



Who or what, is The Magical, Mystical, Mr. Herbert, Spirit of Many Faces?



By Katy O'Mara

For 40 years Lottie Minick walked her neighborhood of Forest Hills daily, enjoying the ambiance of our verdant surroundings. She admits that she had probably passed Herbert a million times before one day he caught her eye. Or rather, she heard him speak to her. On this particular day two years ago, she shared with me that

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Calendar of Events

September 12, 6:00 - 8:00p

White Rock Library

NFO Informational Meeting 1

October 10, 6:30p

Fall Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting

and Board Elections 5

November 3, 7:00p

FHSP FUNdraiser 13

Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days

1st Saturdays – July 1st, Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd
8:00-11:00 am

Street and Alley Clean-up (SAC)

4th Saturdays – July 22nd, Aug. 26th, Sept. 23rd
10:00am

Bulky Trash

July - Trash can go out

Thursday, July 6th – 9th

Pick-up starts July 10th

August - Trash can go out

Thursday, August 10th – 13th

Pick-up starts August 14th

September - Trash can go out

Thursday, Sept. 7th – 10th

Pick-up starts September 11th

**Newsletter articles & ads are due Friday,
September 1 for the Fall 2023 Issue.**

A Long View for the Urban Forest in Forest Hills

Properly chosen and placed trees contribute significant value to a home, not just monetarily, but to well-being of you and your neighbors. They clean our air and our water, and they reduce runoff which preserves the soil while supporting wildlife. As Steve Houser, well known Texan arborist and naturalist states, “the presence of trees and healthy ecosystems provide a strong foundation for a sustainable urban infrastructure in the future.” All these benefits stand to give us reason to invest in the neighborhood urban forest we live in and call Forest Hills through conservation.

How can we as a neighborhood invest together in the future of our urban neighborhood forest we so treasure? By participating and committing

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No Newcomers To Report

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.

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President's Letter



I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer so far and found time to escape the heat. I want to take the opportunity to highlight a couple important opportunities: This September 12th, we will be holding a Special Neighborhood Meeting in which officials from the City of Dallas will speak to us about the possibility of implementing a Neighborhood Forest Overlay. We would be the first neighborhood in Dallas to participate in this program of which your Association fully endorses. Please see p.1 for details and links to supporting brief documentation provided by the city so to familiarize yourself with the concept and program.

Secondly, the Fall annual election will be held in October for available officer and chair positions ready for rotation, including my position. The election of new Board members will be followed by a three-month transition period with terms beginning January 1st, 2024. We need neighbors to fill these positions in order to keep the association and the functions we provide to you running. See p.5 for a list of open Board positions and reach out with any questions – your neighborhood needs you!

- Katy O'Mara

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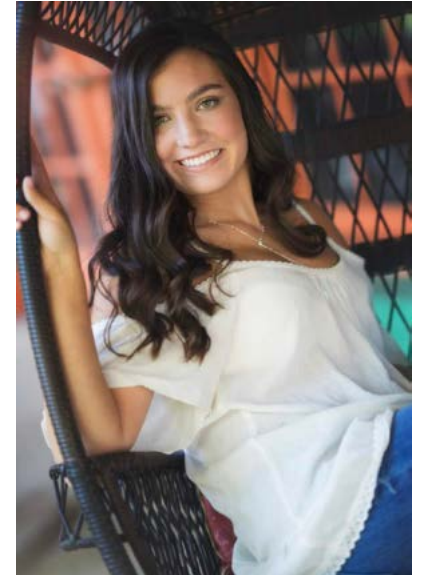


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CALL TO ACTION:

Need 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. Elections will be held **Tuesday, October 10th, 2023**. Board positions are held for two fiscal years (shadowing starts in October, with official start January 1st of the following year and ending on December 31st of the second term year. Members-at-Large positions are one full calendar year. To be eligible to run, you must be at least 18 years of age, a member in good standing of the FHNA, and reside in the neighborhood.

