

# The Reporter

JANUARY 2007 ISSUE

## Happy New Year!

### Resolutions for 2007

1. *Pay Association Dues (\$25.00 for each adult in household).*
2. *Adopt-A-Median (\$50.00 helps rebuild our maintenance program).*
3. *Contribute to Security Program (\$60.00 a quarter, keep our streets safe).*
4. *Volunteer with the FH Board members for events in 2007.*
5. *Plant a Tree Memorial (20% discount at Walton's Gardens to all participants).*
6. *Keep Forest Hills beautiful (get active in our litter program and pick up after pets).*
7. *Get Involved and make a difference (attend neighborhood meetings).*
8. *Donate ideas to newsletter (The Reporter).*
9. *Keep up your property (take pride in your home and it's surroundings).*
10. *Help make Forest Hills a stronger community (join with us as we embark on several projects that will make our neighborhood a more beautiful area and a safe place to live).*



## Forest Hills

### FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 15th  
4 pm - 6 pm

Hosted by: Patty Goya and  
Melodie Young

#### Officers:

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Sanger Elementary School:

Sharon Goodwyn, Linda Ortman

Newsletter Editor/Communications:

Neoma Twining

## FH RESIDENTS . . . GONE POSTAL

Forest Hills residents are indeed going postal . . . over the lack of what some term, "inconsistent service" by the White Rock Postal station. Complaints are mounting. From mail delivered to wrong boxes, to mail not making its intended destination, to mail theft. We've got it all.

Most notable, *The Reporter*, our own newsletter arrives in some mailboxes right on time. For others, the reporter may not arrive until six weeks later.

After some investigation, answers surfaced. Our newsletter is mailed with bulk postage rates. Therefore, the newsletters aren't top priority. In the case of the December Issue, we got pushed aside by all the holiday catalogs. All blocks eventually got their newsletter, but we need residents to receive timely information on time.

FHNA is considering a change. First Class postage would guarantee all residents getting *The Reporter* at the same time. FHNA is struggling to make ends meet as it is. Without the website, or adequate funding there are limits as to what can be accomplished. It costs roughly \$1200.00 monthly to get our newsletter into your boxes. And, if we're going to grow as an Association and stay strong, we need to get information to residents.

There are 4 carriers that work our interior neighborhood routes. Many of you know these carriers. They too, are glad to help out and answer questions.

As for mail theft, the 8100 block of San Benito Way seems to be a popular target for mail thieves. The reason? Easy access. All mailboxes are located at the end of driveways. Code 7, Section 26A written in 1932 declared the 8100 block as a "rural route." This block is the only block of the initial FH street sections developed to have driveway mailboxes. Most of FH residents have mail slots on their front doors or boxes on front porches. San Leandro, San Cristobal and other streets located behind San Benito are under different postal guidelines.

The residents of 8100 San Benito are working to petition the Post Master General to amend the code. If amended, mailboxes could be placed near front doors of homes. In the meantime, San Benito residents have gotten clever. Many of the mailboxes are now "theft-proofed."

If you have questions or concerns regarding your mail it is important your concern is heard.

White Rock Station - Manager - **Harrell Teague 214-327-6962**

Postal Inspector - **Keith Milke 817-359-2724**

Please be courteous when calling. FHNA has met with these men and they are extremely concerned about our issues and gracious with their time. They will listen and genuinely engage in resolving matters brought to their attention.

## Developers Eye Casa Linda

Many residents have been asking about Casa Linda rumors suggesting possible change to the area. The change being a face-lift for the entire Casa Linda retail shopping plaza. Plenty of neighbors are quick to agree that changes would be welcome. There is a great need for services in the area not yet provided to residents living in and around the Casa Linda area. The developers were attracted to the area because of the changing demographics of home buyers. Not to mention the fact, we need more choices in our shopping experience. There has been no mention of exactly what will be coming to the "new and improved" Casa Linda.

