

May - June

# Forest Hills

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# News



8258 San Benito Way - Mike and Crystall Androvett

Sunday, May 21st • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## White Rock East Garden Tour + Artisans

Join us on Sunday, May 21st and explore White Rock's most beautiful gardens. This year the tour features an eclectic mix of gardens from modern and European style landscaping to native areas and self-planned sanctuaries. There is always something for everyone.

Over the last nine months, the garden tour committees from the

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**Tickets are \$20 and available online: [www.whiterockgardentour.org](http://www.whiterockgardentour.org)**

## Forest Hills Learns from the Dirt Doctor!



After a couple of postponements, the weather finally permitted us to hold a special presentation by Howard Garrett at his home. During the FHSP silent auction last November, 20 neighbors bought a ticket for this event where he discussed all things organic and healthy for our yard and trees, his specialty. Our own Waste Warriors donated \$500 to Howard's Texas Organic Research Center for his time. Wine was provided by Evan and Renee Bogar and Terry Stull-Higgins. Christophe Decarpentries provided the appetizers and a great time was had by all!

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays May 6 and June 3

9a - Noon

Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays May 27 and June 24

10a Street and Alley Cleanup (SAC)

### Bulky Trash

**May** - Trash can go out

Thursday, May 4 - Sunday, May 7

Pick-up starts Monday, May 8

**June** - Trash can go out

Thursday, June 8 - Sunday, June 11

Pick-up starts Monday, May 12

## NOTICE

**Newsletter articles  
& ads are due  
Saturday, June 1st  
for the Summer  
2023 Issue**

# President's Letter



**Summer days are almost here** bringing pool time, frosty beverages and those anticipated summer vacations. This also means the heat is coming! So double-check sprinkler systems: make sure you don't have broken heads, adjust them to ensure you're maximizing the green space being watered and check that you are using the most efficient heads. For more info and the designated days and times for watering go to <https://savedallaswater.com>.

Thank you to those who turned up at our Spring picnic, listened to our speakers and attended the Neighborhood meeting - we hope you enjoyed them! May is a busy month here in Forest Hills as school days come to an end. Our upcoming White Rock East Garden Tour (see p.1) includes three neighborhood homes and our cemetery. We also have two speakers to check out (see p.7) as part of our ongoing Speaker Series. I and other fellow board members are approaching our term endpoints so please consider running for one of the positions up for election this October 10th (see p. 8).

- Katy O'Mara

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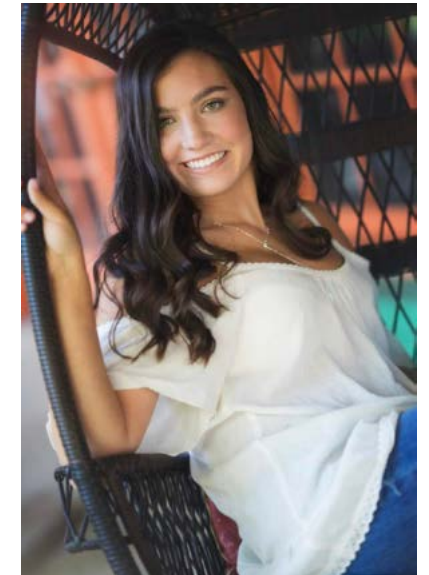


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## Welcome Newcomers!

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**8100 Block of San Fernando**  
Kale Butcher

**8500 Block of San Fernando**  
Timothy & Sally Hudson

**8200 Block of San Leandro**  
Matt & Allison Bonifay

**1400 Block of San Rafael**  
Charles Matter & Angela Chiang

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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## CONTRIBUTORS NEEDED

If you have an idea for a great story or regular feature, are interested in writing features about people in the neighborhood, or have an idea about an individual or family who should be featured, please email us at [fhnnewsletter101@gmail.com](mailto:fhnnewsletter101@gmail.com).



# FHNA Spring Fling



**By Kade Poulson**  
FHNA Social Chair

### Thank you to all the neighbors who attended the 2023 Spring Fling!

We had a great turnout! The Easter Bunny left us over 500 Easter eggs and they were all found! A lot of pictures were taken with the children and the Easter Bunny, and we'd like to thank her for taking the time to stop by again this year!