Board Positions open for election:

Officers: President and Secretary (see description below)

Standing Committee Chairs and Members at Large:

- Secretary – Create and maintain Board and neighborhood meeting calendar. Take meeting minutes at all board and neighborhood meetings and send out meeting times and locations to board members. Participate in events.
- Social Chair – Oversee event planning and coordination and work with the Communication Chair to inform of monthly and annual event/meeting communications; work with the Fundraising Chair as needed
- Communications Chair- Update Facebook page and Instagram with event information and updates, coordinate and inform monthly e-blast content, provide upcoming event and meeting information to website manager, and assist with communication materials
- (2) Newsletter Co-Chairs – Edit and produce the quarterly newsletter by gathering content from neighborhood writers and the FHNA board, collect and compile content, and disseminate to our production designer and printer.
- Fundraising Chair – work with Board to meet fundraising annual goals; work with Social Chair as needed
- Membership & Newcomers Chair – Develop and manage an annual campaign to encourage neighborhood membership dues participation and maintain the online membership database. Be a point of contact for newcomers by welcoming new households with notes/gifts. Track newcomer information.
- Planning & Zoning Chair – Monitor all projects and proposals of the city, county, and state which in any manner affect the streets surrounding or traversing the neighborhood, or which may impact the existing zoning of property within the neighborhood or surrounding areas. Attend city meetings and maintain contact with officials to stay apprised of developments
- (3) Board Members at Large (non-voting members) – Observe meetings and provide input at meetings, assist committee Chairs in coordination of events and meetings

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 running for one of the above positions, please take the following steps:

1. **Reach out to the nominating committee at fhnaelections@gmail.com by 09/30/23.**
2. Refer to the descriptions listed 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 (see page 2 of the newsletter).

Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer!



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Capturing Moments with Sarah Kate & Josh

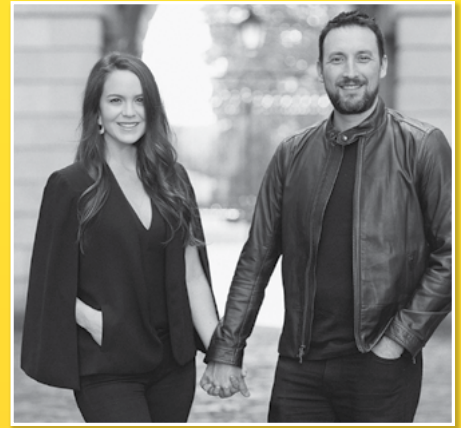
By *Andie Comini*

We are delighted to extend a warm Forest Hills welcome to recent newcomers, the Aull family! Josh, Sarah Kate, and their 3-year-old son, Leo, moved to Forest Hills almost two years ago from Lakewood Heights, just across the lake.

During the height of the pandemic, they stumbled upon the perfect corner lot on Forest Hills Blvd. during an evening drive which had one purpose - to get baby Leo to sleep. As they drove around the charming streets, they couldn't help but be captivated by the welcoming atmosphere, greenery, and expansive space to build and play. Building a modern home and photography studio had been in

the works for some time but the right location had been elusive until that night! It must have been fate because their offer was accepted the next morning.

Josh and Sarah Kate are both esteemed wedding and portrait photographers (@sarahkatephoto; @Joshuaaull), with a combined experience of 36 years in the industry. Forest Hills offered an amazing opportunity for these entrepreneurs to build a state of the art studio filled with natural light right in their own backyard. Having operated their individual businesses successfully for nearly two decades here in Texas and all over the world, they bring a wealth of expertise, creativity, and passion to the Forest Hills community. They are excited



to continue their work both abroad and right here in East Dallas.

Sarah Kate and Josh have gotten to know so many amazing neighbors and they are eager to meet and collaborate with more Forest Hills friends! Let's embrace their talents, support their business, and celebrate their decision to join our community.

