

It will be an informal meet and greet and give new neighbors and chance to meet each other as well as members of the board who will be in attendance.

The event will be held on November 13th from 2-4pm at the MacNair/O'Mara Residence located at 8456 San Fernando Way. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to:

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Speaker-Artist Series



September 24th kicked off the new Forest Hills Speaker and Artist Series at the Glenn/Fineman home hosting Master Naturalist Janet Smith for her talk about Sex in the Garden. The evening event played to a full house while Janet kept us going with a healthy dose of humor, puns intended and all!

October 22nd, we had Dallas City Forester Karen Woodward walk us through the neighborhood to review the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of our neighborhood trees. See the next January/February issue for pictures and tips on how to prune and how to identify stress in a tree. The talk started at the Warren Ferris Cemetery at the corner of St. Francis and San Leandro and ended at the Glen/Fineman residence for refreshments.

We'd like to add more experiences for you! If you know someone who is willing to share their knowledge, experience, or talents with us and/or a neighbor willing to host an experience please reach out to Nicole Ross and/or Kellie Hammonds at nrfhnafundraising@gmail.com and fhnakhamm@gmail.com. All events are free unless otherwise stated.

NOTE - The November 19th event with author Susanne Starling has been postponed until 2023 to be part of the Neighborhood Centennial Celebration.





Neighborhood Networking Event Recap

Thank you to all who participated in our neighborhood networking event! We were lucky that the weather was beautiful and the outdoor patio provided the perfect location for people to enjoy a beverage and meet their neighbors. Many people brought business cards to exchange while they mingled amongst each other. We had a fishbowl available to drop a card in and drew the cards of lucky winners who will have their businesses featured in our Newsletter under our Support Local! Section. Check out the first winner, Justin Scott's business on

page 14. The remaining winners will be highlighted in our upcoming issues.

We had light appetizers and homemade Pecan Praline ice cream for people to enjoy. Thank you to the Fraternal Order of Eagles for providing the great patio space for us. We plan on continuing to have these kinds of events that allow our neighbors to casually gather together, so please be on the lookout for more information regarding future social events for the neighborhood.



August 30th

Forest Hills Concert Series

On August 30th, Forest Hill resident Greg Reichel debuted the first of many shows in the Forest Hills Concert Series! Hosted in the beautiful front yard of the Cutri Family, Greg and his bandmate Ryan entertained the crowd with a medley of original and cover songs. The lawn was full of families relaxing in chairs, kids running around and playing and neighbors meeting each other – what a great way to round out the end of summer, especially with the surprisingly lovely weather.



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Please do your part to keep our Forest Hills streets clean and our storm drains clear of debris. It is up to the homeowner to ensure that debris such as leaves, grass clippings, litter, etc. that could possibly wash down the city storm drain is clear from streets. In the past when debris has built up and blocked the storm water sewer, it caused severe flooding in parts of our neighborhood on several streets including San Leandro, San Cristobal, Eustis and Whittier.

We heard you! Clean up our medians and save our trees! We are on it!

Since Fall of 2021, many strides have been made regarding the beautification of our neighborhood. In addition to the much-needed tree trimming (which many of you mentioned as a priority in your Neighborhood Survey), we were able to move forward with other neighborhood beautification and maintenance. Thank you to Monica Lehnan for leading the following efforts over the last year:

- Fall 2021: Mowing Schedule of medians confirmed with city
- Spring 2022: Thank you to neighbor Cathy Bonner for kicking things off by generously donating her gardening team to cleanup the Breezewood sign area in our median. The sign and stone were power washed, the area was weeded, roses were trimmed, and much needed mulch was added. Solar lights to light up the sign were kindly donated by Monica Lehnen.
THANK YOU!
- Dallas city conducted tree trimming on all Forest Hills/Breezewood/San Rafael medians, trimming primarily for clearance issues (conducted from the ground only). City subcontracted the work to the Good Earth Company.
- Summer 2022: Sprinklers turned on
- An application was submitted to the Dallas MowMentum program for interior canopy work, structural integrity, and removal of dead trees

in process with the plan to begin cleanup in the near future

We are looking forward to the coming new year and have set the following goals to implement programs within our neighborhood:

- Adopt a Median Program
- Common Areas Sponsorship
- Bench Maintenance and Replacement Program
- Bluebonnet Seed Plantings in Medians Program

If you are interested in volunteering with the Beautification Committee, please reach out to Chair Monica Lehan at fhbeautification@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT REQUEST: We realize that there are many avid, even certified master gardeners and naturalists within our neighborhood, and as such there understandably is a great interest in what we do with and how we maintain the Breezewood sign area, Whittier Triangle, and the San Raphael median area. But please refrain from taking matters into your own hands by removing any living plants (*other than identifiable weeds - weeding is always appreciated!*) or trimming of the flowers and plants. Someone in October cut down the roses at the Breezewood sign which seems to be in a spirit of maintenance but it has now left them open to disease due to the ill-timing of the pruning. Please be patient as we implement our maintenance plans.

