
Forest Hills Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting



October 10, 2023

6:30 to 8:30 PM CST

Location: Times Ten Cellars

Chaired by Katy O'Mara, President



Agenda

- (a) Call to Order (Katy O'Mara)
- (b) Roll Call (Katy O'Mara)
- (c) Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Katy) – these are posted on our website
- (d) Semi-Annual Board Nominations and Election (Katy O'Mara)
 - (a) Vote for new Officer and Chair Positions
- (e) Officers and Committee Chairs (*votes counted during this period*)
 - a) Treasurer's Report – Erin Marino
 - b) Social Chair – Kade Poulson
 - c) Communication – Katy O'Mara
 - d) Membership & Newcomers Chair – Kathleen Davis
 - e) Planning & Zoning Chair – Jason Pumpelly
 - f) Newsletter Chair – Kathleen Davis
 - g) Beautification Chair – Kurt

Highlights of Neighborhood Forest Overlay Program

- (g) *Election Results*
- (h) Neighborhood Liaison Updates
- (i) Adjournment

Fall Election of 2024 Board Positions

- ◆ President - Katy O'Mara (OUTGOING)
- ◆ Newsletter Chair and Co-Chair – CURRENTLY OPEN POSITION
- ◆ Communications Chair – CURRENTLY OPEN POSITION
- ◆ Social Chair – Kade Poulson (OUTGOING)
- ◆ Membership & Newcomers Chair – Kathleen Davis (OUTGOING)
- ◆ Planning & Zoning – Jason Pumpelly (OUTGOING)
- ◆ Fundraising – CURRENTLY OPEN POSITIONS (OUTGOING)
- ◆ At Large (3) –Jaimee Slovak; Christen Richardson; David Benavides (OUTGOING)

All Officer and Chair positions are two year positions. At Large positions are one year positions. The official start date of new Board members is January 1, 2024 as per the updates to our ByLaws in April 2022. Current outgoing Board members will assist in transition over next two months and newly elected members will be invited to the remaining monthly Board meetings as part of transition process.



Treasurer Report

2023 Budget versus Actual through Q3

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual through Q3</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership	\$19,500	\$15,165	\$4,335
Newsletter	\$12,500	\$9,277	\$3,223
Fundraising	\$9,000	\$13,500	\$4,500
Individual Contributions	\$1,000	\$222	\$778
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Overhead	\$12,298	\$7,454	\$4,844
Beautification	\$4,800	\$14,794	\$9,994
Communications	\$400	\$0	\$400
Newsletter	\$12,000	\$9,383	\$2,618
Social	\$11,775	\$3,796	\$7,979
Membership	\$900	\$213	\$687
Fundraising	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Donations	\$2,500	\$1,740	\$760

Social Chair



2023 Upcoming Events

- **November - Turkey Trot** - November 19-26, 2023 (run or walk anytime at your own convenience)
- **December - Tree Lighting and Holiday Bazaar** - Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 4PM-6:30PM

Thank you to everyone who volunteered throughout the year! We are grateful to you all and hope to continue to build a great neighborhood through social events and volunteerism. If anyone has an questions, or would like to volunteer, please email us at FHNASOCIAL@GMAIL.COM.

Forest Hills Turns 100!



Forest Hills Neighborhood will be 100 years old April 2024 - SAVE THE DATE for a big celebration April 27, 2024

We need volunteers to make this happen. Please contact the following persons:

1. April 27th Centennial Extravaganza

Contact Susan Bailey 214.906.0622. skbmoi@swbell.net

Potential committees:

*Parade, Food/ beverages, Games/prizes (children's and adults) , Music, Setup and Breakdown, Decorations, Budget/Fundraising

2. Gather info on our history for a book, newsletter or eblast.

Contact Judy Whalen 214.535.2077 judithkaywhalen@icloud.com

3. Be on the Garden Tour next May if you have a home built before 1950

Contact Kathy Glenn 214.802.2574 kathyglenn@hotmail.com

Communications – Follow Us

Scan the code to sign up to our E-Blast list and
for access to our FB page

Or email

foresthillshomeownersasso@gmail.com to be
added to the e-Blast and add it to your email
address book



Membership and Newcomers Report



2023 Membership Activity

- 222 Paid Member Households (as compared to 258 in 2022)
- \$14,395 raised, including additional donations – Thank you! (as compared to \$11,320 in 2022)
- Electronic payments changed from PayPal to Stripe which allows both credit card payments and Apple Pay
- 52 New Membership Toolkit Contacts
- 320 Households in online directory. Please register on MTK if you have not yet
- Please verify/update your information each year in Membership Toolkit

Newcomers Report for 2023

- 15 New Households
- Please contact us at newtoforesthills@gmail.com if you know of any new neighbors
- Sometimes it's hard to track new neighbors with move-in delays from remodels/new construction/leasebacks