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BEYOND THE BUZZ: What You Should Know About Leaf Blowers

By Elizabeth Descarpentries

The buzz has started in Forest Hills. There's no doubt the noise of leaf blowing disturbs the peace and quiet of our streets, but the payoff is a leaf-free yard in much less time than it takes to rake. New reports are showing that noise pollution isn't the only downside of leaf blowing.

- **Leaf blowers pollute the air** disproportionately to the size of their small engines because they are manufactured without the pollution controls used on cars – Using a gas leaf blower for an hour produces emissions equal to driving from Denver to Los Angeles¹
- **Leaf blowers can displace natural habitats** by blowing away leaves, insects, and other organic matter and disrupting ecosystems
- **Leaf blowers move debris around** from one place to another instead of effectively collecting and removing it

A few cities and states, including California, Burlington, Vermont, and Washington, D.C. are banning “small gasoline engines” used to power lawn equipment and requiring citizens to use electric instead.²



What you can do now to preserve the environment

- Buy an electric leaf blower or electric mulching lawn mower – mulched leaves decompose and act as a natural fertilizer
- Ask your lawn service to switch to electric – offer to contribute to the investment
- Compost your leaves – create a yard waste composting pile
- Use a good old broom or rake – they get the job done and it's great exercise

^{1,2}“Gas leaf blowers and lawn mowers are shockingly bad for the planet. Bans are beginning to spread,” by Trevor Hughes, *USA Today*, May 1, 2023

The Magical, Mystical, Mr. Herbert

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she was feeling particularly depressed, missing her beloved husband of many decades who had recently passed away, when out of the blue she heard a voice say, “Hello Lottie.” She looked around and seeing no one quickly realized that it was this “scrawny tree” with so many burrows of fascinating faces speaking to her. She gazed upon this magnificent tree and realized he was being in the moment with her, acknowledging her sorrow. She suddenly felt her hunched shoulders drop, a calm come over her, and she thought, “... this tree looks like a Herbert,” so she said, “Hello Herbert,” and it seemed as if all the faces of Herbert the Tree smiled back at her instantly lightening her heavy heart.

Soon after her encounter with Herbert, Lottie notched into the burrowed faces of the tree little pots of feelings into

which any one can add a note. They are each labeled with the things we need most in life: Hope, Love, Gratitude, Wishes, and a sign that says, “Swap a Smile, Trade Some Cheer”- along with a small toy basket with a sign that says, “Bring a Toy, Take a Toy.” Lottie has since relocated to Oklahoma, but Herbert holds a piece of her heart and she hopes he brings a bit of peace to all of you in return. Stop by Herbert at the median on Breezewood and Santa Clara and see Lottie's story on YouTube: youtu.be/OJP4rWEDaFg or use the QR code in the picture.





Speaker-Artist Series Foraging Walk with Bob Ritchie

By *Katy O'Mara*

On Sunday, May 13th, we were able to share in Robert Ritchie's passion for nature and urban foraging. Starting with a quick botany lesson on how to positively identify the fresh and tasty offerings that grow naturally in our area, we set out on our journey within the Warren Ferris Cemetery. Wood sorrel leaves are great as mosquito repellent when crushed between fingers and rubbed upon the skin. American Beauty Berry is great for jam; native milkweed leaf sap can be used to rid warts, and Red Bud tree pods when green can be eaten like pea pods!

We discussed the usefulness and medicinal properties of plants and their history in medicine. Prior to 1950,

all medicines were made solely from nature. After 1950, funding was provided to medical schools to research the manufacturing of artificial substitutes for natural medicine. However, nature is still there for us to tap into! For example, Frostweed leaves which can be made into a tea for colds and native Passion Flower vine leaves are great as a tea to encourage sleep, not to mention a great host for Gulf coast fritillary butterflies.

The list went on and on as the grounds of the cemetery, a wildlife habitat and butterfly sanctuary, is a veritable grocery store, with echinacea root and dandelions, which are packed in Vitamin C and whose taproots allow for soil percolation which is so important in our clay packed soil. We all left with our eyes opened to the resources available to us within the world around us.