Big D Kona Ice also attended the event and provided snow cones to everyone courtesy of the FHNA, and the Waffle'O'licious food truck was also on site serving their

delicious chicken and waffle plates to those who paid for them. There was music and games for the children to play. We had hopscotch, sidewalk chalk, cornhole, foam axe throwing, bubble machines, and hula hoops!

Thank you to the Waste Warriors for organizing the Nature Scavenger Hunt. It was a creative addition to the day and we look forward to continuing this next year!

Once again, thanks to all the volunteers who helped to prepare the site in advance and clean up afterwards and to everyone who showed up to participate in all the fun! We are glad to be a part of such a fun and caring community!

## Your Forest Hills expert and neighbor for 25 years

"What an incredible REALTOR®! We just purchased our third home from Becky. Wouldn't want anyone else to help us. Amazing experience!"

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—John and Lenore Gilliland, sellers,  
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Recycle Cooking Oil and Corks at Whole Foods on Abrams

By Susan Bailey

I learned something new this year! Did you know you can take your used cooking oil to Whole Foods in a plastic container and save our drains? The box is outside in front of the store at 2118 Abrams Road. Just open the door and set it inside.

Your grease is turned into electricity to clean our wastewater, saving over \$1 million a year! I just keep a wide-mouthed plastic bottle for used oil in the fridge until it gets full. If you drink wine, save the corks and you can recycle those at Whole Foods too. Look for the barrel near the meat counter and wine aisle.

Cork is a natural resource that is recyclable and biodegradable. You can also throw it in your compost pile (but don't put it in your blue bin because City of



Dallas doesn't recycle cork).

Take these easy steps to reduce waste and be part of the solution!

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## Speaker-Artist Series

### LIVING LONGER BETTER with John Mariotti

May 7th, 7:00 p.m. | 8222 Forest Hills Blvd, Home of Kevin and Keri Black

Tired of being beat up and broken by your everyday activities, killer workouts or not working out at all because you don't want to be beat up and broken? Come hear about a new program designed to enhance and alter your aging process. You will learn how you can change your heart and lungs to operate at maximum efficiency, your strength can be maintained and how you can still push really hard once in a while and feel better! Injuries, age or experience won't stop you! It can change your life so you too can Live Longer Better!

*John Mariotti is a 66-year-old martial artist and teacher, professional coach, four time CrossFit Games competitor and my good friend. After constantly increasing the intensity of his workouts, three surgeries and feeling beat up and broken, he has shifted to a more "long, slow distance" approach and hence he's the 2022 2nd place champion in the 65+ masters division of the No Bull CrossFit games, his best finish at age 66!*

### Foraging Walk with Bob Ritchie

May 13th 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Meet in Warren Ferris Cemetery 8375 San Leandro Dr.

On this walk Robert will share his passion for nature and urban foraging. He'll start with a quick botany lesson on how to positively identify the plants and critters we will be seeking. After that, we will search out and try some of the fresh and tasty offerings that grow naturally in our area. We will discuss useful and medicinal plants that can be found in the area as well.



*Robert Ritchie is a Dallas native who raises bees, chickens, rabbits, cats, and dogs. He likes birds, plants, bugs, fish, fungus, herps, canoeing, kayaking, fly fishing, anthropology, archaeology, etc. An amateur naturalist since an early age, Robert has spent much of his life outdoors. When he is not spending time outdoors, Bob works for an architectural firm in Deep Ellum. He is also the owner of The Custom Coop Company which designs and builds custom chicken coops in the Dallas area. Robert is a certified Texas Master Naturalist and past president of The Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association, Dallas's local honeybee club. He is a father of two grown children, an avid bicycle rider and bicycle commuter, riding an average of 3000 miles per year. He is also an active registered yoga instructor.*



## THANK YOU FOR SPRINGING INTO ACTION!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT AND PENNY SCHMIDT!

{ They're the winners of the FHNA Spring Membership Drive Drawing and will enjoy a \$100 gift card to Loro! }

**THANK YOU to our 208 neighbors who participated in our Spring FHNA membership drive.** Because of you, we were able to raise over \$13,540 so far this year. These funds allow us to host social events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting and our upcoming Forest Hills Centennial Event which celebrates the founding of Forest Hills back in 1924. Additionally, funds from membership dues are used to beautify our common areas and keep all of our neighbors informed of the wonderful things happening in Forest Hills through our publication of our quarterly newsletter.