There will be a meeting January 16 between AMREIT, the new owner of Casa Linda Shopping Center (<http://www.amreit.com>), and folks from the neighborhood associations. AMREIT's Vice President, Steve Heffner, will be talking about future plans for the shopping center and everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions and express preferences about what's important to our local community. A special thanks to Doctors Hospital for the festive reception letting the new owners know how very glad we are to be getting someone serious at reviving the center.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Doctor's Hospital, The West Tower, West Tower Conference Room (Room 206)

## Trailer Park . . . No More

February 9 is the date (as of now) set for all to be moved with all possessions gone from the Park, including a mobile home where finding a place to move it is most difficult (no spaces available in the nearest MHPark on Lawnview for instance). During this holiday season (when many offices are closed and weather is unsure) this timeline is very hard for a complex set of issues for people trying to relocate - many say they need the bus lines, the schools, and the location near their work of our area - (but where to move?) Offers to move out to MHParks in far Mesquite, Seagoville, Hutchins doesn't work for many. Besides "money" to help with the move - TIME is critical most of all . . . hopefully the City Attorney's office and the owner can both agree on an extension of time (a few more months at least) - but for now, the date is Feb. 9 - (the owner has stated he would give more time if the City can agree) - this is all "legal" and "lawyer stuff" that most of us don't understand, but for the people at Ash Creek - let's hope the City Attorney's office and the owner's lawyers will be as generous as many in the Neighborhood have been!

## Christmas for Ash Creek Residents

The Christmas donations of gift cards, toys, clothing and other gifts was more than ever expected for the residents of the Mobile Home Park with many "concerned neighbors" all around the MHPark giving donations.

Because many were not able to see the distribution of gifts, here is a follow-up of what YOU gave:

- \$1,985 in Minyard and Walmart Gift Cards
- Boxloads of toys, sleeping bags, athletic bags, volley balls, dolls, cars, games, baby clothing (including a 2 seater stroller) and more.
- Gifts for adults included men's watches, new clothing, kitchen items, tools, food and more.

On Sat before Christmas 8 neighbors sorted the gifts and 6 neighbors delivered most everything to 20 homes in the Park including families with children and senior adults living in the Park. As our cars rolled into the Park, children (aware we were coming) ran down the road to greet us. The feeling was great and we wish all could have heard the gracious thank yous from parents and smiles from children. They were told the gifts were from area Neighbors!

Thank you all for the great donations for the Christmas Drive and if you wish to do more - here is more information:

FRI remains committed to helping the residents of the park as they seek alternative housing during this difficult time. I know the members of the 20 Ferguson Road Initiative neighborhoods and 29 area faith communities are standing by for instructions on how ACMHP residents can be helped. Information gathered by the City of Dallas

Crisis Intervention Team indicates the top needs for these residents are money for moving expenses. Here is how you can best help these folks, their families and their children:

### Donate Money

You can donate money that will be used for alternative housing, moving expenses, utilities and other costs associated with the move. Make your tax deductible check out to the Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) and indicate at the bottom of your check that it is earmarked for the Ash Creek Fund. Mail to:

**Ferguson Road Initiative (Ash Creek Fund)**  
**P.O. Box 570417**  
**Dallas, Texas 75357-0417**

One hundred percent of your donation will go to the residents of the ACMHP. FRI's partner, the Wilkinson Center [www.wilkinsoncenter.org](http://www.wilkinsoncenter.org) will be our fiscal agent and will manage the distribution of these funds. Located at 5200 Bryan Street, the Wilkinson Center is a non profit whose mission is "to cooperate with people in need who desire to create a better life, so they may reach their God-given potential and sustain themselves with dignity."

### Donate Food and Clothing

You can donate food and clothing that families of the park can access by dropping off your donation to *The White Rock Center of Hope* located at 10021A Garland Road (Garland near Peavy) M-F 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month 9 a.m.-Noon, 2nd & 3rd Thursday evening 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. [www.whiterockcenterofhope.org](http://www.whiterockcenterofhope.org).

## "I Live in Forest Hills" - A Real Community

How many times do we all get asked during the week . . . where do you live?

I am sure every one of us living in Forest Hills is proud to say . . . "I live in Forest Hills."