Sanger Stallion Corner



By Katy O'Mara

Ahh, the last months of school! They were a whirlwind at Sanger Preparatory this year. In April the Annual PTA Fundraiser and Auction party was held at Vector Brewing. It was a huge success, raising \$20k for the PTA to support our kids and teachers while we ate pizza and rocked out to Prince cover band, *The Beautiful Ones*. The PTA was super excited by the Oculus and Nintendo Switch donated for the raffle by the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association and the support and generous donations from the Deutscher Family, Jordan Family, Lee Glenn & Julie Fineman Family and Friends of Warren Ferris Cemetery.

May saw the robotics teams competing at the World Competition in Dallas, the 5th graders spending a week at Camp Grady, field trips to the Aquarium and Perot Museum for the lower grades, a stellar presence at the White Rock Games, Field Days and a crazy good talent show! Lastly, we are beyond proud of the K-2 Sanger



Chess Team who won FIRST PLACE in the DISD Spring Chess Tournament. Thank you so much to Ms. Saucedo who gave up Thursday afternoons and many Saturdays to coach the team! Congratulations to all the 8th graders headed to their Choice High Schools! Have a great summer everyone.

If you're interested in joining the PTA or donating/sponsoring your neighborhood school at any level, please contact Katy O'Mara at kjmomara@gmail.com, or go to www.linktr.ee/alexsangerpta.

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 at cacerillo@dallasisd.org.



BECOME A MEMBER of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association!

It's not too late to become a member of the FHNA! The FHNA relies on the financial contributions of our neighbors to keep our neighborhood beautiful and to hold a variety of events throughout the year including our upcoming Centennial Celebration next year.

Membership fees are \$75/year per household and \$50/

year for over 65 households.

Additionally, paid members get access to our online directory so it's easy to connect with your neighbors. As an extra incentive, anyone who has paid their dues by July 31st will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to a restaurant of their choice!

2023 WHITE GARDEN TOUR + A

Amazing weather, blooming gardens, creative displays, and beautiful neighborhoods were the stars of the show.



Jeff & Candy Peterson



George & Debbie Knight



Mike & Crystal Androvett

By Susan Bailey and Kathy Glenn

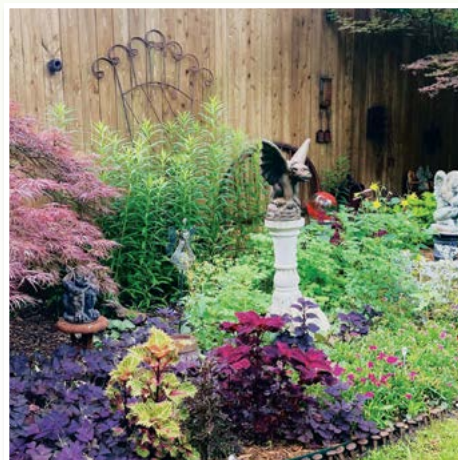
A HUGE THANK YOU to our three garden owners from Forest Hills, who worked tirelessly over the past year to prepare and open their gardens to over 1,300 ticket holders. Our Warren Ferris cemetery and Lottie Minick's "Herbert the Bodark tree" on Breezewood were also fun additions to the tour.

We achieved great success this year with record ticket and plant sales to reach the best ever fundraising total of \$12,500 for EACH of the three participating neighborhoods. Tim Simmons with Working Plants returned after moving from Forest Hills to curate the profitable plant sale. Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills, and Casa Linda Estates each showcased three gorgeous gardens. What a perfect way to present our lush greenery and massive trees to our Dallas neighbors,

many of whom have never entered this area.

Over 26 artists at Casa Linda Park and scattered throughout the nine gardens were continuously busy selling their paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and a variety of crafts. Plus, food vendors located in front of one of the Little Forest Hills gardens were a new hit this year!

Did you know that the Garden Tour donation to our Forest Hills Neighborhood Association provides a significant portion of FHNA funds? That's an important reason to join in to make it bigger and better every year! This money goes into our general fund along with our dues to pay for maintenance of our median trees and other beautification projects as well as supporting this newsletter, neighborhood events and any donations we make to Sanger, Ferguson Road Initiative or other charities.



