

Winter 2024

Forest Hills

www.foresthillsdallas.org

News



Calendar of Events

- Annual 1-23 FH Security Sign-up**
Tuesday, January 23 9
- Spring Fling and Egg Hunt**
Sunday, March 24, 12-2 p.m. 19
- Spring Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting**
Tuesday, April 23
- Centennial Fair and Parade**
Saturday, April 27 13
- East White Rock Garden Tour**
Sunday, May 19 4
- Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days**
First Saturdays – Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Street and Alley Clean-up (SAC)**
Fourth Saturdays – Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 23
10:00 a.m.

Bulky Trash

- January** - Set out, January 4 – 7
Collection January 8 – 12
- February** - Set out February 8 – 11
Collection February 12 -16
- March** - Set out March 7 – 10
Collection March 11 - 15

Spring Newsletter articles and ads are due Friday, March 1



The Oldest House in Forest Hills: 8247 San Fernando Way Photo provided by Realtor Harry Morgan

The Houses of Forest Hills

A Century of Life

by Judy Whalen

As you pass house after house when walking or driving along the tree-lined streets of our neighborhood, you will notice quite a diversity of architectural styles that reflect our rich history.

Forest Hills’ newer homes making their own history into the future incorporate Eclectic, Mediterranean, Classical, Farmhouse Country/Modern, Post Modern and Contemporary styles. Our older homes represent a style progression of designs over the past 10 decades, like Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, Spanish Revival, Mission Revival, European, Traditional, Mid-Century Modern, Ranch and more.

“Home is not a place; it’s a feeling and it is that which creates the warmth of our community.”

(Excerpts taken from home bio written by 2014-2023 resident, Ron Ballentine.)

This Dutch Colonial style house was built in 1923 by a Dr. Wilson living in Junius Heights, who wanted a lake house. The San Fernando Way house was

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JOIN THE FHNA BOARD

Do you want to become more involved in the neighborhood and meet new neighbors? Join the FHNA Board! See page 29



Letter from the Editor

Looking Back, Looking Forward

As we enter the new year, I hope you are well and share the same gratitude I have for being part of our wonderful neighborhood.

Forest Hills isn't just a place; it's a haven we've built together, and I'm committed to ensuring your newsletter continues to deliver the news you need about upcoming events, security measures and local businesses to simple pleasures of everyday life, encompassing everything from pet care to tending our gardens.

This year holds particular significance as we approach Forest Hills' centennial celebration. We will mark this historic milestone with a parade leading to a fun-filled day at the fair on April 27, see page 12 for more details. Let's mark our calendars and join hands in making this once-in-a-lifetime celebration a true reflection of our unity and enduring spirit that defines Forest Hills.

Throughout the year we will delve deeper into our neighborhood's history. Your voices, stories, and contributions are what make Forest Hills the extraordinary place it is. I'd love to hear from each one of you. Whether it's feedback, suggestions, or your personal anecdotes about the neighborhood, your input is invaluable in shaping the content of our newsletter.

Let's celebrate our community spirit that has sustained us and the generations who laid the groundwork for the Forest Hills we cherish today. See page 5 for instructions on how to pay your annual dues to the Neighborhood Association and how to donate to the Security Program. Support these two groups that make Forest Hills the safe and vibrant community we call home.

Happy New Year,
Diana Whitworth Nelson

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Two Groups, Two Goals One Neighborhood



Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA)

foresthillsdallas.org

PURPOSE: Enhances the community spirit through neighborhood beautification, social events and ongoing communication.

- Plans neighborhood social events
- Disseminates neighborhood information through print and electronic communications
- Manages beautification projects
- Provides neighborhood and community updates regarding construction, planning and zoning

Voluntary Household Dues

January sign-up - Yearly

\$75

\$45 (65 and over senior discount)

501(c)(4) Non-profit

Board of Directors monthly meetings

Semi-annual neighborhood meetings



Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP)

foresthillssecurity.org

PURPOSE: Provides security and education supporting personal safety and crime prevention.

- Enlists off-duty uniformed officers to patrol 65 hours/week in DPD vehicles
- Provides Home Watch for current members while they are away
- Monitors/tracks crime stats and trends to schedule patrols
- Educates and informs via newsletter, signage, website, eblasts and social media

Voluntary Household Donation

January 23 sign up - Yearly

(1-23 IN campaign) - Multiple levels

Ring of Honor: **\$1,000** Platinum: **\$750**

Gold: **\$500** Silver: **\$350** Bronze: **\$240**

501(c)(3) Non-profit

Board of Directors quarterly meetings

Support both neighborhood organizations.

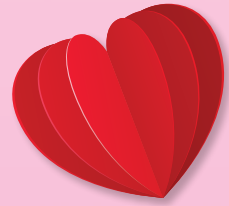


**Pay FHNA
Dues**



**Donate to
FHSP**

Show your love



Dear Forest Hills Neighbors –

In April 1924, Forest Hills was established. The beautiful tree-filled area with views of White Rock Lake provided a unique place for residents of Dallas to find their new home. One hundred years later, we still have an appreciation for how special this area is. As we prepare to celebrate our centennial, we reflect on the importance of neighborhood support in not only maintaining the beauty of the neighborhood, but in enhancing our community spirit.

The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA) was created to promote the social welfare of the community. The FHNA is most successful when we have the support of neighbors through both participation in our events, volunteerism, and through the payment of our annual dues. Although dues are voluntary, we still hope that individuals will choose to pay because they understand the value the association brings to the neighborhood. The payment of dues also grants individuals access to our online directory making it possible to easily connect with neighbors.

Please consider showing your support for our neighborhood association by paying your 2024 dues. While participation at any time is appreciated, contributing in the beginning of the year allows us to best plan for the upcoming year. To encourage early participation, we will hold a \$100 drawing to a local restaurant for all who contribute by Valentine's Day to **thank you for Showing your Love.**

Thank you to each one of you for making this such a wonderful place to live.

Warmest regards,
Kathleen Davis
FHNA Membership Chair

To pay your 2024 FHNA dues

2024 Annual Dues - \$75

2024 Over 65 Household Annual Dues - \$50



Or you can Mail your check (payable to FHNA) to:
Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
PO Box 180897, Dallas, TX 75218
Dues are not tax-deductible



THANK YOU 2023 Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members!

Thank you to all the wonderful and generous neighbors who showed their support of the neighborhood by paying their 2023 FHNA membership dues. To express our gratitude, we will have special events for those households who have paid their dues including a Thank You event for those who paid in 2023. We could not do this without you.