It's not too late to contribute if you haven't had an opportunity yet. Just visit [foresthillsdallas.org/membership](http://foresthillsdallas.org/membership) and click the "Pay Here" button. Or you can always send a check in via mail to the address below. If you have any questions regarding membership, or want to check your 2023 membership status, please email us at [fhndallas@gmail.com](mailto:fhndallas@gmail.com). Thank you to all for your support of Forest Hills!



# Forest Hills Learns from the Dirt Doctor!



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Here is a highlight of some of the great things we learned:

- There is no need to ever use chemicals in a yard. “The natural way works best and is the only way.”
- Azomite is a great mineral supplement plus Garrett Juice for growing ginkgo trees, and all plants.
- Dwarf Japanese Maples like being root bound and make incredible potted specimen plants.
- Don’t plant trees too deep so their roots and lower trunks can breathe. Be aware that many landscapers will plant them too deep. Remove dirt and anything growing around your tree roots to expose the flare.
- Evergreen Canby Oak, Persian Ironwood and Black Cherry trees are some of his favorites.
- Dirtdoctor.com has answers to all of your gardening questions.

We’re lucky to have the renowned Howard Garrett as a friend to Forest Hills. Thank you to neighbor Kathy Glenn for putting this all together. Check Howard out on Sunday mornings from 8-11a.m. on KSKY 660am and look for his Organic Answers column on Wednesdays in the Dallas Morning News. His 12 books are available online. The gallery on Oram is open for viewing his organic paintings by appointment only. Proceeds go to TORC.

## Fall 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. The election will be held October 10, 2023. 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 the Members-at-Large which are annual positions). To be eligible to run you must be a current member of the FHNA, 18 years or older and a resident of Forest Hills neighborhood.

### Board Positions open for election in October:

**Officers:** President and Secretary

**Standing Committee Chairs: Social Chair(s):** Newsletter Co-Chairs, Planning & Zoning Chair, Fundraising Chair and all Members at Large positions (1 year term, no voting ability)

**Please refer to the bylaws on our website, [www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://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](mailto:fhnaelections@gmail.com) by 09/29/23.**
2. Refer to the descriptions listed in our upcoming communications and in the bylaws at [www.foresthillsdallas.org](http://www.foresthillsdallas.org) to confirm opportunities and obligations.
3. Reach out to the current person holding the position for information if needed (see page 2 of the newsletter).

**Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer!**



## SUPPORT LOCAL!

# Marci Lou’s Glitter Tattoos

By Andie Comini

**What do the Texas Star, a Tyrannosaurus Rex, and Tinkerbell have in common?** They are three of the hundreds of colorful, sparkly glitter tattoos that Marci Novak will paint on people at their parties and events!

Marci has been a longtime resident of Forest Hills, or as she likes to say, “she’s been here since back in the day.” She lives in a vintage house surrounded by tall trees with lots of foliage and is actively keeping the “forest” in Forest Hills!

You probably did not know her from Cleveland, where, after graduating with a degree in Social Work and a major in Corrections, she became a Probation Officer with teenage girls at Juvenile Court. But you may know her as a Massage Therapist who was one of the first pioneers of the profession to be practicing in Dallas after moving from Ohio to Oak Lawn, before discovering the beauty and the joys of living in Forest Hills!

You may also know her as the friendly neighbor greeting you at the White Rock Garden Tour, or perhaps as the Founder of For the Love of the Lake and The Celebration Tree Grove. Or maybe, you remember her from the iconic cover of the Advocate Magazine, popping out of a trashcan, Oscar-the-Grouch-style, at White Rock Lake when For the Love of the Lake donated a quarter of million dollars-worth of litter and recycling receptacles to the park, transforming it from eyesore to eye candy!