Planning & Zoning Report



- ◆ **Mill Creek development at the Former Lot Site-** Site work has begun. Stop by to see the big dig. First apartment units will be available in Q4 2024 with a target Completion date of Q1 2025.
- ◆ **3G intersection** – Work is underway. They have made great progress. Best guess is end of 2023 early 2024.
- ◆ **Quiet Zones at Rail Crossings** - The project is complete (comprised of city's portion of the civil work and KCS railroad signals) . Since there are federal funds on this project, we have to follow their process administered by TxDOT and summarized herein:
 - a) 1) Finish the work both (City and KCS) - completed
 - b) 2) Request TxDOT's final inspection – We are told this has been done
 - c) 3) Reconcile and complete all paperwork for final acceptance
 - d) 4) Upon final acceptance, prepare documented package to Federal Railroad Administration for the establishment of the “Quiet Zone” and coordinate accordingly
 - e) Still confirming they have begun the final inspection process
- ◆ **Sewer line replacement-** the project is underway. Waiting on the City for a progress report and timeline

Newsletter



- Published quarterly beginning in July with our *Summer* issue.
- We are looking for volunteers to help write articles, especially those featuring neighbors
- If you have ideas of how we can improve the newsletter or something we can feature, please let us know.
- Our contact is fhhanewsletter101@gmail.com
- If we do not get new chairs by end of December, communication will be limited to the Monthly E-Blasts ONLY



Beautification Goals



- ❖ Medians and Triangle are on quarterly Maintenance
- ❖ Ongoing Tree Maintenance
- ❖ Long-term Median Plan
- ❖ Adopt a Median/Common Areas Sponsorship
- ❖ Bench Maintenance





Beautification Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt a Median Program Coordinator

In an effort to restore, beautify and maintain the medians within Forest Hills, the Beautification committee needs a coordinator along with additional volunteers to develop, organize, and implement a neighborhood Adopt A Median program. FH residents will be encouraged to adopt the median area in front of their homes. If they do not have a median in front of their home, they will be encouraged to adopt a section of median elsewhere in the neighborhood. Primary responsibilities of adopters include monthly trash sweep, reporting downed limbs and brush to 311, etc.

Common Areas Sponsorship Coordinator

Coordinator will develop, organize, and implement a program to secure sponsors for the two main common areas (Breezewood and Whittier Triangle). Objective will be to enhance current water wise plantings and secure sponsors to donate funds to pay for quarterly maintenance/cleanup and seasonal plantings. Program could be expanded to include utility costs affiliated with watering these common areas as well.

Bench Program Maintenance Coordinator

In 2007, FHNA implemented a bench program to beautify the neighborhood medians while paying tribute to neighbors-past and present. Coordinator will work with Beautification Chair to restore and repair the twelve installed benches. Coordinator will periodically visit the benches to identify any additional maintenance required.



NFO: The Neighborhood Forest Overlay

- ❖ Neighborhood Committee formed post-September 12th Meeting at White Rock Library
- ❖ Our first committee meeting will be in October
- ❖ We have notified the city that we want to move forward with the NFO
- ❖ We will have more neighborhood meetings to help educate neighbors about the NFO program
- ❖ Let us know if you want to help gather signatures!

Overview

- City Council approved the NFO into ordinance on April 10, 2019.
- 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.
- A NFO can be adjusted to the needs specific to your neighborhood.





WHITE ROCK EAST
Garden Tour
+ ARTISANS

May 19, 2024

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

<https://www.whiterockgardentour.org>

Contact Kathy Glenn at kathyglenn@hotmail.com

THANK YOU White Rock East Garden Tour for donating \$13,000 to FHNA from the 2023 tour!

Need 3 gardens to tour

We'd love to have your older home on the tour for this Centennial year. Sign up and our committee will contact you.

Need musicians that will volunteer 1-2 hrs that day

There will be musicians and food vendors at 1 of our gardens.

Need sponsors

Do you have a business that would sponsor the tour? Great advertising opportunity.

We need volunteers.

Neighborhood Security: Get Your Tickets Now!



WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

Join Us!



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When:

Friday November 3, 2023: 7-11 pm

What:

LIVE Music, Extended Hours, Open Bar, Upscaled Food, Themed Raffles, Split the Pot, New LIVE Auction items and MORE!

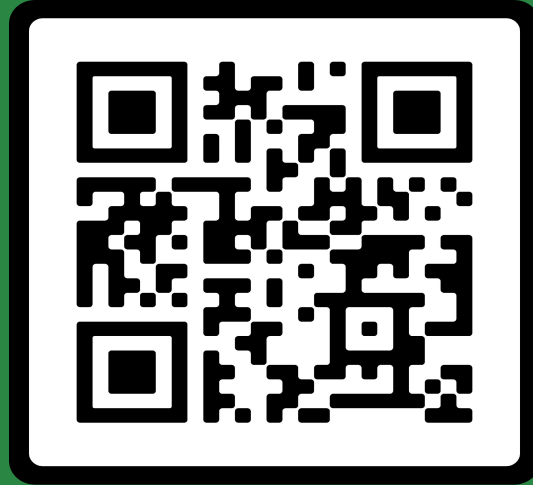
Where:

**Filter Building on White Rock Lake
2810 White Rock Road**

**Tickets are live NOW!
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