Below is a list that reflects payments between January 1st and December 1st, 2023. If your name doesn't appear as you'd like it to, or has been incorrectly omitted, please let us know by emailing fhnadallas@gmail.com.

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| Josy Collins | Sharon & William Hill | Jim & Jeannine O'Bannon | Lezlie & Stan Vlasimsky |
| Andie Comini | Helga Hirschfeld | Sarah & John O'Brien | Doug & Cindy Wabner |
| Seth & Katrina Cook | Justin Hisson & Whitney Lawson | Keith & April Ogboenyiya | Kathy & Grant Wall |
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FOREST HILLS SECURITY

Be IN. Stay IN. Bring a neighbor IN!



National Night Out 2023

The FHNA and the FHSP hosted our annual National Night Out Block Party on October 3, 2023. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships as well as neighborhood camaraderie. Representatives from the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, the

Forest Hills Security Program, Waste Warriors, Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery and Car Club were on hand to answer questions about their programs. Thank you to the DPD officers in attendance as well as ENP officer Gabriel Ortiz for speaking and answering questions from FH residents.

How to Join IN:

It's easy to join. Pay by mail or go online to www.foresthillssecurity.org. Choose your participation level and click. You are IN!

Get Ready for 1-23!

Our 1-23 sign-up day is an annual reminder to make your contribution to the security program. Contributing to the FHSP IN JANUARY allows us to properly plan for and secure our patrol team for the shifts we need covered throughout the entire year. Beyond providing daily police patrols in our neighborhood, the FHSP educates neighbors of all ages through the Safety IN Numbers program and National Night Out.

Our goal for 2024 is 80% membership! Reach out to your neighbors and ask them to Be IN! Be an ambassador for the FHSP!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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

Check: Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP)
 PO Box 180693, Dallas, TX 75218

Credit Card via PayPal: www.foresthillssecurity.org
 Payment Inquiry: FHSPtreasurer@gmail.com
 Home Watch Request: fhspen@aol.com

Tax Deductible - FHSP is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. EIN# 75-3123662



Thank you, Neighbors!

Join the movement: Be IN, and Bring One IN! In 2023, an impressive 58% of the neighborhood donated! We're aiming higher for 2024: let's reach 80% together!

RING OF HONOR (\$1,000+)

- Bell, Michael & Jenelle
Bielawski, Kurt & Dorsey, Chad
Biry, Mike & Jennifer
Black, Kevin & Keri
Buresh, Cary & Kelle
Comini, Andie
Deutscher, Layne & Laura Ann
Dybala, Paul & Kelly
Fosha, Jay & Raskopf, Karen
Gilpin, Doug & Linda
Higgins, Lee & Stull-Higgins, Terri
Huddleston, Brad & Lara
Hunt, Marshall & Lee Ann
Johnson, Price & Amanda
Klein, Ron & Debbie
Lake, Rod & Charlene
Lander, Bob & Carol
Ogboenyiya, Keith & April
Osborne, Rory & Sydney
Pogue, Blair & Cristin
Reister, Bill
Rettinger, Tom & Wendy
Schaar, Allen & Mary
Schmidt, Bob & Penny
Thomas, Jay & Simone

PLATINUM (\$750-\$999)

- Ansolabehere, Michael & Olivia
Johnston, Paul & Andrea
Leucht, Richard & Nicole
Mikstinac, Tony & McNulty, Luanne
Spieker, John
Westerberg, Rob & Linda

GOLD (\$500-\$749)

- Adams, Lynn
Bernstein, Ken & Clay, Barbara
Biltz, Jim & Phyllis
Buhmann, David & Martine
Campbell, Randy & Debra
Cassady, Jason & Emily

- Chan, Bonnie & Sammarco, Phil
Christopher, Brent & Egert Smith, Monica
Dermarkar, Alain & Melissa
Dhaliwal, Tehsel & Rosslow, Gracia
Esquivel, George & Joanna
Goodwin, Gary & Messina, Kathleen
Gresl, Frank & Katie
Hamilton, Ruel & Dana
Hanes, Donna
Heller, Lawrence & Paula
Hille, David & Fling, Karen
Jordan, James & Brault-Jordan, Barbara
Josephakis, John & Diane
Karunatileka, Muditha & Rocha, Griselda
Kellam, Jack & Candy
Kim, Harry & Seo, Anna
Knight, George & Debbie
Koenig, Craig & Medora
Lamberti, Steve
Lamont, Lee & Kelly
Lee, Brad & Lori
Majdalani, George & Drake, Casey
McCall, Shannon & Keri
McCutcheon, Jason & Kaminski, Sydney
Neerman, Jonathan & Tricia
Norton, Greg & Kristen
O'Brien, Jr., John & Sarah
Palmer, Mark & Cozy
Pascoe, John & Rana
Peterson, Jeff & Candy
Reed, Randy & Linda
Ross, Brandon & Nicole
Rothstein Mayer, Linda
Salvant, Brian & Combs, Heather
Shull, Cecily
Tarpley, George & Gloria
Walters, Jeff & Lynne
Way, Matthew & Wolf, Heather
White, Melody
Williamson, Tom & Kristen
Winwood, Eric & Sara

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- Adams, Garrett & Valerie
Allen, David & Bunkley, Heather
Anderson, Roy & Barbara
Arthur, Dick & Kathleen
Barbera, Adrian & Golden, Charlotte
Berry, Paula
Bogar, Evan & Magnant, Renee
Bonner, Cathy
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Castillo, Lorenzo & Gloria
Clarke, Justin & Becky
Coldwell, Scott & Deborah
Davis, Brad & Tiffany
DeVilbiss, Bobby & Shannon
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Faulkner, Sean & Schaefer, Trae
Ferguson, Carlton & Elizabeth
Gilpin, Wes & Bailey, Susan
Glenn, Woody & Kathy
Hill, William & Sharon
Hodge, Chuck & Darla
Howells, Adam & Stephanie
Hudson, Timothy & Sally
Hunt, Denny & Lori
Kalabus, Bo & Jones, Kory
Kirksey, Scott & Jo
Kummer, Elizabeth & Rush, Connie
MacNair, Darryl & O'Mara, Katy
Magee, Ryan & Claudia
Marcel, Zane & Amanda
Matter, Charlie & Chiang, Angela
Melvin, Paul & Rogers, Audrey
Molina, Gustavo & Denise
Noble, Dan & Ann
O'Bannon, Jim & Jeannine
Orr, Tom & Bagley, Frances
Ortman, Daniel & Linda
Pannek, Preston & Casey, Adrienne
Payne, David & Carol
Rainey, Will & Dionne
Reece, William & Johnson, Camille
Rolle, Larry & Guerrero, Roxane
Sadler, John & Meyering, Abbie
Sanford, Ketric & Christa
Santangelo, Nick & Heather