The response that I have received over my 10 years of living here on Forest Hills Boulevard . . . "Oh that is such a beautiful community, big beautiful trees, large lots, beautiful homes and so close to White Rock Lake."

When I meet people who don't know Dallas, I am always so proud to describe this "residential community" adjacent to the largest inner-city, man made lake in the United States and across the street from the Dallas Arboretum.

We are all very fortunate to have chosen this magnificent residential community to make our homes.

KERA Channel 13 recently televised a special titled: Subdivided - Isolation and Community [www.subdivided.net](http://www.subdivided.net).

This special which in part featured little Forest Hills spoke to the qualities and characteristics that are needed to have "a real community."

The contrast was made to the sprawling new subdivisions of today and the older communities of years past.

This special could have just as easily been about the larger Forest Hills where we all live and make our homes.

We in Forest Hills "have created a real sense of Community" over many years. Here is a short list of the things that have been accomplished to make Forest Hills the Community that exists today:

- Neighborhood volunteers to serve on the Homeowners Association Board and Committees (Forest Hills Association)
- FHA Newsletter-communications
- FHA Community socials, meetings, holiday celebration gatherings, parades, art festivals, tree plantings.
- Code enforcement, planning, Arboretum liaison
- FHA involvement in issues effecting our quality of life: cut through traffic, crime, utilities upgrade, and street paving.
- FHA 5 year effort to establish a "rezoning" protecting the value of our property and the character of our community.
- Home owners who "Care" about this community and have taken the time to know their neighbors.
- FHA established security patrols to minimize crime
- Forest Hills has become a "united community" who the elected officials at Dallas City Hall listen to and respect.
- Beautification - over 75 trees planted (not nearly enough).
- FHA dues and contributions to Security Patrol.

The list could go on for another page.

### Risk of Losing "the Real Community"

Given all of the volunteer time, planning, money and accomplishments that we have achieved over the years we are at risk of losing the qualities and characteristics of "the real community".

The majority of the Forest Hills Homeowners don't pay their Annual Dues (a minimal amount). The FHA needs money to maintain and continues to build the strength of "real community"

Volunteers are needed to help plan and initiate events that bring homeowners and their families together versus the large subdivision characteristic of separating people into not caring about community or their neighbors.

### Preserving our Community Life

Every homeowner needs to, at least, pay the minimum amount of their dues of \$25 per year per adult member.

Homeowners need to get involved in some way with the other volunteers working to preserve and improve our community.

The FHA needs to hear from you as to what "you" think needs to be done by your Association.

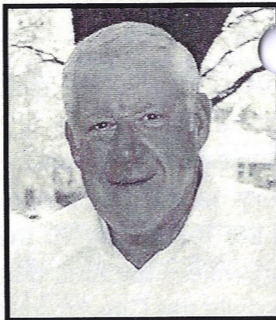
Join the FHA and attend our meetings. Their has always been "strength in numbers."

Forest Hills Association has one of the finest group of volunteers it has had in years. I have been involved for 7 out of the 10 years I have lived here.

Please join in and help preserve this "real community." We need your Help!

**John Mitchell**

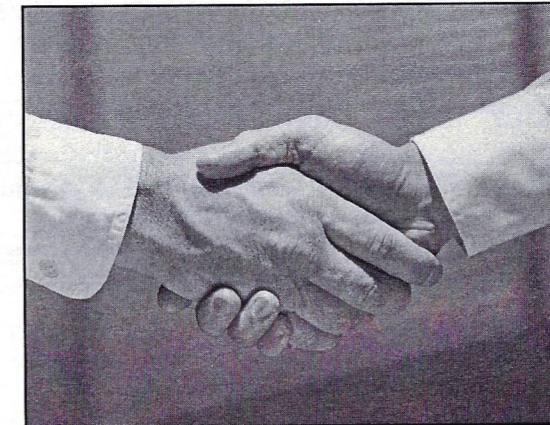
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## Welcome New Neighbors!