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The approximately 180 volunteers across the three neighborhoods helped make this year's garden tour happen by giving their time and energy in so many ways. THANK YOU ALL! It could not happen without you! Next year is calling you NOW! PLEASE call/text Kathy Glenn at 214.802.2574 to be on the call list next February.

Opportunities include:

- Volunteer your house for the tour
- Advertise by being a sponsor
- Be a garden docent for 2 1/2 hours
- Help move plants to the plant sale
- Sell plants
- Put up signs and flyers
- Find/coordinate artists
- Website help!!!(PLEASE!)
- Computer graphics (map, flyers)
- Manage/create Facebook posts

Benefits of volunteering include:

- Free admittance to the tour
- A Volunteer Appreciation Party Thursday and After Party Sunday
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- Learning gardening tips
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Why is the Forest Hills Security Program Important?

"Our Dallas Police Department is down 650 officers, and due to that manpower reduction, DPD evaluates crime in all areas of Dallas to determine which high-risk areas need an officer more."

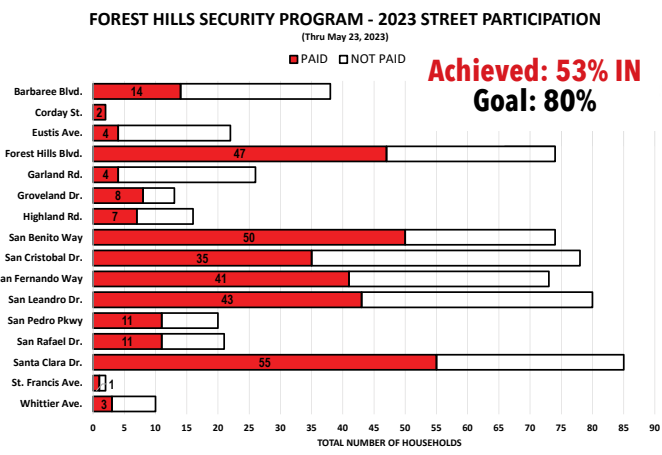
- Sgt. Mike Mata, FHSP Coordinator

DPD & FHSP Are Better Together!

Forest Hills does not have a high crime rate and is not considered a high-risk neighborhood. As a result, beat officers in the NE Division are reassigned to neighborhoods with higher crime rates and heavy 911 call loads. The FHSP is important because it provides extra patrol hours with officers dedicated to our neighborhood. If an incident occurs in Forest Hills while ENP is on duty, they will be able to respond immediately.

Why should I join?

The FHSP is a group of neighbors working together along with law enforcement agencies to reduce residential crime. You do not have to be a FHSP member to benefit from the increased patrol hours in Forest Hills. ALL neighbors receive the benefits of increased patrol hours and a lower crime rate. More members equals more patrol hours.



When and how should I report an incident/suspicious activity?

Never hesitate to call 911 immediately about all suspicious activity! Anything that seems slightly "out of place" or is occurring at an unusual time of day can be criminal activity.

- Call 911 to report the incident and IF our ENP is on duty they will RESPOND to your call.
- If needed, file a police report at <https://dallaspolice.net/reports/Pages/coplogic.aspx>
- When it is safe, email FHSP at fhspen@aol.com and keep us informed of any crimes or suspicious activities in our area.

Your call can save a life, prevent an injury or stop a criminal act. Stay alert!

Talk to your neighbors about the FHSP and ask them to become members today!

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ANIMAL ALERT!

What is Animal Alert! and how does it work?

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What Animal Alert! is NOT. We are not an alternative for a neighborhood animal shelter.

I want to clarify because I recently got a call about a stray, so off I went to get her. As the dog had no tags, I took her to our vet and had her checked for a microchip. She was not chipped, she was not spayed and after her physical we learned she was heartworm positive.