But how did she get from those lifelong personal passions - all of which were threaded by wanting to make the world a little bit better place - to painting glitter tattoos?

In 2010, Marci had been hired to do chair massage at The Zen Den, a relaxing space at an otherwise chaotic Party and Halloween Store trade show in Houston. While sprinting full-speed ahead to try to make it to the far-away restroom and back before her break ended, someone staffing a booth yelled out to her, “Hey You!

Come get a glitter tattoo!” Marci stopped dead in her tracks, forgetting all about her restroom mission. She jogged over to the booth, picked out a design (from many) of a flying comet with a big star, chose several shiny, glittery colors, sat down in the chair, and in a few minutes the beautiful image was gently, painlessly adorning her arm. She was immediately hooked!

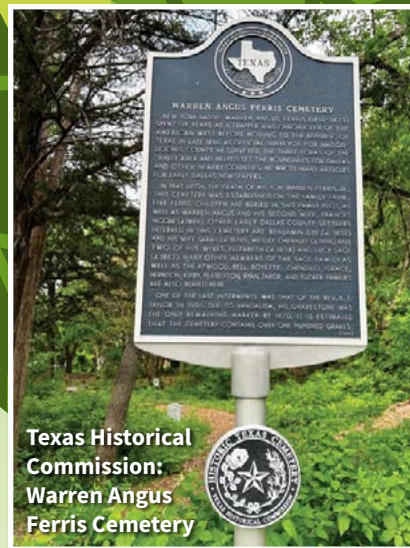
Marci decided that she had to learn this colorful, creative art form, and there wasn’t a moment to lose! On-the-spot, she invested in all the materials and training that she would need to get started. Soon after, Marci Lou’s Glitter Tattoos was born! And as it turns out, it’s been yet another way to for her to make the world a bit happier place.

Marci has painted glitter tattoos in a variety of settings, including the grand opening of the Nothing Bundt Cake store in Casa Linda Plaza, Birthday Parties of all ages, Neighborhood Nights Out, Dynamic Women Happy Hour at Times Ten Cellars, an annual Memorial Day Neighborhood block party, a burlesque show at Quixotic in Deep Ellum, a giant event (*can’t mention the government client!*) at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field, a Patient Appreciation Day at a Dental Office, grown up Cocktail Parties, a “Let’s Make a Deal” Party at a Senior Center (they almost trampled each other trying to get in line first!), and many more. Whatever the venue or event, Marci strives to add some whimsy and bling!

Unlike face painting, which is dramatic but usually washed off before bedtime, Glitter Tattoos can last from 3 days to 3 weeks. They are so much fun for everyone - little tykes, teens, guys, girls, grownups, and grandmas. Marci can even do custom tattoos with logos for corporate events and sports team-watching parties.

For something new, different, and lots of fun, contact Marci Novak at Marci Lou’s Glitter Tattoos, and she will “Bring the Bling” to Your Party or Event!

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Texas Historical Commission: Warren Angus Ferris Cemetery



8540 Groveland - Debbie & George Knight



1406 San Rafael - Jeff & Candy Peterson



Back by popular demand! Our Forest Hills' photo-op: Herbert the Bodark.

Sunday, May 21st • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

# White Rock East Garden Tour + Artisans

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neighborhoods of Casa Linda Estates, Little Forest Hills and Forest Hills have met together to create plans for this year's tour experience. If you are a long-time follower of the White Rock East Garden tour, you may notice a few changes. This tour continues to host three gardens from each of the three neighborhoods plus 2-3 artisans at each garden that will display and sell their work. It is a not-to-be-missed event for the garden enthusiast and anyone interested in outdoor living spaces.

The plant sale returns to Casa Linda Park. These plants are curated by a local botanist and landscaper with North Texas weather in mind. Arrive early; favorite plants go quickly. Sales begin at 9:00 am.

New this year is an Artist Alley located in Casa Linda Park with more than 10 artists. Also, a "pop up art mart" for young artists will be in Forest Hills featuring our own artists. Look for more information about this exciting new event.

Again, the historic Warren Ferris Cemetery will be included on the tour as an additional stop. The area is restored with native blooming plants that benefit local and migratory wildlife.