- Schortgen, Steven & Alicia
Slovak, Robert & Jaimee
Spafford, Chris & Pedersen, Annelise
Swanson, David & Donna
Tarbet, David & Paula
Thomas, Bill & Jay
Thomas, David & Debbie
Toops, David & Glover, Julie
Wall, Grant & Kathy
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Williams, Kristen
Zavala, John & Sarah

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Akers, Greg & Jean
Almond, Brad & Cathy
Annis, Jack & Korbet
Aull, Josh & Sarah Kate
Bagley, James & Ann
Bailey, Eliane
Balentine, Ron & Dunn, Julie
Ballew, Joel & Wagner, Chase
Bane, John & Deborah
Banks, Don & Carmen
Barbare, Cynthia
Beasley, Ginny
Bens, Wim & Busch, Brenda
Bever, Joe & Carrie
Biltz, Elyn & Link, Cathy
Black, Benjamin & Yoko
Black, Chris & Ashley
Black, Paul & Carol
Blagojevic, Ziggy
Blaylock, Gregg & Alvarez, Alicia
Boatman, Ken & Rebecca
Bohner, Scott
Bordelon, Paul & Becky
Borrett, Bruce
Bosher, Lola & Howard, Bobbie
Bosworth, Brent & Nicole
Braden, Paul & Virginia
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* Neighbor who has contributed for two or more years in a row.

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 Bruning, Win & Karen ✨
 Byrne, Michael & Maria ✨
 Cabeca, Anna ✨
 Cage, Wayne & Pat ✨
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 Carley, Michael & Janine ✨
 Carr, Christopher & Shannon ✨
 Casey, John & Peggy ✨
 Caughey, Lynda & Futrell, Kathleen ✨
 Cearley, Tom & Julia ✨
 Chambers, Eric & Elizabeth ✨
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 Gatens, Steve & Nancy ✨
 Gerard, Nellie ✨
 Gerte, Alicia ✨
 Giangiulio, Richard and Schleuning, Maria ✨
 Gilbreath, Dallas & Gwen ✨
 Gillette, Thomas & Chow, June ✨
 Gilmore, Greg & Debra ✨
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 Glenn, Lee & Fineman, Julie ✨
 Gore, Paul ✨
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 Hammonds, Chuck & Kellie ✨
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 Hubbard, Aaron & Tiffany ✨
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 This list reflects 2023 contributions through 12/13/2023.



Don't forget

Annual "SIGN IN" Day is January 23, 2024.





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FOREST HILLS CENTENNIAL FAIR

Celebrating a Century of Community Heritage



In a few short months, We'll commemorate a historic milestone: the establishment of our beloved neighborhood on the April 11, 1924.

Join your neighbors on April 27, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., as we rejoice in this momentous occasion at the Forest Hills Centennial Fair and Parade. Transport yourself back in time to an era when Forest Hills was just beginning its journey. Experience the perfect blend of old-world charm and family-friendly amusement, celebrating a century of cherished memories and shared history within our community.

The jubilations kick off with an 11 a.m. parade lineup down Breezewood. Let your imagination run wild and prepare your "floats," gather your marching companions, and adorn your bicycles in 1924 fashion - after all, it's your parade to shape! Once at the "Fair grounds," revel in classic amusements, from whimsical rides to thrilling carnival games. Stay tuned for tournaments, races, and contests - your input matters; what would you like to see? Indulge your senses with the sweet aromas of cotton candy and freshly popped

popcorn and don't miss the chance to savor Forest Hills' own Keller's hamburgers and other surprise food options.

The day will be filled with live entertainment by the talented Singapore Slingers, ensuring there's clapping and toe-tapping for all.

Seeking something clandestine? Discover the password for access to our hidden Speakeasy. Immerse yourself in the Prohibition era with artisanal cocktails and a genuine Roaring Twenties experience. Dress in your vintage best or simply embrace the casual charm of the era. Whether it's a straw hat or some beads, let yourself be carried away by simpler times.

The Forest Hills Centennial Fair isn't just an event - it's a once-in-a-lifetime community celebration. Please note this event is exclusively for Forest Hills residents and their guests and is not open to the public.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of Forest Hills' living history. Commemorative Forest Hills Centennial items will be for sale. Proceeds will help fund the celebration. Call or text Susan Bailey at 214-906-0622 to participate in event planning.

A Century of Life

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8247 San Fernando Way - Backyard



8247 San Fernando Way - Fish House

one of the first homes built in the yet to be named Forest Hills neighborhood. Some of the streets had been built, but not the whole neighborhood. Current neighbor Rick Reeves said before the main house was built, the Quarters were used as a “Fish House” and a place to stay. Rick’s pump house was also a Fish House. There were several fish cabins along the ridge and some of them were owned by H.L. Hunt. There were no houses fronting Garland Road/ State Hwy 78 (then Bankhead Highway/Hwy 1 1917-1926) at the time, so it was a straight shot from San Fernando down to White Rock Lake.

The new owners would ride their horses over from Junius Heights to gather at the lake with their buddies on the weekend and drink whiskey, play poker and go fishing. Between the driveway and the Reeve’s house there is a buried concrete tub that served as a live well for the fish they caught.

When the house was finally built, automobiles were the new thing. Now going to the country in 1923, six miles from downtown was easier with a different kind of horsepower.

1954-1980 second owners, Mr. and Mrs. Nemeč were both musicians. She played the piano and he the clarinet. In the evening you could often hear their music wafting through the neighborhood. Dr. Wilson’s daughter previously had kept horses in stables on the property. John Nemeč and his sister, who lived here as children in the 50’s confirmed that there were horse stables on the property when their family moved in.

Between 1980-2004, a major renovation was done by the third owners and extensive landscaping took place incorporating a three-season garden to be used as owner’s training ground to become a landscape architect.

(Save the date! This garden will be featured on the White Rock East Dallas Garden Tour May 19th.)

