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**FORESTHILLS**  
newsletter

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
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*"Forest Hills is like a Norman Rockwell painting, a vignette in broad strokes of warm and friendly, small-town color"*

— **Judy Whalen, Santa Clara**

## 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

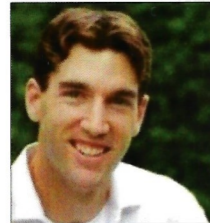
of the night with portraits on the holiday sleigh. The highlight of the evening was the lighting of the Forest Hills Tree - the symbol of our neighborhood. For all who helped make this happen, including Officer David DeTamble, a big thank you!

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



CHRIS MCCAULEY

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

## EDITOR'S LETTER

I am excited to take on this new role as Forest Hills Editor.

My husband and I have lived in the neighborhood for almost 20 years and have raised our six kids here.

I cannot imagine a better place to call home. As the new editor, I look forward to introducing you to the newcomers moving into the neighborhood in our 'new neighbors' section.

We plan to add a restaurant section to introduce you to local favorites along with their recipes you can make at home.

We will continue to give you pet advice, landscaping tips and security updates but also hope to add some new sections as the year unfolds.

We are always looking for interesting feature stories about kids and their accomplishments, seniors, local businesses moving into the area and happenings in the neighborhood.

Please pass along your ideas.



BECKY OLIVER

## Hunted for just the right neighborhood.



Empty nesters Patty and Richard Hunter immediately knew Forest Hills was their neighborhood because it reminded them of back home in Connecticut and Michigan.

The couple has lived all over the country with their three kids.

"The neighborhood feels so open and free," Patty Hunter said. "I love that I can always see people jogging, riding bikes and walking. You just don't see that in other neighborhoods like Forest Hills."

The Hunters moved to Dallas about two years ago and settled in Uptown but decided that lifestyle didn't fit.

"All I heard was traffic," Patty said. "Now I hear birds for the first time."

Richard Hunter is an executive at Trinity Industries, and Patty is currently not working but a trained nurse practitioner. They have three grown children - 26-year-old Maryssa lives in Manhattan, 23-year-old Zachary just moved back to Michigan for a job and 21-year-old Alexander is attending Purdue University, his parents' alma mater.

The Hunters have started an extensive remodel on their home inside and out that included all-new windows and a new look for the pool.

"I love that I can drive around and every house is different in Forest Hills," said Patty. "I love the big yards and the way the homes are set back. That is really what sold us on Forest Hills."

## Welcome Newcomers!

**8100 Block San Cristobal**  
Paula Berry

**8200 Block San Leandro**  
Joel Ballew

**8500 Block San Leandro**  
Hank & Wendy Habicht

*If you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, let us know! For oversights, please contact pwehme@pwehme@gmail.com with names and addresses so we can give our new neighbors a **Woosy Welcome** and a **Guide to Forest Hills!***

*Apologies if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed for remodeling or when a home is purchased directly from builder or previous owner. Our information comes from **MLS Real Estate listings only.***

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# Yard of the Month



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## NOVEMBER

**John Spieker**  
1414 San Rafael Drive

This yard is a lovely mix of sun-loving plants to heavily shaded areas which complement the beautiful contemporary design of the home, with beautiful flowering perennial ligularia along with other extensive plantings. Closer to the house are brilliantly colored Japanese maples surrounded by abundant plantings. Nestled in the landscaping is an alluring koi pond providing the delicate sound of trickling water.

Ahhhh...

## DECEMBER

**Michelle Witcher & Will Clarke**  
8524 San Fernando Way

A casual, comfortable yard dotted with large trees and pops of color in the lush plantings and sitting areas. The large Japanese maple is a true stand out of beautiful fall color. When nominated for the December Yard of the Month, two other trees had beautiful fall color too but they lost their leaves to the heavy rains during Thanksgiving. Mother Nature had her way! The yard boasts two inviting sitting areas—one with orange Adirondack chairs surrounded by extensive plantings and another bench with cozy orange cushions on the front porch.