Stop by the quirky photo-op coined "Herbert the Bodark" located on Breezewood.

As always, this is a rain or shine event so come prepared and enjoy the experience of treasured gardens in East Dallas.

## Forest Hills Gardens that will be featured:

### 1406 San Rafael Jeff and Candy Peterson

As you enter Forest Hills from Garland Road on San Rafael, you'll be greeted at the stop sign by Jeff and Candy Peterson's distinctive and inviting Spanish eclectic home built in 1936.

Several seasonal and beautifully crafted flowerbeds full of colorful annuals draw you up to the house where you can look up at three original stained-glass windows from a church in Chicago. A variety of oaks, pecans and stunning Japanese maples complete the scene which was inspired by Santa Barbara landscapes. A stroll to the back, past black-eyed Susans and oak leaf hydrangeas, shows the Peterson's athletic priority with their own pickle ball court surrounded by towering trees such as Elm, Chinese pistache, a variety of oaks, notably a large, native Chinquapin, along with a selection of maples, including coral bark and purple leaf. More seasonal beds delight your senses! Enjoy!

### 8258 San Benito Way Mike and Crystall Androvet

As you approach the green covered corner lot of the Androvet garden, a canopy of trees that amplify the serenity of Forest Hills welcomes you. Leading to the house is an array of Japanese maple trees elegantly

positioned between landscaped perennials and annuals to frame a Transitional style home.

As you follow the mondo-lined steppingstones to the backyard remember to peek around the fence to enjoy the curbside appeal of Holly trees and hydrangeas mixed with boxwoods and seasonal colors.

Enter the backyard into a family friendly resort style living space where the young at heart head toward the putting green, sports court and playground, while those looking to relax enjoy the poolside arbor with an outdoor kitchen and multiple seating areas.

The landscape is intentionally decorated so every angle provides a new discovery filled with succulents, hibiscus, hydrangeas, and Crepe Myrtle, among other surprises. All with complete privacy provided by beautiful magnolia and holly trees and one of the neighborhood's most beautiful mature red oak.

### 8540 Groveland, Forest Hills Debbie & George Knight

This beautiful 1951 home in Forest Hills, with brown cedar shakes, is nestled amongst seven stately Pecan Trees and 15 Japanese Maples that are scattered throughout the front and backyard. Debbie and George Knight have cultivated this property since 1976.

Debbie's front yard features Aucubas, Mahonia, Azaleas, and Holly Ferns. Also, a row of colorful, but prickly Barberry plants line half of the driveway. Before you leave the front yard, remember to glance up to see the gargoyle on top of the roof.

On the side of the home, you will find a large Abelia plant and bright yellow Lantana, that provide great color all summer and fall.

As you pass through the wrought iron gate, you will be

struck by the beauty of this backyard. Manicured flower beds, antique trinkets, old tools, vintage toys, chairs, and gargoyles are scattered throughout the garden. One bed even has been affectionately coined, "the sprinkler graveyard".

The backyard shows beautiful plants such as Jewel of Opar, giant Leopard plants, Dianthus, Golden Rod and Hostas. Strategically placed annuals provide the perfect pop of color.

One note to mention is that Debbie enjoys passing on cuttings and gardening tips to friends and neighbors. She feels great pride in this!

In the backyard, ground covers expand through the beds and include purple oxalis and strawberry geraniums. Debbie's beds are edged with hundreds of iron railroad spikes that she collected during adventure walks with her nephew, by the railroad tracks behind her home.

George Knight has always had a love of hunting and the outdoors. On his deer lease in Menard, Texas, George finds and collects hog and cow skulls, unique pieces of mesquite wood and old rusty farm tools. He proudly displays these along with all of Debbie's treasures in the garden. George also finds large pieces of oak, mesquite and bodark trees that he makes into incredible wooden bowls of all shapes and sizes. Don't forget to peek into his amazing wood shop that he finished in April of 2019.

We hope you have enjoyed this yard and have had the privilege to talk with Debbie and George about their treasured yard and their almost 48 years living in Forest Hills!





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## FRIENDS OF THE WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY



### Ongoing Cemetery Improvements

The Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery achieved one of their 2023 goals in March with the help of a local Masonic Lodge.