Contact Judy Whalen (Judy Whalen 214 324-9894 and email [jwreps@earthlink.net](mailto:jwreps@earthlink.net)) about the new neighbor, who moved in near you so she and her welcoming committee (Judy Whalen, Kathy Wall and Debby Hooper) can give them an official welcome, a guide book to Forest Hills and the key to the neighborhood!

- Stacy Coulter & Densil Adams
- Jeff and Shay Barfoot
- Perry Bradden, Jr
- Mike and Lyla Bush
- Brit and Ashley Carpenter
- Claudia Castillo
- Richard and Nancy Chandler
- Philip and Jennifer Corley
- Brian and Kara Donohoe
- Keron and Patricia Graves
- Tina Griffith
- Rosie Reed and Joe Keen
- Eric and Kelly Kemp
- Rick and Sally Kirkpatrick



- Ken and Amy Kristofek
- Tim and Amy Laczkowski
- Steve Lamberti
- Brian Forest and Amy Lanctot
- Leslie Martin
- Michelle Maxwell
- Phillip Maynez
- Sharon Seal
- Rick and Margaret Sorrells
- Angela and Mark Thornhill
- Scott and Lara Wilder
- Brian and Fran Wills
- Bob and Lanell Wood
- Cline Young

## TREE MEMORIALS

Planting a tree is special. In order to keep the "Forest" in Forest Hills, we are about to embark upon a new venture to keep trees growing strong in our neighborhood.

For every new baby born, a new tree. With the passing of a neighbor, a new tree. For any other recognized occasion, at the request of family, a new tree. These trees will be living memorials for whom they are designated.

Walton's Gardens, a long-time business partner of Forest Hills, has generously agreed to supply the trees at 25% discount to any Forest Hills resident for this special program.

We have also partnered with Trophy Crown Co. to have inscripted metal plates attached to the designated trees.

If you are interested in this program email Neoma Twining at [ntwining@swbell.net](mailto:ntwining@swbell.net). She will answer any questions you have and help the process along. Please consider this program to honor your loved ones or to celebrate life. Its one way we can give back!

## *Donor Thank You*

### **Edith Howson-Sipple**

***It takes special people to perform special acts The FHNA recently recieved a very generous donation from one of our beloved seniors.***

***Edith Howson-Sipple graciously wrote a check and asked that we dedicate the funds to where it's needed most. In our case, that could cover alot of things.***

***We are grateful for residents like Edith who share our committment to keep Forest Hills' future looking bright.***

***We thank you!  
The Forest Hills  
Neighborhood Association***

## Construction Crooks Caught in Act

Another arrest by your ENP officers!

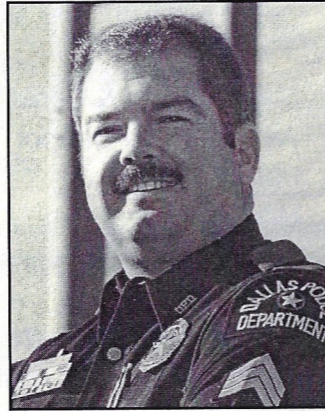
by Sgt. Rod Dillon

On December 19, 2006, at 7:45 pm, Sgt. Dillon spotted thieves at the home under construction at 8459 San Leandro. A brief foot chase in the dark, through the rain and mud ensued and then a search of the area by on-duty officers responding to the call resulted in one of two burglars being caught. Sgt. Dillon finally found one suspect hiding in a pile of discarded concrete sacks in a narrow ditch near the house. This burglar had a mediocre criminal history and was extremely uncooperative. The vehicle used in the crime was seized and all tools and construction materials stolen were recovered and released to the contractor.

Arrested: Moody, Jimmy W/M/48 5' 07" 150 lbs. brown hair and full beard.

Escaped: Unknown accomplice, investigation into his identity continues.

Vehicle used: 1984 Plymouth Valiant white Texas License 139SRH



## FH SECURITY PROGRAM UPDATE

The ENP (Extended Neighborhood Patrol) program has been in service since September 2003, with incredible results in protecting the Forest Hills families and their properties. Every month there have been 5-10 citations issued for running stop signs or speeding and police have apprehended suspects with outstanding warrants. The crime rates are down from years' past. Most serious crime factors are not within the Forest Hills neighborhood, but we do experience a spillover effect. Without the Forest Hills Security program this effect would be significantly worse.