In 2014, Ron Balentine and Julie Dunn breathed more life into the home with another major restoration. The foundation was re-built, where they found evidence of the original foundation, which was made of a Bois d’arc tree. The kitchen was taken down to the studs and re-built. Extensive electrical and HVAC work was done between the main house and the expanded Fish house. The original wood floors and walls were refinished.

The “knob and tube” wiring in the living room and 23 stained glass windows, beautiful crown molding and original ironwork by historic Potter Art Metal Studios of Dallas remain.

Now a sixth family has taken possession of this historical treasure filled with memories. Welcome Jacob and Ashley Moss!

Approaching its 100th year in April, Forest Hills will be looking back through the years and saluting our older homes built in the 20s, 30s, and 40s, which are also celebrating their milestone years.

When was your home built? Have some details of its life in Forest Hills? Information about notable residents, who live or have lived here? Stories, Urban Myths to be told? Call/Text: Judy Whalen 214-535-2077



8146 San Fernando Way - 1940

Another home steeped in history is this San Fernando Way house known to many as the Cox house. It was built in 1940 at the approximate cost of \$35,000 for Dallas steelman, W.T. Cox, owner of the Cox Fence Company. You can still find the fencing throughout Dallas. Cox chain link fences are known for their signature rooster embellishment.

Cox used his San Fernando Way house to develop a new type of steel framework with pipe columns welded to cross I-beams. The walls were constructed 19 inches thick and the pipe column area provided a space for insulation, ducts, and built-in cabinets between the exterior and interior stucco walls.

This Spanish Eclectic home was built with many levels. Each bedroom had a private set of staircases. The central section of the home was the living room and gallery with two wings angling out at 45 degrees on either side. Half the huge central fireplace was in the living room and the other half in the adjoining terraced gallery. Lanai steel-framed glass accordion doors were placed beside the fireplace opening the two rooms to each other if needed. Another bank of these folding doors was placed along the back of the gallery, which could fold opened to bring the outdoors



8146 San Fernando Way - 2023

in. Beautiful hand-made Mexican tile was everywhere on the floors, stairs and painted ones were inlaid into walls inside and out like pieces of art. Wood doors throughout were custom carved with intricate designs and figures.

Cox had iron casement windows with ornamental grills, iron accents and light fixtures installed throughout. A basement beneath a basement was built where a 30-foot Artesian well was dug. The house with its playful curved roof angles meandered over the lot because it is said Cox refused to cut down several big trees.



Swimming Pool - 1940

Cox built the original 1935 Dallas Sportatorium, using all his steel resources. The legendary wrestling venue was constructed in the shape of an octagon and seated 10,000. In the late 1940s - 1960s it was also home to The Big D Jamboree. Grand Ole Opry entertainers like Johnny Cash and Hank Williams, Sr. performed there. The Rock and Roll of the mid 1950s brought Elvis, Chuck Berry, Ray Charles, Fats Domino and Jerry Lee Lewis. The cost of admission in 1962 was adults, 90¢ and kids 60¢!

The integrity of W.T. Cox's custom home has been beautifully maintained since the 1940's. The only change to the original footprint was an addition of a master bedroom suite, expanded kitchen with family room and a cupola accent nestled in the terra cotta tiled roof.

There have been three residents since 1940 who have updated and cared for this landmark, all respecting Cox's vision. Nick and Katie Cutri are the latest lucky owners!



Forest Hills Lights Up: Holiday Tree Lighting

The Forest Hills Tree Lighting event was one for the books thanks to all the participants and contributors who made it magical. Immense thanks go to the individuals who made this year's event extra special.

The dedicated volunteers deserve heartfelt appreciation for their hard work. Special recognition goes to the vendors who shared their talents and the community members for coming together and enjoying the festivities.

Attendees savored delightful hot chocolate and coffee from El Porton at Casa Linda Plaza, relished delicious offerings from the Dallas Grilled Cheese Co. food truck, and enjoyed the Choo Choo Express of Dallas, which provided endless fun for the kids. Special acknowledgments go to Greg Reichel for ensuring a top-notch sound setup, Dr. Jennifer Rodney for enchanting holiday songs, and Regis Hayes, the local photographer from Purpose Driven Visuals, for

capturing precious moments throughout the event.

The centennial table brought an unexpected historical charm as neighbors, dressed in 1920s attire, served Prohibition-era libations, adding to the event's allure and offering a glimpse of the big centennial event April 27. Notably, Mr. Claus graced the occasion, marking the special Tree Lighting.

Though the event felt quick, it was incredible to connect with new neighbors and catch up with familiar faces. The kids' area, especially the letters to Santa, was a tremendous success. Those letters were delivered straight to the North Pole.

Once again, heartfelt thanks to everyone contributing to our warm and vibrant community. Let's cherish these traditions and continue this beautiful legacy for years to come. Keep an eye on your inbox for an email containing access to all the photos captured by Regis. Wishing everyone safe and joyous holidays.



Sanger Stallion Corner



A Winter Extravaganza and a Sneak Peek into Spring Fun

Between rounds of testing, chess and robotics matches there was lots of fun—Give Back Nights and a fabulous Winter Fine Arts Night. We celebrated and supported our Fine Arts Program at the school while enjoying family activities like visits with Santa, cookie decorating, perusing grade-level art installments and listening to the class music performances. A real highlight of the night was the first performance by the Sanger Mariachi Band. Next, we added to the holiday season with two weeks of fun dress-up days and a Sanger Cinema Night with the movie Elf. Lastly, we thanked our Forest Hills Family for once again supporting our school Pantry and Locker with generous donations gathered on Dec. 3rd during their tree lighting event- we are set through the winter season because of you. Thank you!

Looking forward to Spring. We have our Annual Fundraiser Auction Night March 1st at the Elks Lodge. This year's theme is Scream Break. For families with young children, we've started a Future Stallions parent group in which we are creating opportunities to meet each other, play together, make friends and find support. We will also provide information about Sanger including important enrollment dates, tour dates and other Sanger news and events. The goal is to schedule play date meetups during the spring semester. Sign up now for updates.



Future Stallions

Do you want to be a Sanger friend? BE A SPONSOR or DONATE. Sponsorships and donations to the PTA assist in supporting scholarships, sending teachers to national level conferences, enrichment programs for all grade levels and keep our Hygiene and Food Lockers stocked.

If you're interested in being a Sanger Friend and helping fulfill a teacher's wish list, email Carolina Cerrillo at cacerillo@dallasisd.org.