Donating time and materials, volunteers from the Masonic Lodge Edwin J. Kiest #1310 created a welcoming new entry to the cemetery on San Leandro Drive. Following the wood chip path that had been the San Leandro entry, the team used stones sympathetic to the prairie environment and matching the existing boulder benches and wildlife fountain, to create a gentle flight of steps up from the curb.

Kelly Walker of the Lodge originally contacted the FWFC to see if it was possible that any former Masons had been interred in the cemetery. Though no new Masonic connections were identified amongst the 31 known burials, research has shown that Warren Ferris himself was sponsored for membership in the Masons, early in his stay in Dallas County.

After visiting the site, Kelly personally connected to the program. He joined the long list of supporters and used his contracting company Magical Touch, LLC, to continue to make the cemetery a welcoming feature of the neighborhood.

The steps will be particularly important for Ferris Cemetery visits during the upcoming East White

Rock Lake Garden Tour on May 21st. The welcome tent will be located immediately nearby.

### Councilor Blackmon Drops in for a Visit

FWFC Board of Advisors Member and former State Representative Harryette Ehrhardt, led a tour of the Warren Ferris Cemetery for Paula Blackmon, Dallas City Council Member for District 9. Discussed during the tour was using the FWFC prairie restoration model to create more public green spaces in the city and the potential for further civic partnerships.

### Warren Ferris Cemetery to be on the East White Rock Lake Garden Tour

For the third year in a row, the Warren Ferris Cemetery will be featured on the White Rock East Garden Tour, May 21st.

For the past two years, the cemetery has been an unusual site on the tour as in the only non-residential garden in the Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda neighborhoods. Also unique is the cemeteries Blackland Prairie native restoration landscape.

The entry to the cemetery will be on San Leandro Drive.

<https://www.whiterockgardentour.org/>

# WHITE ROCK SELF STORAGE

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In May of 1998, White Rock Self Storage opened for business. At that time there were only five buildings with 363 units. As demand grew, so did they with the construction of Phase II - three buildings with 151 units and Phase III - a two story building with 249 units. From the beginning, the facility had a computerized gate with an individual access code system, unit door alarms, and video cameras in the office and throughout the property. The facility has been continuously updated for optimum digital presence and performance.

Manager Tommy Kirk and Assistant Manager Kathleen Crawford are the smiling faces ready to help you with any storage needs/questions you might have. Not only do they help FH with our storage needs, they have been an advertiser with the FH Newsletter

going back many, many years and just last year supported the FH Security Program by becoming a Sponsor.

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, they are designating May as **Tenant Appreciation Month**. On Saturdays May 13 and May 20 from 11- 2:00 they will be serving hamburgers and drinks to show their appreciation for all their amazing tenants, many of which are Forest Hills residents! There will also be a drawing for a **FREE Month of Rent**.

So, mark your calendars for the May celebration as you won't want to miss out on the food, fun, and the chance to enter the drawing. They look forward to sharing their smiles with us!



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# FOREST HILLS SECURITY

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

## How It All Began

In 2003, amidst escalating criminal activity, such as shots fired into a home, attacks on neighbors out for walks and a wave of home burglaries, a five-women task force resolved to take a stance against crime. That September, the Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP), an Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP), emerged after months of planning and development.

Since 2003, the FHSP has grown from 25% of households participating and 20 patrol hours per week to 65% household participation and 70 weekly patrol hours. Over the past 20 years, crime in Forest Hills has decreased by 65%!

**We are proud to say that Forest Hills is one of the safest and most desirable neighborhoods to live in Dallas!**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Forest Hills is Brewing Event**  
**November 3, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**  
 The Filter Building on White Rock Lake

## One More Reason to Join!



Did you know current members of the Forest Hills Security Program are eligible to take advantage of our Home Watch Program? While you are away on vacation or if your home is under construction or vacant, an ENP officer will perform a safety check of your home each shift someone is on patrol. Please submit your Home Watch Request Form at least 7 days prior to the date of the watch time period. The form can be found on [foresthillssecurity.org](http://foresthillssecurity.org) or requested by emailing [fhspenp@aol.com](mailto:fhspenp@aol.com).