We are asking each one of you to consider participating in this effective program to ensure the program's continuation in 2007.

Dues are quarterly and offer you and your neighbors a patrol of four-hour increments, five times a week by uniformed Dallas police officers, in a marked police vehicle with on-board computer. The more subscribers there are, the more patrol hours the officers can provide. Please subscribe to the Forest Hills Security Program as another preventive measure to assure Forest Hills' and your safety.

**Communication is the key to fighting and solving crime.** Use the following resources:

- **911** To report all crimes or suspicious activity, no matter how small and for medical / fire emergencies.
- **214 967-LAKE** White Rock Hot Line Website - for criminal activity at White Rock Lake.
- <http://groups.msn.com/ForestHillsSecurityProgram> For crime alerts, crime stats, safety information and more.
- [daveugan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daveugan@sbcglobal.net) **Dave Ugan 214-319-8444** With Forest Hills Security Patrol questions.
- [fhspen@aol.com](mailto:fhspen@aol.com) **Mari Anne Mourer 214-321-3061** To request "while you are away" home checks (for Security Patrol Subscribers only) or to email any non-emergency questions for the police officers.

### Forest Hills Security Program Payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\$60 payments are due the first month of each quarter January, April, July, October. **January payment is currently due.** (If you prefer, you may pay \$120, \$180 or \$240 for 6, 9 or 12 months.)

Please send your payment to:

**Forest Hills Security Program** c/o Jo Kirksey  
8432 San Fernando Way  
Dallas, TX 75218

Thank you for your pledge in keeping Forest Hills safe and secure!

## Letters to the Editor:



Neoma Twining  
Newsletter Editor

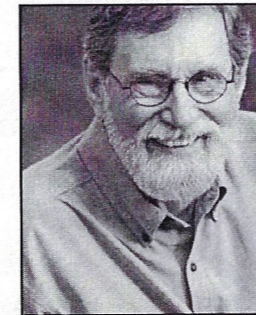
Dear Editor:

We do have a leash law in effect for Forest Hills' pet owners. Several on our block were wondering "who" enforces it? Does the money we send to the Security Program cover animal control? If not, how can we make sure everyone is complying?

F. Bailey Hammond

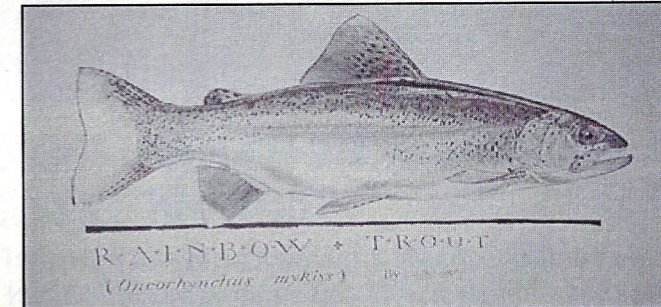
*Response:* The actual leash law is in effect under guidelines set by the City of Dallas. We, the neighbors, are the enforcement committee. Generally, most residents understand the importance of leashing pets when out for a stroll.

The money residents pay FHSP does not cover animal control officers. If you see a neighbor in violation, it is up to you to take action. Most neighbors simply and courteously remind other neighbors if they think it's a problem.

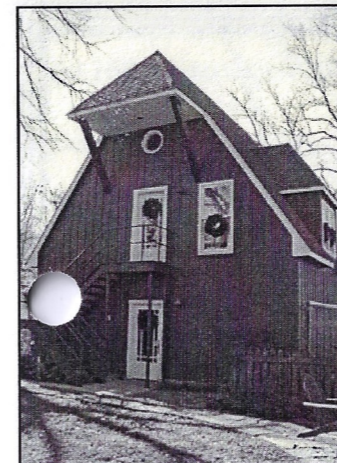


## Spotlight on . . . Jack Unruh, Artist

Illustrator, Jack Unruh and his wife Judy Whalen have lived in Forest Hills for eight years. Thirty minutes after Jack wakes up, has his morning coffee and feeds his bird dogs he makes his backyard commute to his treetop studio above the garage. Moving into our neighborhood has provided a perfect "nature" setting for his studio.