With the economy where it is and inflation rising, Dallas is seeing an increase of animal dumping. It does not help that the City of Dallas is not enforcing spaying, neutering or microchipping...all laws within our county. Due to all these factors, shelters are overcrowded and Dallas Animal Services euthanasia numbers are 80% higher than last year.

So, this brings me back to the stray I took to our vet...I did not have the heart to take her to the Dallas Animal Services. All local shelters are at full capacity and with her not being spayed and heartworm positive she would never make it. Yes, DAS is one of the good guys and does all it can do to help the animals and without

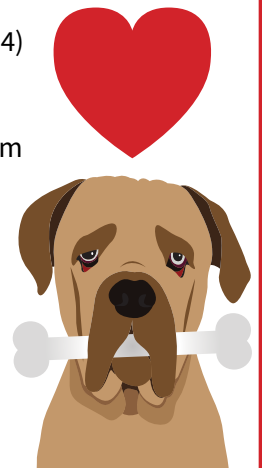
them our city would be lost; nevertheless, we decided to board her at the vet clinic while we started heartworm medication and scheduled her to be spayed. We wanted to do everything possible to set her up to succeed.

During this time, the staff at the vet clinic and I worked with her. We all grew attached and did all we could do to get her the help she needed. We did meet and greets and several dog-to-dog tests. She failed miserably! In fact, she only got worse. In the end we had to put her down. The vet and I could not safely place her in a home knowing if she got out, she could kill another animal, or worse, a child.

I left the SPCA as a Behavior Specialist because I did not like being a part of the decisions of having to euthanize an animal. I did not like being a part of having to make this decision either. So, if you see a dog without tags and know it most likely does not belong in Forest Hills call the city at (214) 670-6800, or if you can get the animal, take it to Dallas Animal Services.

Thank you for your understanding. I am here to help in any way I can, and hope this does not come across that I do not care. I care too much and every animal I come across or work with leaves paw prints on my heart.

*Christi Cameron (917) 225-6802
animal_alert@aol.com*



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to a Neighborhood Forest Overlay (NFO). But what is a Neighborhood Forest Overlay?

- A NFO is a neighborhood driven process that allows your community to establish standard rules to conserve and maintain the urban forest within the boundaries of the overlay.
- On April 10, 2019, City Council approved the NFO program into ordinance.
- It can be adjusted to the needs specific to a neighborhood.

The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association is endorsing the introduction of the NFO to you over the coming months in conjunction with the City of Dallas. We will be acting as a conduit for information from the City of Dallas on the association website, newsletter, and e-blasts about this program and how we might participate as a neighborhood. We will also work with the city to provide space for education and discussion regarding the program.

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On Tuesday, September 12th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the White Rock Hills Library, we will hold a special neighborhood meeting solely dedicated to this topic so that Philip Erwin, Dallas City Chief Arborist and Steve Houser, co-author of the ordinance, may have the opportunity to walk us through the intention, options available within the ordinance, and the steps a neighborhood needs to take to commit to participating in the program. Details of the meeting will come via e-blast and flyers and will require an RSVP.

So what can you do?

- Start by going to our website <https://foresthillsdallas.org/NFO-General-Presentation-2023-BASIC.pdf> to familiarize yourself with the main ideas of the program. This is a condensed version of a longer presentation provided to us by the City of Dallas Chief Arborist.
- Sign up to attend the September 12th meeting using the QR code or typing in this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FAFAD2FA7FBC16-interest>



Please RSVP to ensure we choose a large enough space for everyone!

FRIENDS OF THE WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY

A Busy Spring for the Warren Ferris Cemetery

The Warren Ferris Cemetery celebrated spring with a variety of events and a range of successful events for donors.

- APRIL -



Candace speaks to neighborhood history enthusiasts.

“From Ferris to Forest Hills”

Historian Candace Fountoulakis held a talk on the fascinating history of one of Dallas’ most unique neighborhoods, Forest Hills, home of the Warren Ferris Cemetery and the former homestead of Dallas County surveyor Warren Angus Ferris.