There is no limit to the number of times you can use the program, however, the length of each request is confined to 21 days or less. If an extended watch is needed, the household must have at least a Silver Level Membership (\$350 or higher).

### Summer Crime Prevention Tips

- Be aware of what's happening in the neighborhood and call 911 to alert police to any unusual activities.
- ALWAYS lock your vehicle, EVEN AT HOME! Be sure to remove all valuables from sight.
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure, including the garage door. Don't forget to set your alarm.
- Stop your mail or ask a trusted family member, friend or neighbor to retrieve it for you.
- Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that someone is home.
- DON'T post on social media that you are leaving town and wait to post photos AFTER you return from your trip.
- JOIN the FHSP and enroll in our Home Watch Program.

**Join!**



### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Ring of Honor	.....	\$1,000
Platinum	.....	\$750
Gold	.....	\$500
Silver	.....	\$350
Bronze	.....	\$240

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# Sanger Stallion Corner

Congratulations are in order for Alex Sanger, it's been a great year! Alex Sanger received several awards. In April, both the Elementary and Middle School Robotics teams placed 3rd and 4th in their respective categories and earned the Innovation and Excellence Awards! They then competed at Nationals in Iowa where the Elementary team ranked 8th and came home with an Innovation award and both middle school teams made it to final rounds where they ended up ranked 8th and 6th. Both teams won bids to the World Competition to be held in Dallas in May. See the July issue for the outcome! Congratulations to Coach P (Shaun Phillips) for being selected as one of 6 winners of the Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award! Teachers are chosen based on their significant contributions toward innovative and unique educational programs. In April, the Sanger 5th graders spent a week camping at Camp Grady Spruce learning archery, fishing, riding horses and hiking.

If you're interested in joining the PTA, donating or sponsoring your neighborhood school at any level please contact Emily Button at emilybutton@gmail.com.

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



# White Rock East Garden Tour Gets Kicked Off!

By Kathy Glenn

**A big thank you goes out to Lee Ann and Marshall Hunt** for hosting our White Rock East Garden Tour Kick-off Party on the evening of March 30th under their porte-cochere!

It was a lovely setting for the initial event of the Garden Tour. The Hunts' yard provided us a weatherproof location plus a beautiful backdrop for delicious small bites and beverages. "Rainy Thursdays"

had been a March trend, but our Kick-Off party went off with just a few tiny drops beforehand and we all left dry.

This event hosted all three neighborhoods: Casa Linda Estates, Little Forest Hills and Forest Hills. It was a chance to volunteer for a time slot at one of our three gardens from each neighborhood as well as learn more about this tour as well as see new and old friends.

Thank you to all who came out to sign up! This tour could not happen without volunteers!

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# Yard of the Month

By Wendy Rettinger



**March 2023**  
8523 Groveland Dr  
Craig and Anna Brinker

## Spring is in the Air

Did you happen to take a walk or drive through Forest Hills during the winter months and happily stroll past March's YOM winner? This yard screams that Spring is in the Air! The lovely flower painted chairs, hand made by Flora by Cora and imported from Canada, create a feeling of sunshine, happiness and hope for the new season. There are Japanese Maples, Green Japanese Maples and October Glory Red Maple trees in the front yard with several pretty boxwoods, White cloud muhly grass, Flowering Chinese fringe flower, Elephant Ears and Yellow Lantana. Spread among the flowerbeds are vibrant pansies that add a striking pop of color against the still dormant winter grass. Walking the neighborhood is a great way to get some exercise and to enjoy pretty yards like this one.

**April 2023**  
8223 San Benito Way  
Tim McCarthy

## Bursting with Color

It is easy to get distracted upon arriving at April's YOM. There are so many beautiful flowers to look at, starting at the street and continuing all the way up to the front door! Pretty potted petunias sit on the front steps welcoming friends and guests. This yard is bursting with color from the massive quantity of petunias as well as the large variety of perennial dazzlers planted nearby. As the weather gets warmer everything will be even prettier and more colorful, if that's even possible! Head over to this yard to enjoy the colors that should last throughout the spring and summer for everyone's viewing pleasure.



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