Trash Reminders and Updates

In an effort by the city to optimize recycling and garbage routes, **Beginning Monday, December 5th, our Weekly Trash and Recycling Collection Day will move from Fridays to Mondays.**

As a reminder, Bulky Trash can be placed out starting the Thursday preceding the second Monday of the Month. We print these dates on the front page of each newsletter. We also place Bulky Pick-up Reminders throughout the neighborhood on the Thursday when bulky trash can be set out. If you would like to volunteer to place a sign near your home to help remind your fellow neighbors of the date (and to help them avoid code compliance violations by placing trash out at the incorrect time), please email kellykemp@att.net.

More information regarding garbage, recycle and bulky trash collection can be found at the Dallas City Hall website: dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/pages.schedule.aspx.

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Justin Scott has called East Dallas home for the past twenty-six years. Justin spent the last twenty-two of those years helping employers navigate the rising costs of health insurance. His company, Endeavor Risk Advisors, focuses on helping clients reduce their healthcare costs and find creative solutions in a rapidly changing industry.

Justin has lived in Forest Hills for the last fifteen years with his wife Aman and two daughters, six and four. Outside of work, you can find him at his ranch near Lake Tawakoni or riding horses. You may also bump into him playing tennis with his wife at a neighborhood park, or at Smoky Rose with his family.

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Sanger Stallion Corner



September and October were really busy months for Alex Sanger Prep kids and parents. September 28th was Learning Night where parents and kids worked together in their home rooms on anything from art projects to robotics. It was very well attended and was capped off with a PTA

meeting and our Kindergartners leading us in songs, including “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” which got the packed auditorium joining in. Our very own Grist-Marino family was in attendance, as their daughter Marlowe

attends the Spanish Immersive Kindergarten program. October saw many fun after school activities, including Give Back Nights at Baldos, a jam packed Trunk-or-Treat, and Sanger Fest which helped raise money for grade-level school field trips.

November 10th is the Sanger Lotería facilitated by the Dual Language Parent Action Committee. This fun night will bring together the parents of native Spanish and English speaking students for a fun night of food, drinks and Lotería of course!

November 11th - Movie Night on Sanger Hill

Sanger is featuring Encanto for Movie Night on Sanger Hill, Friday, November 11th from 6-8pm. This event is open to all neighbors. Snacks and popcorn will be for sale with proceeds going to support the school.

If you're interested in sponsoring your neighborhood school at any level please contact Emily Button at emily-button@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

Support Sanger Families

Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners

Sanger is looking for neighbors who could drop off Thanksgiving dinner (ham or turkey and sides and a dessert) for 12 families of 4 on the last day of school before Thanksgiving break, Nov. 18th.

For Christmas dinner (ham, turkey or beef with sides and a dessert) for 12 families of 4 on the last day of school before Winter Break December 20th.

School Sponsorship

Would you consider sponsoring or helping sponsor one of the following?:

- A teacher's Amazon wish list
- A teacher's trip to an educational conference
- A grade level field trip
- Patio Covering for students so they can eat and study at shaded tables with their parents, teachers and friends.

Reach out to Sanger Volunteer Coordinator Carolina Cerillo at 972-749-7600 or cacerillo@disd.org

Food & Hygiene items

Many Sanger students go home to empty apartments after school. Principal Hector Martinez tells me some of them are hungry. He has asked if our neighbors might contribute to a school food pantry. Here's a list of both food and personal hygiene items you can drop off at the school any weekday between 10 a.m. and 2:30 pm OR bring some to the Tree Lighting event December 4th between 4-6 PM at Breezewood Circle. Look for the Holiday Cow Truck. See the website for a comprehensive list <https://foresthillsdallas.org/events-and-news/>

Food Pantry Items

Ready to eat items like: canned soup, beans, pastas and sauces, peanut butter, crackers, pretzels, granolas, goldfish, microwaveable Mac and Cheese, juice boxes, protein and cereal bars.

