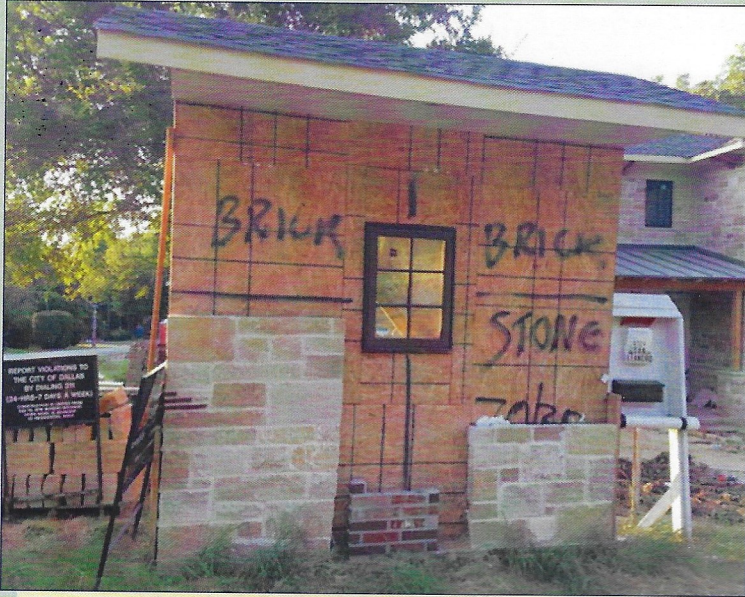




FOREST HILLS NEWS

September - October 2015

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW IN FOREST HILLS

FOREST HILLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY - Bulky Trash, Week of 2nd Monday
September ~~3rd - 6th~~ & October ~~1st - 4th~~

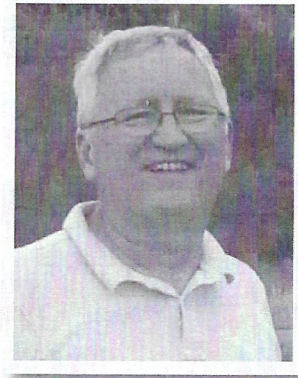
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MONTHLY - White Rock Shore Spruce-Up
2nd Saturday • whiterocklake.org

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 -
General Meeting at Times Ten Cellars

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th
3rd Annual Garage SALE

OCTOBER - Children's Halloween Party



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

As I sit here writing this note, the Dallas area is experiencing its annual treat to triple digit temperatures. We are fortunate in this neighborhood to have a tree canopy that goes a long way to beat the heat. Speaking of trees, our Median Project is progressing quite nicely. We have had some great feedback from those of you who participated in our Community Outreach through the project email -fhamedianproject@gmail.com. The ideas submitted are being incorporated into the comprehensive landscape plan. A presentation of the preliminary draft plan will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at the White Rock Hills Library Auditorium, starting at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

We were also fortunate that the heat held off until after our Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Our thanks go out to Chris McCauley, his event volunteers and our gracious hosts, Jack and Wilma Keller, for making this annual gathering another great success.

And don't forget our annual **Garage Sale on Saturday, October 17th**. Denny Hunt, Mary Schaar and their team are busy planning this year's event and it's shaping up to be the best one yet! Our next **General Meeting will be on October 27th** at Times Ten Cellars 6:30 pm. Come meet your neighbors!!

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!



SUBJECT: Forest Hills wants your Attention!

WHEN: Saturday, October 17th

WHERE: Alex Sanger Elementary • 8am - 5pm

DETAILS: One of our largest fundraisers of the year is coming up soon and we want everyone to participate. Over \$4000 was raised last year to pay for extra Christmas security for the neighborhood, neighborhood beautification, and a donation to Sanger PTA. This year, 10% of proceeds will also go to White Rock Center for Hope which helps needy families in our area.