Sanger School Sends a Big Thank You for Incredible Donations at Tree Lighting



SangerLocker

Now in time for Valentine's Day, we will be collecting donations for SHOW YOUR HEART for Alex Sanger Preparatory! Donate items directly to our Pantry and Hygiene lockers via our Amazon List here.



Curious About the Neighborhood Forest Overlay (NFO)?

When Forest Hills was established in 1924, the advertisement in the newspaper read, “Your Home in a Forest.” It highlighted the beautiful oak, elm, and pecan trees that grew throughout the neighborhood. One hundred years later, we still understand the value of these trees, not just aesthetically.

The temperature of the air drops as you enter our neighborhood, and the trees increase the values of our homes.

To preserve these things, we have begun the process of establishing an NFO program. This program allows us to establish standard rules to conserve and maintain the urban forest within the boundaries of the overlay.

There will be many questions as we move ahead. To navigate this process, a committee of 10 households will spend the next few months working with the city, educating neighbors and answering questions. It is important for each household to make an informed decision about whether to support this program.

We appreciate your patience, feedback and open mind. Please attend an upcoming information session to have your questions answered and learn more.

Regards,
The Forest Hills NFO Committee
fhnanfocommittee@gmail.com



FHNA Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday March 24, 12-2 p.m. • The intersection of San Pedro Parkway and St. Francis

Please join us for our annual Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of fun for the kids with two Easter egg hunts—one for younger kids and one for older ones—starting at 12:30 pm.

The Easter Bunny may even hop by...

More details to come in our monthly eblasts. For questions or to volunteer, please email fhnasocial@gmail.com



FRIENDS OF THE WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY



Sanger Prep school kids on the steps of the historic Warren Ferris Cemetery wildlife sanctuary with FWFC board member Patty Griffin

Neighborhood Group Does More Than Transform Green Spaces

I'm Julie Fineman, a resident of Forest Hills. I live next door to what was previously an eyesore, an overgrown neglected historic cemetery. Four years ago, I led a volunteer effort to restore the land back to a native habitat creating a neighborhood green space benefiting our neighbors & wildlife. We are now the Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery a 501C3 and our small organization is growing.

The success of this program has led to the Constellation of Living Memorials pilot program which includes eight other similar cemeteries whose local caretakers from underserved communities share similar goals which including:

- Expanding urban green spaces
- Lowering the urban heat island index
- Redeveloping biodiversity
- Building community

The Constellation program has partnered with the Summerlee Foundation, the Texas Historical Foundation, Preservation Dallas, the Texas Surveyors Association, Texas

A&M, EarthX and Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists chapters. Our program is grassroots & volunteer based. Thank you, neighbors, for your support and we look forward to building lasting relationships with you all. Dallas can be an epicenter and create a paradigm shift in greening urban environments...let's make history together by re-kindling connections to nature in Dallas & creating an authentic sense of place and belonging.



Principle Alex Merritt invited Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery to meet Faculty for a two hour presentation including a tour of the historic Ferris Cemetery



A Refresher

Waste Warriors' Mission of Earth Stewardship

By Elizabeth Kinkead

Our neighborhood service group Waste Warriors is best known for our monthly SAC Day (Street and Alley Cleanup), our annual Holiday Fundraiser for our Sanitation Crews, and perhaps some recycling tips that appear in the FHNA newsletter.

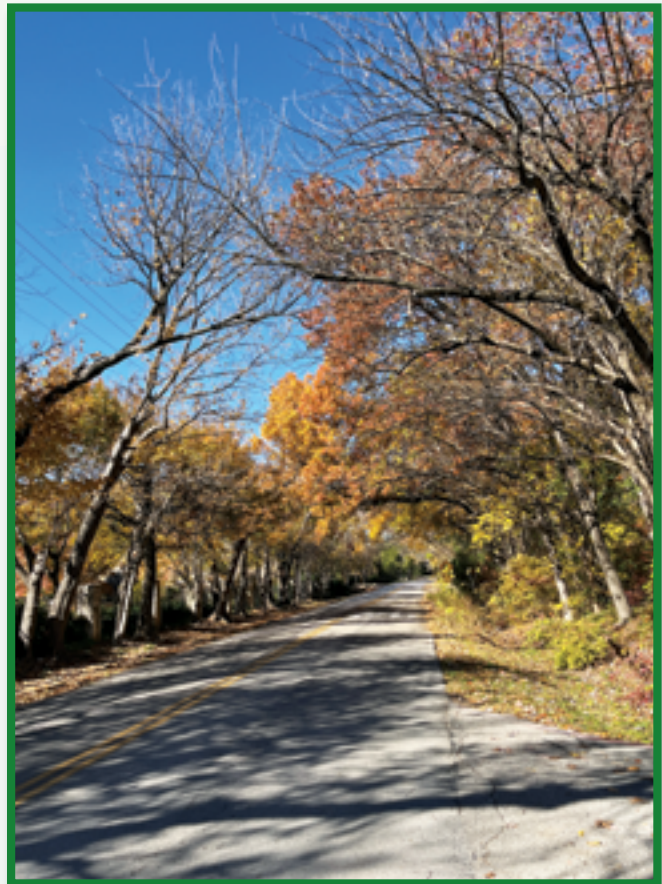
As we start our fifth year serving Forest Hills, I wanted to remind everyone of the mission that brought the Waste Warriors together: To inspire and educate neighbors to be good stewards of the Earth.

Reducing waste means much more than reducing carbon emissions or meeting sustainability goals; for many of us, it is a moral and spiritual pursuit. We all have the responsibility to serve each other, the Earth, and all living beings in their best interest.

One of my favorite spiritual writers is Richard Rohr, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and a Franciscan priest. He says, "Everything created is a message about the nature of God." In other words, you know the creator by his creation. From this perspective, there are so many qualities that would come to my mind, but the top three for me would be that our creator loves color, diversity and surprise.

Look around our neighborhood any time of year and this is apparent. As I write this in fall, things that have recently caught my eye and made me pause are the giant shaggy acorns on the sidewalk, the flaming red leaves of the red maple and three squirrels spiraling at breakneck speed down an oak tree.

