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4th of July

Neighborhood gathering another big success

New Neighbor

Welcome Darlene and Scott Ellison to San Benito

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Unruh's work graced the pages of books and magazines from Rolling Stone to Texas Monthly.

—Jack Unruh, Illustrator

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year! I am happy to have opportunity to provide some updates on progress in the neighborhood and some activities that are just around the corner.

To start, however, I'd like to thank everyone who joined us at the Forest Hills Tree Lighting. The event was a great success and captured what the holiday season is about - coming together and fostering community. We paused and took a moment to reconnect, met new neighbors, and the children loved decorating cookies and taking rides on the train. We also had the opportunity to capture the spirit of the night with portraits on the holiday sleigh. The highlight of the evening was the lighting of the Forest Hills Tree - the symbol of our neighborhood. For all who helped make this happen, including Officer David DeTamble, a big thank you!

We have a few items I wanted to update you on as well. In late 2015 we completed the tree clean up along the medians of both San Ra-

fael and Breezewood heading toward Forest Hills. The goal was to trim and prune various trees along the way to lift their canopies and make them more presentable. With this completed, we are reviewing the median multi-year planting plan that will begin in early spring.

The Board is also working to increase our visibility to new businesses coming to the area as well as track new venues and changes at the Arboretum, like its edible garden, A Tasteful Place, a garden venue in the process of build out now. Additionally, we will update you on City of Dallas plans under review for Sanger Elementary School. Stay tuned for updates on all our programs by following us on Facebook or on our website:

foresthillsdallas.org

In closing, I'd like to ask you not only for your feedback but also your assistance. There are many ideas you all have shared and to help execute, we need your time and financial support in the form of association dues for events and plant-

ings, security dues, and donations in-kind to help continue to make this the best neighborhood in Dallas.



CHRIS MCCAULEY

EDITOR'S LETTER

When I worked as an investigative reporter, I covered plenty of crime scenes but it was always to report on the aftermath. On Friday night, May 20th we witnessed a crime unfold right in front of our eyes.

We were making dinner when we heard the sirens blaring and a helicopter swirling overhead. We walked out on the front porch to see several Dallas police officers about 50 feet away with guns drawn shouting, "Get out of the vehicle now." It was like a scene out of a movie. The suspects had stolen a car and stopped right in front of our driveway. We watched for several minutes while the officers tried to contain the situation, slowly surrounding the vehicle. The suspects finally got out of the car and surrendered. By then there were almost a dozen squad cars and a fire truck lined up down the street. The police were extremely professional and made sure all the neighbors knew what was going on and were safe.

No one wants to see squad cars outside their home. We'd all like to keep the crime out of Forest Hills. The best way to keep our neighborhood safe is to continue to pay our security dues. The officers are not only familiar with Forest Hills but the residents who live here. It is a small price to pay.

The situation could have escalated and not ended peacefully. We were extremely grateful to see how many officers arrived at the scene and were able to get the situation swiftly under control.



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Found the perfect retirement home



Scott and Darlene Ellison may be new to Forest Hills but they are familiar faces in East Dallas.

"We moved here from Lakewood where I have spent all of my 50 years," Darlene said. "Scott has lived in Lakewood for more than a decade."

The couple was looking for that perfect "retirement home" and zeroed in on Forest Hills for the large lots.

The couple knew when they walked through their home, it was the one for them. They also say the neighborhood has the right friendly vibe they were seeking.

"We have several friends that live over here," Darlene said. "We have heard it's a pretty social group of neighbors."

Scott works as a financial advisor

with Northwestern Mutual and Darlene is Sr. Vice President at Vertex Bank. Their grown kids are both Aggies. Austin is a recent graduate and working at Charles Schwab and Alexa is a rising Junior heading to nursing school next year.

The family also has three furry friends.

"Nick is our oldest pup and a cocker spaniel," Darlene said. "Husker and Osborne (yes, my husband is from Nebraska, as you can tell from the names) are our two golden retrievers. Osborne is just a year old, so this much bigger yard is his doggie heaven!"

Scott will also tell you, as a longtime cyclist, the new home puts him a LOT closer to the meeting place for his weekend rides.

Welcome Newcomers

1700 Block Corday

Tim & Peg Cronin

1300 Block Highland

Paul & Maureen Lawrence

8100 Block San Benito

Jacques Rondeau & Avonti Chavez

8300 Block San Benito

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The homeowners have been working hard to make their yard a colorful and inviting oasis. A nicely manicured yard with large shade trees, several flower beds each bordered by brightly colored begonias and filled with Hostas and ferns among other plantings. Hidden among the plants is a birdbath offering a refreshing drink to our find feathered friends. The yard also boasts an attractive sitting area next to the house.

AUGUST

Debbie and George Knight
8540 Groveland

This charming yard will put a smile on your face as the homeowners are true gardeners. Their yard is a good example of what can grow in shade with the flower beds packed with pink and white caladiums, ferns and a wide variety of annuals and perennials. The flower beds are outlined with large white stones making for an attractive visual design. Tucked in the yard is also a Japanese maple, hanging baskets, pots of assorted plants and flowers, fun yard art and a comfy sitting area.