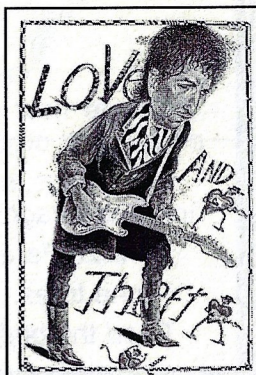


Publications such as Rolling Stone, Entertainment Weekly, Time, Sports Illustrated and National Geographic have been showcases for his work. Jack says much of his inspiration comes from nature while bird hunting and fly-fishing. As an illustrator he has crawled through caves in Europe to research Paleolithic man and flown in helicopters to view first hand the Valdez oil spill for National Geographic. He has floated remote rivers in Alaska and Chile for fishing and hunting magazines. And he has used Forest Hills many times for reference in editorial and advertising assignments! It is not unusual to see neighbors in his work. David Buhmann was in a Field and Stream article, Mary Ehrenberger and her daughter, Ashley appeared in The Bronx Zoo's Congo Exhibit paintings and just recently the family dog of newcomers, Rick and Sally Kirkpatrick was drawn into an illustration for Boys' Life magazine.



This past year, Jack was enshrined in the Illustrators Hall of Fame. It wasn't just his entire body of work spanning a 50-year career that earned him a spot next to Normal Rockwell . . . those who know the laughing, genuine, warm hearted Jack say he is greatly idolized for his talents and his fine reputation. We are proud to have a resident like Jack, who, besides being incredibly talented, spends a great deal of time giving back to Forest Hills as a community. He is usually at every event working quietly, behind the scenes. He is a valuable member of our community.

Congratulations Jack!!!



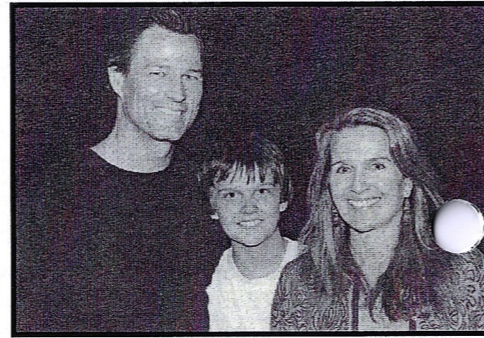
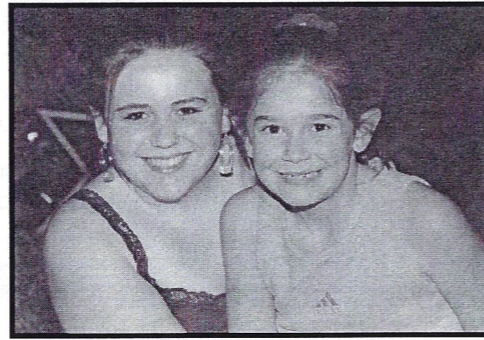
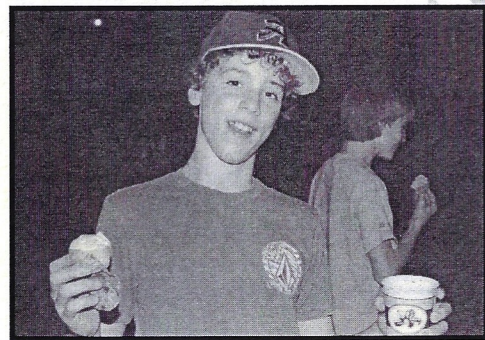
# Merry Christmas Forest Hills Style

The weather was balmy, some wore shorts. Approximately 125 persons showed up to hug Santa, eat glorious food, and socialize. After all . . . what are all these events for?

A special thanks to those who made this Forest Hills event possible.