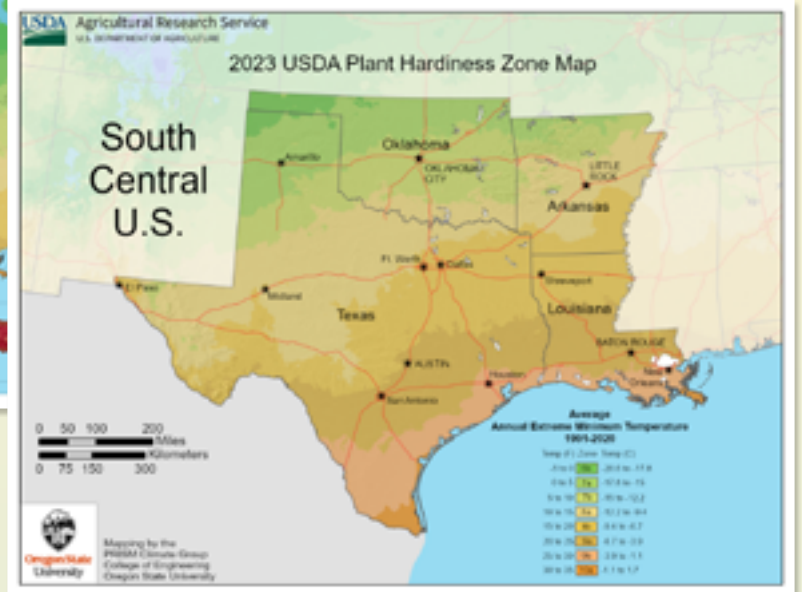
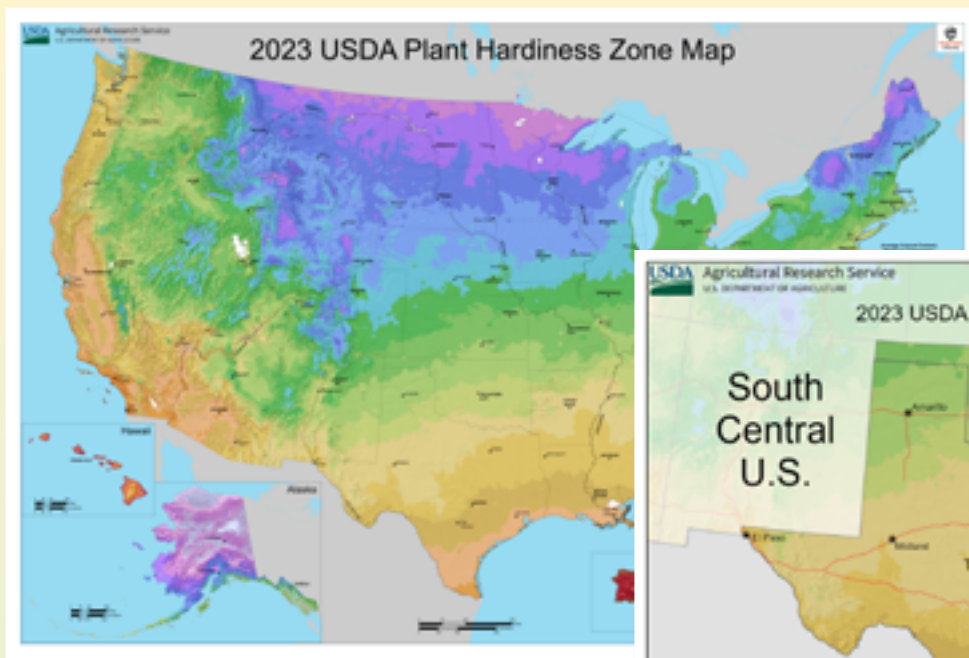
I picked up two heavy bags of trash on Highland Road last Saturday (December 2) thrown out on the grassy shoulder and I could have collected two more. Many of us operate on cruise control without taking a moment



to regard the creation around us, that we are part of and connected to. When creation is mistreated and used badly, everything becomes out of balance and in disharmony.

Small acts of preserving creation, our earth and each other, can make a big difference in building harmony.

Join us in our mission to be good stewards of the Earth and appreciate the awesome beauty of our natural world. What qualities do you see in our creator?



The Dirt Dog

Prepare for Spring in Zone 8b: New Hardiness Zone Map Released

Hello fellow garden enthusiasts in Zone 8b. Yes, that’s right Zone 8b! The new Hardiness Zone Map is available, and it’s changed. Here are some tips to make your garden thrive next spring:

Plant Perennials: Choose perennials that are well-suited for our zone and clay soil unless you plan to bring the plant indoors during the winter months. They’ll come back year after year, saving you time and effort. And their deep roots will aerate your landscape, assisting with water runoff.

Prepare the Soil: Ensure your soil is nutrient-rich by adding organic matter like compost. Well-nourished soil promotes healthy plant growth and vibrant blooms.

Start Seedlings Indoors Now: For a head start, consider starting seeds indoors. This is really beneficial for warm season crops like tomatoes and peppers.

Mulch, Mulch, Mulch: Mulching helps retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Choose a natural mulch like straw or bark or, “What about those fall leaves?” They are nature’s natural mulch. Leave ‘em, don’t blow em! Ask your gardeners to mulch them into your grass and/or mulching and spreading in your landscape beds, the soil and your plants will thank you!

Water Wisely and check irrigation system: Keep an eye on your garden’s water needs. Water before 10 a.m. to reduce evaporation and prevent fungal diseases. More importantly - water when you’re awake, not while you sleep. Why? So, you know if your irrigation system is working properly. Most broken pipes and heads go undetected due to sprinklers running prior to the house being awake.

Prune and Trim: Remove dead/damaged branches to encourage healthy growth according to the maintenance program of your tree and shrubs. Ensure you’re using the proper equipment to make clean cuts, so you don’t leave your green babies open to unwanted disease and pests.

Attract Pollinators: Invite butterflies, fireflies, moths, hummingbirds and bees to your garden by planting nectar-rich flowers. They play a crucial role in pollination and contribute to a thriving ecosystem.

Fertilize Thoughtfully: There are good fertilizers out there, but the best fertilizer for our rich, but difficult clay soil is compost. Laying a 2-3” layer of compost directly on top of the soil is truly all your landscape needs, with the appropriate mulch coverage on top.

Want more tips or have questions?

Follow me @dirt.dogdesign

Welcome Newcomers!

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Craig Dowis & Meredith Hastings

Apologies if anyone was overlooked. 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 at fhnadallas@gmail.com with names/addresses, so we can extend a neighborly welcome.