### Have you paid your FHNA Dues?

Our neighborhood uses the dues that it receives on an annual basis to pay for:

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

To date, we only have 93 paid members. Please do not forget to pay your annual membership fee of \$50 for households with residents under 65 or \$30 for households with a resident over 65+. Pay your dues today at [foresthillsdallas.org](http://foresthillsdallas.org) or by mail at Forest Hills Association, PO Box 180897, Dallas TX, 75218



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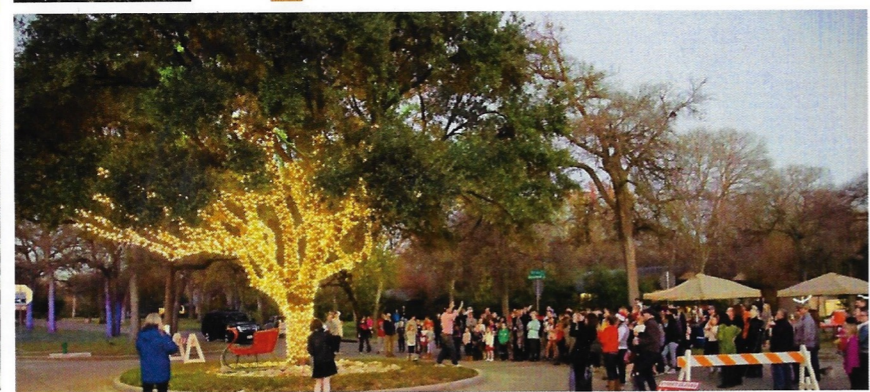
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# the lighting of THE TREE

a forest hills tradition



The event was a great success and captured what the holiday season is about –coming together and **fostering community.**

**FHNA President  
Chris McCauley**

## Forest Hills Garden Club Tours Learning Gardens

In November of last year, the Garden Club toured 2 school gardens at Forest Hill's Alex Sanger Elementary School and Lakehill Prep School's Ferguson Road campus.

At Sanger, the club members were greeted with sprigs of rosemary as welcome gifts. The students gave a garden tour and shared what they were growing and learning. The bush beans still in abundance were impressive! Sanger's garden is sponsored by The Real School Gardens organization, which helps make children happier and healthier by giving them a space to build skills and healthy habits engaging them in learning, which will last a lifetime.

The second stop was on Ferguson Road at Lakehill Preparatory School's seventeen-acre Roger L. Perry Campus consisting of the Warrior Athletic complex and the Alice and Erle Nye Family

Environmental Science Center. The science center offers laboratories, classrooms, and a meeting space. The campus with its lovely walkways, sweeping trees, existing creek, small lake and perfect athletic fields make the property feel park-like. There is also over 40 acres of untouched land bordering the campus to explore and learn. Of special interest to the Forest Hills gardeners were the Little Sprouts Children's garden and the plantings at the Legacy Plaza patio adjacent to the field house. This natural habitat is a perfect place for the students to study and cultivate a love for nature.

Forest Hills Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month (2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 -Times/locations to be determined). Topics vary and have included discussions on shade gardening, tree health, herbs, yoga for gardeners, landscaping, caring for orchids, etc. They also

plan field trips that pertain to gardening.

Come join in! For info contact Barbara Clay—ClayConcil@sbcglobal.net or Debbie Knight—mailto:geodebknight@swbell.net



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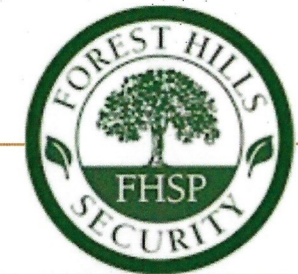
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# SECURITY PROGRAM UPDATE

## Providing security and education supporting personal safety and crime prevention.

In 2015, residents contributing to the Forest Hills Security Program made it possible to have a strong presence of Dallas police officers patrolling our streets, deterring crime and making arrests.

Our goal for 2016 is to lessen the amount of incidents even more with increased patrols. We have seen when we have more patrol hours during a particular week; we have fewer incidents during that week. When we have fewer patrol hours during a week, reported crimes go up. This shows that our uniformed patrols are clearly a deterrent and the only thing preventing our crime rate

from going down is funding.

It is time to make your 2016 pledge to the Forest Hills Security Program. Without your financial support we cannot schedule the adequate amount of patrols to continue this line of defense.

An added benefit to current contributors is the Home Watch Service. They can request to have their home checked while they are away, by our police officers.

Thanks to all the 2015 supporters of the Forest Hills Security Program! It made a definite difference. In 2016, we need even more of our residents to make a new year's resolution to join in with their neighbors in Forest Hills' concentrated campaign against crime!

Happy, safe and secure New Year from your Forest Hills Security board volunteers!



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## Closing the door on crime – Ask the Security Chick!

### Dear Security Chick,

Is it just me or is it getting scary in East Dallas? One of our neighbors recently posted on Next Door Forest Hills she was frightened in the parking lot of Albertsons when two men asked her for money and another blocked her car in. She handled the situation, but it's getting very scary out there. This happened around 9:00 am on a Saturday morning for goodness sakes. Is it something in the water or coffee?