Service League Chairs - Mary-Pat Smith and Mari Anne Mourer. David Buhmann, Neal Farris and Patty Goya, Shelley and Mike Clem, Fritz and Sherry Luedke, Eddie and Sioux Sinnott. All donations made during this event will go towards beautification. Thanks FH for coming out!!

The photos, courtesy of the wonderful photographer Doug Kerr and sidekick (wife) Carla tell the story.



## AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS MAKE WHITE ROCK LAKE THEIR WINTER HOME.

Arriving in October, the American White Pelican (*Pelecanus americanus*) signals the cold weather that is coming long before we feel it. Possibly from North Dakota or Montana, these birds can weigh as much as 30 pounds and their wings can exceed nine feet (according to the The Nature Conservancy). Unlike the brown pelican, the white pelicans do not dive for their food from the air. Take a stroll or spin over to the lake and you can see these amazing birds at Sunset Bay. They depend on lakes like White Rock for survival.

- Kalena Cook



## Garden Club News

- by Judi Boyes

Create new gardens - prepare old beds with compost and nutrients - clean and sharpen tools and equipment, organize garden storage areas.

Plant trees, shrubs, and roses (now until mid February) - still time to plant cool weather annuals, Pansies and Snapdragons, but protect from freeze.

Fertilize Pansies with Bloodmeal, Irises with Bonemeal, trees with balanced fertilizer with trace nutrients Prune trees.

Feed the birds.

# FH Neighborhood in Need of \$\$

There simply is no other way to put it. Our coffers are dwindling and without your support, we die as an Association. Over the past several years we have seen a surge in the numbers of young families moving to Forest Hills. This is good news. Young families bring children, energy and income to our neighborhood. On the other hand, we have numbers of veteran residents who feel strongly about Forest Hills and no doubt attempt to support it.

Unfortunately, the lines have gotten blurred on how to support FHNA. One of our goals as a Board has been to re-organize and strengthen the FHN Association. If we don't, development in and around our neighborhood goes unchecked and then it's only a matter of time before beautiful Forest Hills neighborhood as we know it . . . disappears. We're on a mission. Our mission is to put the "I" in "Neighborhood!" We're hoping for a financial and resident participation revival. Here is how you can help:

**GET INTERESTED** - Do not be complacent about crime, community activities and projects, city code compliance, or any aspect of FH.

**STAY INFORMED** - Make it a priority to be informed about our community. Sign up for neighborhood email, read our monthly newsletter and attend area meetings.

**GET INVOLVED** - Contribute to FH in a personal way by attending meetings, supporting projects, and participating in activities whenever you can.

Finally, take a personal, proactive approach to ridding FH of crime and code infractions. This means personally watching out for and reporting suspicious persons, activities, and vehicles, as well as code violators. Know your neighbors and make it a priority to watch out for them and their property as well.

Be a Good Neighbor!! Forest Hills Future Depends On You!!!

- N. Twining

## 2007 New Year's Resolution

### Support Your Community - Do your Dues!

Forest Hills Association dues are payable on a calendar basis (*independent of your Security Program participation*). Dues are paid for every adult member of a Forest Hills home at a minimum of \$25 each, however all amounts are welcome.

Contributions are used as follows:

- ✓ Subsidize this great Community Newsletter
- ✓ Underwrite communication venues - FHA.com (upcoming) and FHA Phone Tree
- ✓ Underwrite your great neighborhood social events
- ✓ Water and maintain the medians
- ✓ Pay the common electricity expense for irrigation power
- ✓ Support community needs, including White Rock Lake, Alex Sanger and FHSP

Without your participation we could not continue our work and play as a community Association. *Let's resolve 100% as a great show of community support in 2007!*

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Forest Hills Association 2007 Dues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Payable to Forest Hills Association, c/o Gina Bender, P.O. Box 180897 Dallas 75218 or to 8222 San Fernando

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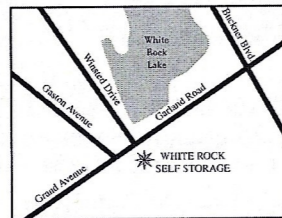
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7820 Garland Road Across From The White Rock Spillway

## Ads R Us!!

The Forest Hills Association Newsletter is a great place to advertise your business. You will reach over 600 neighborhood homes full of people who live, work, shop and visit the White Rock Lake area of Dallas.