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Holiday Cheer for our Sanitation Superstars

On December 18, neighbors came together to present holiday gifts to our amazing sanitation crew. With the support of more than 150 neighbors, we surpassed our goal and raised more than \$10,000! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give each of the 50 hard-working members a \$200 gift card, along with a heartfelt small gift and card. Their dedication is truly remarkable, and we're overflowing with gratitude for everything they do.

Unlock Exclusive Neighborhood Communication

Our Neighborhood Directory is crucial for Forest Hills' security and community, facilitating connections among neighbors. It allows registered members to alert others about various issues like broken sprinklers, car troubles, misdelivered packages, fostering a supportive community. Your information stays within the neighborhood, and you can choose what to keep private.

For more information and instructions go to foresthillsdallas.org/directory



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Calling all Car Buffs: Join Forest Hills Car Club

Did you know there's a treasure trove of unique automobiles tucked away in our garages? If you share a passion for cars, you're invited to join the Forest Hills Car Club.

Picture this: gathering with fellow enthusiasts over coffee, swapping stories, kicking tires and admiring some remarkable vehicles. It's a community where everyone is welcome, whether you own a cool car or just appreciate the beauty of automobiles.

By joining our mailing list, you'll stay in the loop about local car shows and auto-related events. Imagine cruising down to Breezewood between Forest Hills and San Fernando at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month (weather permitting) for our cars & coffee meet-up. Trust us, you won't want to miss the lineup of fascinating vehicles!

To hop on board and receive updates, shoot an email to pj7103@gmail.com. Let's rev up the excitement together.



SUPPORT LOCAL!

Lakewood Brewing Co.

Our Neighborhood Brewmaster Crafts Award-Winning Beers

Lakewood Brewing Co. is a family-owned brewery in Garland, Texas that has gained popularity for its exceptional and award-winning craft beers. Founded in 2012 by East Dallas residents Wim Bens and his wife Brenda Busch, the brewery has grown from a small operation to a significant player in the Dallas, Texas, national and even global craft beer scene.

Bens, a Belgian-born brewmaster, developed a passion for beer after many childhood trips “back home.” As a young SMU graduate, Bens began his quest for the perfect Belgian-style beer in Texas, only to discover the innovative approaches of American craft breweries. Upon moving to East Dallas, Bens found himself in a community full of creative individuals who were invested in giving back to their city. This inspired him to create beers that catered to a broad range of tastes and occasions. Lakewood Brewing takes a diverse and localized approach, offering something for everyone, which has helped them build a loyal following among beer enthusiasts.

Their flagship beer, Temptress Imperial Milk Stout, has won numerous awards, including gold medals at the Great American Beer Festival and World Beer Cup. It’s also the top-selling craft milk stout in Texas and serves as the foundation for many of Lakewood’s other beers, like the upcoming Pumpkin Spice Latte Temptress and Double Stuffed Temptress. The brewery’s commitment to quality and innovation has also helped them stand out in a crowded craft beer market. They use only the finest ingredients and experiment with new styles and flavors to keep their taps fresh and exciting.

Set against a giant Instagram-ready mural that covers



almost the entire side of the brewery, Lakewood’s sweeping covered outdoor beer garden has attractions for adults like foosball, cornhole, dart boards, giant Jenga, and outside spaces with firepits surrounded by Adirondack chairs. Inside, the taproom features booths, communal tables, and comfortable seating throughout with cozy lighting and more murals. Its kitchen features appetizers, salads, sandwiches, flatbread pizzas, and sweets – many of which have tastes of Lakewood fan favorites to complement the 24 rotating beers on tap.

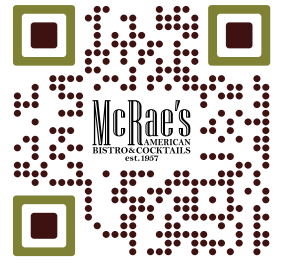
Despite its growth, Lakewood Brewing remains a family business as they oversee every aspect of the operation. From brewing to distribution to marketing, they are involved every step of the way. The brewery and taproom have also made it a priority to give back to the community that has supported them, and they often host events and fundraisers to benefit local charities, as well as annual favorites like LakeWOOF and a Grown-up Prom. Wim also prioritizes sustainability by recycling their spent grain and using energy-efficient equipment.

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Neighborhood Elections

New Faces, Open Positions

Join the Board

Our Fall Semi-Annual Meeting took place on Tuesday, October 11th, hosted at Times Ten Cellars. The main event of the evening was the annual election, with several positions open for candidacy, including the expiration of Katy O’Mara’s two-year tenure as President in December.

We are thrilled to introduce the newly elected officials: Gary Brown as Planning and Zoning Chair, Diana Whitworth Nelson as Newsletter Chair, and the re-elected Kathleen Davis as Membership and Newcomers Chair. Many thanks to the three eager neighbors who stepped up last-minute to fill the vacant Members At Large positions—your enthusiasm is appreciated.

Despite the enthusiastic turnout, certain key roles remain unoccupied: President, Social Chair, Communications Chair and Fundraising Chair.

If you’re interested in becoming part of our passionate team, please get in touch via fhnaelections@gmail.com or reach out to any current board member. Join us in serving our neighborhood.



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Event Team:

Led by Laura Ann Deutscher and including Annelise Pederson, Becky Bordelon, Carol Lander, our FHSP Board and other valuable neighborhood volunteers.

Auctioneer: Greg Richardson was outstanding AGAIN!

Music: Greg Reichel

FHSP Patrol Coordinator:

A HUGE THANKS to Sgt. Mike Mata!

Our 2023 Forest Hills is Brewing event was another huge success!

We raised \$50,000 for neighborhood patrols and education for next year, which will allow for having smaller fundraising events in 2024.

A beautiful setting at the White Rock Filter Building was the perfect backdrop for our really fun event! Over 150 neighbors and friends came out to support our FH Security Program.

Our 2024 Goals:

- Holiday Patrol Hours to equal 70 hours per week
- Maintain 65 patrol hours per week for the year
- Increase Safety in Numbers educational events for adults and children
- Have an increased focus on National Night Out
- Promote the 1-23 membership campaign with Bring 1 IN and achieve our goal of 80% participation!



Without ALL of you we could never have made this event so fun and successful!