**–Afraid To Drink**

### Dear Afraid To Drink,

I read the same and am horrified since I shop Albertsons and always feel safe in their parking lot. I have a similar story. My husband and I stopped for coffee at La Madeleine (SMU) around 2:00 in the afternoon a few days ago. Several people were standing inside looking out the front window. I, of course, asked what they were watching. A man was going from car to car looking

inside each one. He was hoping to find a key in the ignition, the easiest way to steal a car—in broad daylight with a small crowd watching. Or maybe something valuable on the seat? My husband said, "are you Security Chick for only Forest Hills or do you extend yourself for Dallas?" Before he finished his sentence I was dialing 911. As luck would have it, within minutes a patrol car pulled up.

**–DPD SuperHero On The Job.**

Makes you wonder if the Bad Guy would have found a key in the ignition gotten in the car, driven away and still the people only watched? We all have to be involved. There's crime everywhere.

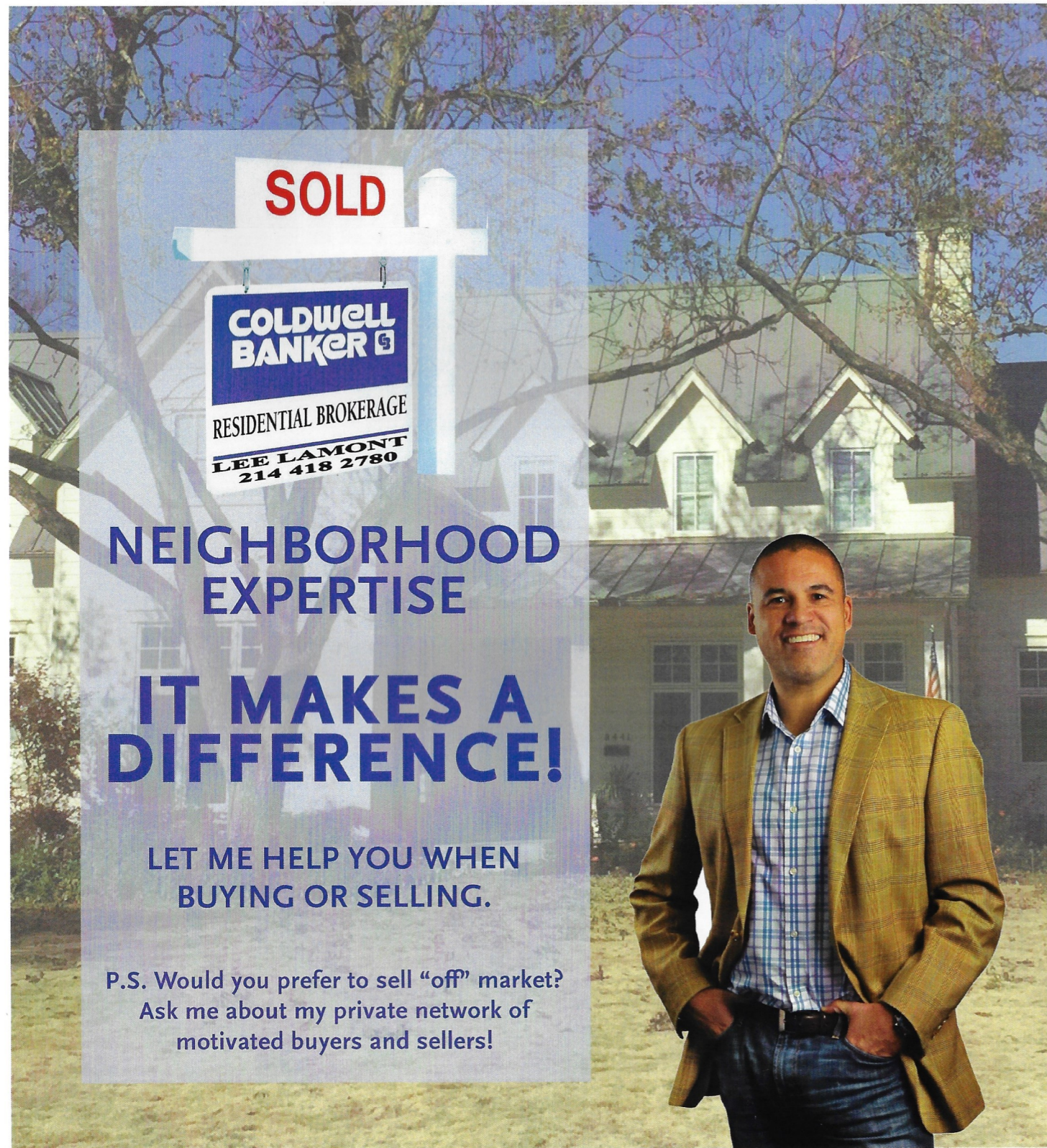
But not so much in Forest Hills because of neighbors who care enough to support our Neighborhood Patrol. January is the month to make your payment of \$240 for 2016 or begin your quarterly \$60 payments.