Hygiene Closet Items

Our middle school students need maxi pads, deodorants for both girls and boys, toothbrushes and toothpaste, facial cleansers and wipes.



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Blue mist



Monarch Butterfly



Sea Oats

Fall Monarch Migration

The Monarchs arrived to our neighborhood beginning their fall migration south with a first sighting in the cemetery on October 2nd, and we are now in their peak migration. If you still have Mexican Milkweed growing in your garden (food and nursery for Monarch eggs and larvae) PLEASE cut it to the ground NOW. It encourages monarchs to break their reproductive diapause and stop migrating, thus contribut-

ing to their decline. This means they will stop to eat and reproduce, which results in the early death of the adults and the eggs because they will not survive winter. The milkweed will then regrow in the Spring as an important food source to the butterflies on their way back from Mexico in time for reproduction during Spring and Summer.

Current Native Plants Blooming

Blue mist, Sea Oats, Maximilian Sunflower, Azure Blue Sage

Volunteer Days

November 5th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon: Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Day - The goal is to remove invasive Asian Jasmine and replant with native sedges.

December 3rd, 9:00 a.m. - Noon: Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Day - Big ambitions, we need your help! The goal is to continue the removal of invasive Asian jasmine and replant with a variety of over 1,000 native evergreen sedges.

A Huge Thanks!

Thank you to Master Naturalist Janet Smith for kicking off the neighborhood Artist/Speaker Series with her talk, Sex in the Garden. See p. 10 for a recap of the event and for details about our next collaboration with Forest Hills Neighborhood Association featuring Warren Ferris biographer, Suzanne Starling.

If you'd like to donate to Warren Ferris Cemetery,



a 501C3 nonprofit, or become a member, please scan this QR code. When attending a co-sponsored event, you can also bring your donation in person.

ANIMAL ALERT!

It is holiday season once again and the busiest time of year for veterinary clinics. So, to keep your furry family members safe and out of harm's way follow these simple rules...

Food: It is fun to feed our pets table scraps; however, turkey bones, side dishes and desserts should be for human consumption only. Corncoobs are especially dangerous for dogs. Not only are they toxic, but they can be a choking hazard as they are not digestible which can lead to bowel obstruction.

Also, anything containing xylitol can be deadly. Dogs especially like to go through purses and bags to find gum and other commonly encountered products that may contain xylitol such as, sugar-free foods, peanut butter, candy, pudding, ice cream, energy bars, protein powder, chewable or gummy vitamins/medications, and/or liquid prescription medications.



Decorations and Plants: Place all floral arrangements and other decorations out of sight from curious dogs and cats. Poinsettias, holly and mistletoe can all cause irritation, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Lilies are especially toxic for cats causing fatal kidney failure. Pine cones or needles from Christmas trees can create a blockage or perforate the intestines of pets if eaten.

Christmas Trees: Ensure your Christmas tree is safely and properly secured as falling trees can cause injuries to pets. Place delicate tree ornaments high enough where curious noses cannot reach them. Some decorations look extra edible to our furry friends and can lead to upset stomachs and blockages. Always keep a close eye on your pet while they sniff around the Christmas tree and make sure candles are out of the way of any pets.

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Yard of the Month

By Julie Dunn

September 2022

**Brad Grist & Erin Marino
8523 San Pedro Parkway**

A Masterpiece

At first glance, your eyes take notice of the spectacular zoysia grass lawn. Their home is just as stunning with a two-story porch that has a gorgeous brick floor. A cozy porch swing bed allows great views of the well-maintained garden beds in the front yard that contain two Eagleston Holly trees. Plantings of Dwarf Indian Hawthorn, Gulf Stream Nandina, Big Blue Liriope and Anthony Waterer Spirea fill the beds. Little Gem Magnolias and pretty Belinda's Dream rose bushes add flowers and color in spring and summer.



October 2022

**Melody White
8409 Santa Clara Dr**

Absolute Fall Inspiration

One look at this inspirational yard and many homeowners will be running to the nursery to purchase fall mums, pansies and giant pumpkins to spruce up their property! Upon moving to Forest Hills, this home stood out on my daily walks in the neighborhood no matter the season with its pretty flowers and plants. Adding interest to the garden beds are some nice sized rocks and boulders in addition to eye catching garden statues. There are a wide variety of evergreen bushes and a Japanese maple tree to enhance the landscape. Lining the street are mature trees which provide refreshing shade for walkers in the heat of the summer.



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