Have you paid your FHNA Dues?

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- FHA Newsletter
- Bulky Trash Signage
- Community Beautification Projects
- Great Neighborhood Events

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Our heartfelt thanks to the Keller family for another great **neighborhood celebration!**

The Forest Hills Community



Forest Hills supports the Blue-the Security Chick!

Dear Forest Hills Neighbors, Our thanks to Gloria and all who have gone out of their way to show support for the Dallas Police Force and especially our Wonderful Security Patrol Officers.

The banner as you enter Forest Hills, the blue ribbons on the trees and stop signs help show how much we appreciate the people who put their lives on the line every day to protect us.

Continue to show your support when you see an officer in our neighbor patrolling with a thumbs up, wave and thank you whenever possible.

Of course the best thank you is contributing to the Security Patrol Program.

We are all grateful our officers are safe and pray they continue to be.

*Lottie Minick
Security Chick*

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JACK UNRUH

Illustrator Jack Unruh and his wife, Judy Whalen moved to Forest Hills in 1998. Behind their house, a year later they built a barn-like garage with an art studio above. It was there, neighbors walking by, would catch glimpses of Unruh working at his drawing board through the window of a tree house-like room.

Many neighbors were models and appeared in his illustrations. He also drew artistic inspiration from the nature that surrounded him here in Forest Hills, from the mysteriously shaped cedar elms to the yellow-crowned night herons.

Unruh's work graced the pages of books and magazines from Rolling Stone to Texas Monthly. His subjects included Bob Dylan, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy and B.B. King. "The passionate outdoorsman (fly fishing and bird hunting) captured in art, an array of flora and fauna for publications including National Geographic and Field & Stream. He was an illustrator who had a great range of subject matter and was equally adept at creating stunningly beautiful depictions of animals as well as biting satirical caricatures of politicians". He received countless honors and was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame in New York in 2006. Fellow members include Norman Rockwell, Frederic Remington and N.C. Wyeth.

"Almost a decade ago, Texas Monthly asked Jack to portray the Texanist columnist, David Courtney, in all sorts of ridiculous scenarios. Jack did 105 Texanist illustrations, each one full of whimsy, fine detail, and the imaginative genius that was Unruh's hallmark." He also illustrated a monthly Bill Heavey column in Field and Stream and a Southern Living column with Pulitzer Prize winner, Rick Bragg.

Jack Unruh died May 16 in Forest Hills. We'll miss seeing him in that studio window, the beauty and visual wit of his art and his dish-rattling laugh. His spirit will remain.



FISH & Other Stories as My Pen Remembers Them, a lasting memory of our neighbor Jack Unruh is coming out this fall. It will be an 11 x 14 inch vertical, full-color, hardbound book with over 200 pages of pages from Jack's journals that he wrote and drew in during his many fishing and hunting trips. Proceeds will go into a scholarship fund Jack had established at Washington University in St. Louis, Unruh's alma mater, in gratitude for the start it provided him in his career. Available at herringpress.com



Forest Hills Garage Sale

Saturday, October 22 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
1522 Highland Road

The Garage Sale, one of our biggest fundraisers, raised over \$4,000 last year to help pay for extra security during the Christmas holidays and other Forest Hills needs. And, as in the past, a donation will be made to Alex Sanger School and to the White Rock Center for Hope on Garland Road which helps needy families in our area.

AS OF NOW: We have a donated storage unit at White Rock Self Storage on Garland Road. Each year they step-up to help us with donated space so please keep them in mind if you should ever have storage needs.

GOOD NEWS! With our new location we can start moving items there the Sunday before the Garage Sale giving us almost a full week to move, sort & price items inside a large space!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

-Need DONATED ITEMS for the Garage Sale! Please contact us to come and pick-up your items. We need good items in working condition. We are not there to haul away your trash!

-If you can keep your items until the week before and bring them over yourself that would really help us out. If not - call us to schedule a pick-up.

-Having your own Garage Sale? Please consider donating what you do not sell to the Forest Hills Garage Sale. Just give us a call!

-Need people to help with pick-up and take items to our storage unit/church.

-Need people to help at the church the week before with sorting, pricing, etc. This is inside work and usually a really fun time!

-Need VOLUNTEERS the day of the event!!!

Starting at 7:00 AM until the close of the event at 3:00 PM and then clean-up.

-Closer to the Garage Sale we will set-up shifts to work. Even if you can come just for an hour or two your help and smiles will be greatly appreciated!

REMEMBER We go to all this hard work to help Forest Hills so please help us. Call with DONATIONS and VOLUNTEER to help. If you would like to help with any of these exciting opportunities please contact:

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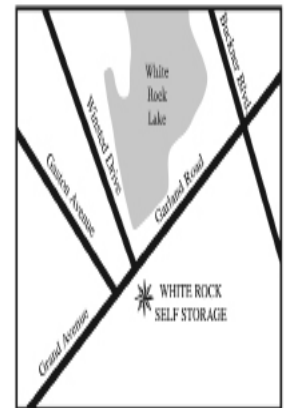
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