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By the way, we ordered tea instead of coffee the onlookers were drinking.



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- Be sure your pet is up to date on all vaccinations this year.
  - Be sure your pet has proper identification and consider microchipping your pet at a local clinic for a more secure form of identification.
  - Get your pet tested for heartworms and have them on prevention year-round.
  - Have your pet spayed or neutered to prevent overpopulation.
  - Consider making extra time to take your pet on a walk or having time to play with your pet indoors. Both dogs and cats will love the extra attention.
  - Give your pets a little extra love this Valentine's Day. Offer your dog or cat a special treat that they will enjoy and be sure to keep all the chocolate away from curious noses.
  - Our pets are like family and they should be reminded of that!
- The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to make a promise to your pet that you will keep them safe, healthy and happy for the rest of their lives.



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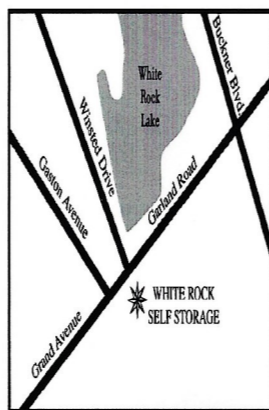
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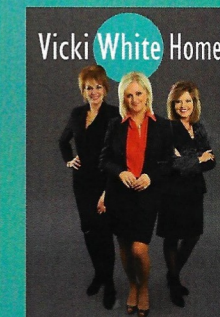
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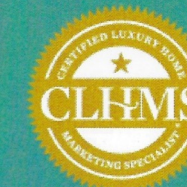
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Vicki has been named one of D Magazine's Best Realtors the past four years, as well as being the only agent named TOP 25 in production in both Lakewood and Lake Highlands by ADVOCATE magazine.

Vicki has sold 10 homes in Forest Hills since Dec. 2014, 5 of them sold for over \$1.1 million. This is Vicki's favorite neighborhood and she considers herself a Forest Hills expert.

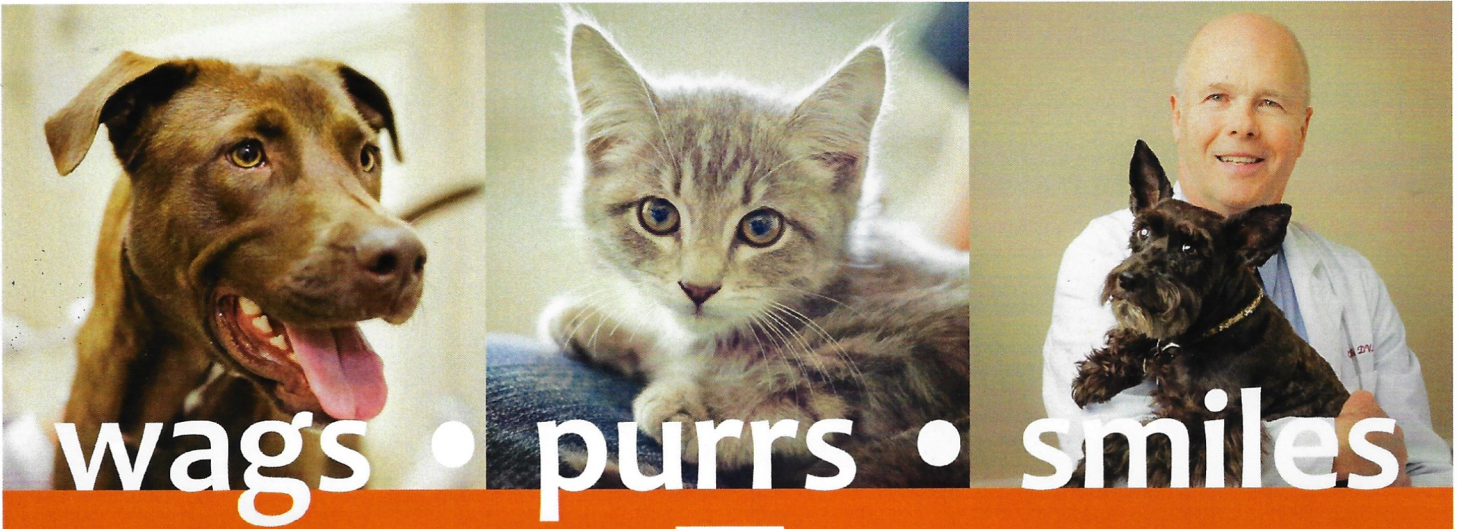
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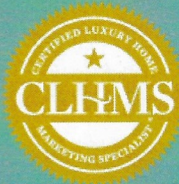
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