Julie & Katrina Koellner, Jade Stephens work the Tree of Life booth.



Kids scattering native seeds.



Survey Demo



L-R: Neighbors Julie Koellner, Former TX. State representative and FWFC board advisor, Harryette Ehrhardt, and Katrena Koellner

EarthX

The Warren Ferris Cemetery was featured at Earth Day’s EarthX 3-day event. Volunteers told the story of the cemetery’s woodland and prairie restoration program and plans to extend the concept to other abandoned Texas cemeteries. Know of a historic neglected cemetery in Dallas?

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A Walk Among the Wildflowers – April 23rd

The day of the Friends of the Warren Ferris fundraiser started with light rain, big breezes, then rays of sunshine pulled back the curtains for opening. The event included stations in the cemetery for the biography of Warren Ferris Land is the Cry, the Tree of Life Program, an Iris bulb give-away, demonstrations of historic surveying techniques and native seed scattering. After the cemetery events, participants adjourned to the neighboring Jordan residence for live music, wine, catering by Ascension Coffee and a silent auction. Honored guests included Councilwoman Paula Blackmon and former State Senator Harryette Ehrhardt.

WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY

Warren Ferris Cemetery

With the timely arrival of wildflowers, donors, sponsors and the community.

- MAY -



Foraging edibles with Bob Ritchie

Foraging Walk with Bob Ritchie - May 13th

Part of the FWFC ongoing educational program, Bob Ritchie shared his passion for urban foraging. Starting with a botany lesson on plant identification, he then led a search to find some of the tasty offerings that grow naturally in the area. He also discussed the traditional medicinal uses of Texas native plants (see page 8 for an in-depth summary of the event).



New boulder additions to the historic Ferris Cemetery.

Boulder Commemoratives

A culmination of a year-long effort, and in time for East White Rock Lake Garden Tour, May brought the installation of three important landmarks in the

cemetery. The San Leandro entry now has an engraved Ferris Cemetery identification boulder. Inside the cemetery are two other large boulders, one honoring Ferris biographer/historian Susanne Starling and one listing the names of the people that have been identified by genealogist Donald Payton, as known to be buried on the site.



Plant I.D. tags scattered through the garden to showcase Texas native plants...to be considered for your garden

East White Rock Lake Garden Tour - May 21st

On the tour for the third year in a row, a spectacular late spring day brought several hundred participants to tour the Warren Ferris Cemetery. Cemetery volunteers manned the entry booth and toured groups through the grounds to explain the rewilding program and the significant history of Dallas represented by the cemetery.

As always, cemetery restoration Volunteer Day will be the first Saturday of the month: Sept 2nd from 8-11am, and in October, November, and December from 9-12pm. Wear close-toed shoes and bring gloves & water; all tools will be provided.

Yard of the Month

By Wendy Rettinger



May 2023

Ketric & Christa Sanford
8249 Forest Hills Blvd

Stop and Smell the Roses

Nothing says spring like blooming roses. Take a look at May's Yard of the Month winner. Their front porch is lined with rose bushes and the rocking chairs create a perfect spot to take a seat and enjoy the beautiful view. On both sides of the house, brand new flowerbeds have been planted, boasting colorful begonias. The fenced yard has both rows of holly bushes and boxwoods and you can find maple leaf hydrangeas and Japanese Maples as well. Take a peek at this winner on your next bike ride or evening walk!

June 2023

Brad & Katie Levy
8547 San Pedro Pkwy

Feeling Grateful

You can't help feeling patriotic and grateful when you see all the American flags, pinwheels and plantings this yard displays! White Adirondack chairs with red pillows welcome guests to their front yard. The front door is flanked with planters on each side, filled with sweet potato vines and whimsical giant pinwheels. The flowerbeds pop with red and white vinca flowers and your eye is drawn to the showstopping Lilac Chasetree to the left of the front door. This June YOM winner would be a good place to stop for a water break and enjoy the sights if you are marching around the neighborhood close to the 4th of July.





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