Rates are affordable for one (1) time placements - \$50 for a business card; \$75 for a quarter page; \$200 for a half page; and \$500 for a full page. Discounts are available for multiple placements.

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## Finding a Lost Pet - Where to Start

Finding lost pets . . . Although finding a lost animal often seems to depend on luck, it is luck you can help make. There are no guarantees, but there are things people who find their pets do that make a difference.

1) **Knock on doors and talk to people in the neighborhood.** Most people walk the streets around their home and call their pet. People who knock on their neighbor's doors and ask if anyone has seen their pet instead of just calling are more likely to find it.

2) **Hand out flyers with your pet's picture on them and your phone number.** Flyers need only have a clear photo of the animal and a telephone number that someone will answer or that is hooked to an answering machine.

3) **Go to all the local shelters and the government agencies charged with picking up stray and lost animals and look for yourself, at least every other day.** Calling the animal control department or shelter on the phone is not very effective. Your pet may not yet be listed in the records at the front desk, and the way you describe your pet may not be the way a shelter describes your dog. Any animal may become dirty, matted and neglected looking very quickly, and you must visit the shelter, even if your pet was wearing tags when it was lost.

You will need to go to the shelters at least every other day. Few shelters can keep animals for more than 72 hours. Sometimes it takes more than a few days for a pet to be picked up and brought to a shelter.

It's important to visit all the shelters within 20 miles of where your pet was lost. In many areas stray animals are picked up by a government agency which holds them for a period and then turns them over to a shelter. If someone took your pet in for a few days hoping you would knock on their door and ask about it, they might later drop your pet off at the shelter that's most convenient for them, rather than the one that's closest.

Combining these three things is most effective. **Knocking on doors and handing out copies of your flier to your neighbors and to the staff at all the local shelters is the most effective way of looking for your lost pet.**

What to do next . . .

Unfortunately, the next most successful way of finding a lost animal is through checking with the highway departments and the shelters' dead lists. Even if your pet is wearing tags and the highway maintenance department is supposed to send a list to animal control, you should check with them directly.

There are usually several departments that cover roads in your area. You'll need to check **city or town, county and state roads departments, as well as the animal control agencies.** Pictures or a copy of your flier should be left with each department. Again, calling is seldom successful, and actually visiting the department is the best way. You should check back once a week.

**Put an ad in the local paper,** and in the papers in surrounding areas. Some people only look in the newspaper to locate an animal's owner. Advertising in the paper can also be important to establish you were actively looking for your pet in case someone were to claim that you meant to give it up or didn't want it.

**Ask businesses that people who live in the area are likely to use** to put up a copy of your flier. This includes gas stations, fast food restaurants, taverns and convenience and grocery stores. Ask if you can put a copy of your flier up in the pet food aisle. If someone picks up your animal and holds it for a few days hoping you will find them just as your pet did, they will need food.

Contact **local rescue organizations** and give them copies of your flier. People who are afraid animals will be euthanized if they turn them over to the shelter might contact a rescue, and rescue people often go through local shelters looking for animals they can help place in new homes. Ask the shelters if they know of anyone doing rescue in the area, even if they don't work with them.

Give copies of your flier to **veterinarians, groomers, trainers and pet stores** and ask them to put them up.

Give copies of your flier to **people that walk their dogs in the area.** They're more likely to spot animals than most people. If you go to the parks early, you may find people who regularly walk their dogs together as an informal group. Dogs on leash notice and want to investigate all kinds of things, even strange birds, lizards and turtles.



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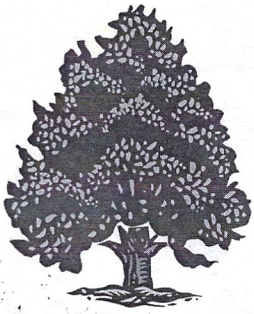
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