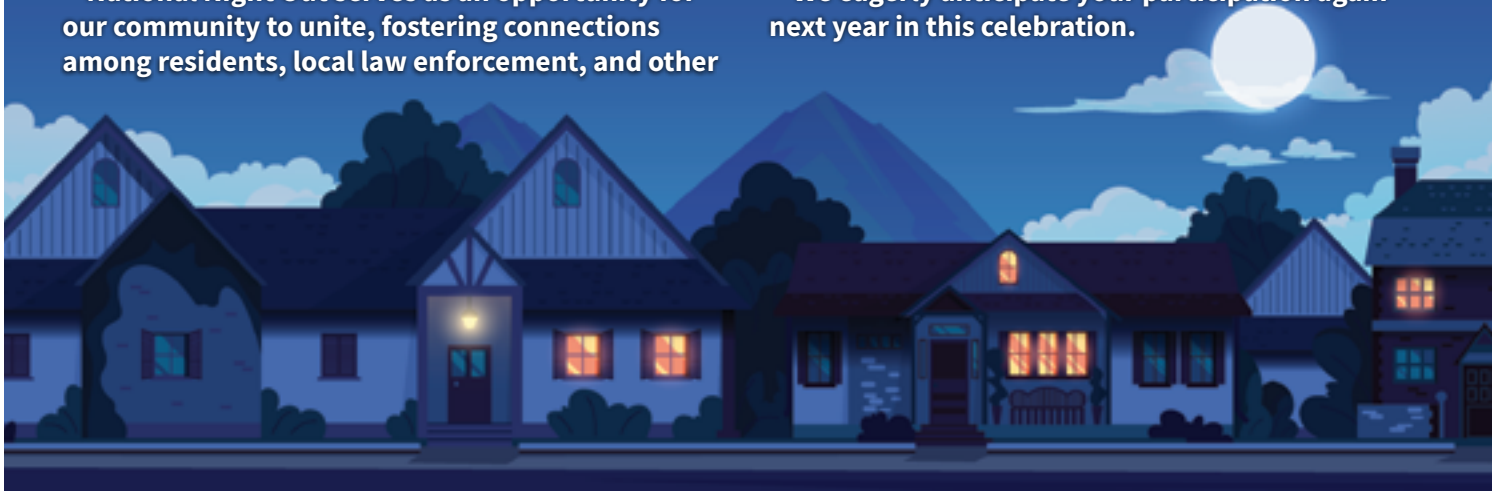
National Night Out Brings Neighbors Together

The neighborhood National Night Out organized by the Forest Hills Security team, drew an impressive turnout featuring an array of food, entertainment, music, games, and valuable information about our community from our local police officers.

National Night Out serves as an opportunity for our community to unite, fostering connections among residents, local law enforcement, and other

first responders, ultimately contributing to a safer and more well-informed neighborhood. It's truly rewarding to meet the dedicated police officers who safeguard our area and to comprehend the vital role of FHNA Security in supporting our local department by raising funds.

We eagerly anticipate your participation again next year in this celebration.





Keeping Your Furry Friend Warm and Comfortable

During the winter months we often see our senior companion animals showing signs of joint discomfort due to the cooler temperatures. The good news is there are things we can do to help our animals with osteoarthritis besides the typical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. (Osteoarthritis impacts nearly 40% of cats and dogs.)

If you think your pet is suffering from what you think are “normal” signs of aging, you might speak with your vet about Librela for dogs and Solensia for cats. The FDA has recently approved Librela which is a monthly injection for dogs. It has drastically changed the quality of life for one of our dogs.

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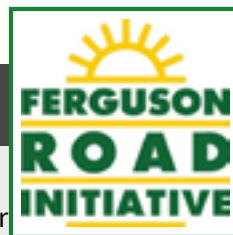
Winter pet tips:

If you are cold, your animal is cold.

If you park your car outside, make sure to knock on the hood of your car or honk your horn before starting it. Cats in particular, tend to climb into the engine because it is warm.

Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate paws. Wipe paws with a damp cloth upon coming inside.

Antifreeze is a deadly poison to our animals and wildlife; they are attracted to its sweet taste. Clean up any antifreeze spills you see.



As a “backbone” organization, FRI’s work involves an intentional way of working together and sharing information to solve the complex problems in Far East Dallas related to affordable housing, poverty, lack of education, need for crime reduction/increased public safety, and job skills training.

White rock hills recreation center

FRI made significant progress in getting the \$24M White Rock Hills Recreation CENTER placed on the 2024 Bond Program. Located at 2131-2165 Highland Road (next door to the White Rock Hills Park), the center is scheduled to go before the City Council for approval in January 2024.

Celebrating The Trinity Forest Spine Trail

On October 21, community members celebrated the opening of the completion of Phase I of the Trinity Forest Spine Trail (TFST) from the Santa Fe Trail to Samuell Blvd., with a connecting spur to



Highland Road. This trail, along with the Dallas Off Road Biking Association’s mountain bike trails, are providing unprecedented access to green space that is revitalizing Far East Dallas.



Yard of the Month

By Wendy Rettinger

October 2023

8566 San Pedro Pkwy • Bill & Lisa Daves

Fall Fever

Everywhere you look, fall is in the air. From the pumpkins on the stairs to the festive fall decor on the front porch every detail has been carefully planned to delight the neighborhood with their fall fever. Guests arrive to a beautiful welcome sign and visually enjoy multiple garden beds with a wide variety of plants - cacti, palms, lantana, dianthisus and so much more including beautiful Pecan and Oak trees. Did you happen to walk past this house in October and catch the fever?



November 2023

8107 San Benito • Matt & Tina Westmoreland

Thankfully Colorful

What a bonus, this yard of the month winner still boasts summer color and new fall color. The beautiful perennial purple Aromatic Aster Flowers shine brightly on the side yard and out front is seasonal colors, Chrysanthemums and Pansies. Tall planters with evergreen shrubs make a nice backdrop for the assortment of pumpkins and gourds on the front porch. There are Lamb's Ears and Mexican Plum trees in the yard and a pretty stone pathway that leads to the front door. If you missed it, be sure to keep your eye out next fall for this colorful and beautiful yard.



December 2023

8546 San Pedro Pkwy • Rachel Lavendar

Feeling Holly and Jolly

This magnificent home and yard have an eye-catching awning over the front door. There are rose bushes and boxwoods in addition to many large trees. Lighted seasonal wreaths on the windows and a twinkling light on the path leads to the front door where two Nutcrackers stand at attention. The young and the old will delight in the sight of the giant Santa waving to passersby. He looks so holly and jolly and offers holiday cheer to all. I pray everyone had a chance to admire December's yard of the month and cherish the season.





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