Some garbage BAGS a roll of masking TAPE, and maybe a few BOXES are all you need to start collecting your donations of unwanted stuff!

Bring your items to Alex Sanger on Friday the 16th of Oct. for the Saturday sale. If you need to get rid of things now and can't wait, storage will be available by **contacting Mary Schaar at 972-679-9750.**

So set-aside October 16th and 17th and think about whether you can join our SALES/pricing organizing team, muscle MOVING team (any high school football players out there), PICK UP/DELIVERY driving team, or advertising, promotion, flyer DISTRIBUTING team.

Happy gathering! Thank you in advance!

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

1700 Block Corday
Jeff & Candace Robert

8400 Block San Fernando
Ruel & Dana Hamilton

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

8500 Block Grovelnad
Shane & Heather Taylor

8200 Block Santa Clara
Manuel & Mariesa Gonzales

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.

MEDIAN PROJECT UPDATE

If you recall from our Spring General Meeting, our neighborhood was awarded pro bono services from the design firm bcWORKSHOP to develop a comprehensive landscape plan for our medians. bcWORKSHOP is being represented by: Elizabeth Jones [Project Manager], Isaac Cohen [Landscape Designer] and Gwen McGinn [Landscape Designer]. The following neighbor volunteers, who have been designated as our Core Design Team, stepped forward to work on this project: Michelle Akers [Advanced Technology], Mary Deighton [Designer], Eileen Grass [Research Scientist], Juris Lavins [Architect], Harry Morgan [Realtor], Barb Michaels [FHA Beautification Chair], Katrina Moran [Master Gardener] and Tim Simmonds [Botanist]. In addition, the Team is partnering with Matt Grubisich [Texas Tree Foundation] and Karen Woodard [City Forester]. With Matt's help, we will be able to obtain trees for free from the City. Karen is helping us navigate the City's MOWmentum agreement process. That agreement gives us the ability to make landscaping improvements on the City owned parcels of ground while still availing ourselves of City services.

Since the General Meeting, the Team has been working to assess the current maintenance needs of the median trees, determine the viability of the existing sprinkler system and select the variety of trees to be planted in the fall. Also, a Community Outreach was conducted through the project email - fhamedianproject@gmail.com. As part of that effort, the Team was looking for neighbor feedback as to what qualities of places [benches/walking paths] and plantings [wildflowers/shade trees] that are liked [or not] and suggestions for changes and additions. The ideas submitted are being incorporated into the comprehensive landscape plan.

At this juncture, the Design Team has developed a working goal for the project: Develop a comprehensive landscape plan that positions our medians as the neighborhood's "front porch" and nurtures the existing tree canopy by following urban forest design principles. This is viewed as a multi-year legacy project with many of the benefits happening down the road.

Our next Community Outreach will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at the White Rock Hills Library Auditorium, starting at 6:30 pm. At that meeting we will review information on the existing median trees and discuss the types of trees to be planted in the Fall. We hope to see you there. The final Outreach session will occur at the Fall General Meeting on Tuesday, October 27th. At that meeting, the Design Team will focus the discussion on decisions of particular tree species. Tentatively the plan is to wrap up the landscape plan documents by year end.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 9th – FHA Median Project Community Outreach, 6:30 pm at White Rock Hills Library Auditorium

September 28th – FRI Community Connection Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 pm at White Rock Church of Christ, 9229 Ferguson Road. Now that the Arboretum is no longer part of the Recreation Center project, the Steering Committee is looking for ideas as to what to include in the design.

October 27th – FHA Fall General Meeting, 6:30 pm at Times Ten Cellar, Main Winery Building. Featured speakers – the bcWORKSHOP Team presenting the Median Design plan for final neighbor feedback.

Neighbors go "batty" over our mosquitos eating friends...Bats!

DEAR SECURITY CHICK,

I walk my dogs around 8:30 at night and have been noticing bats flying around. Do you know anything about this? Are they eating our mosquitos? Should I get a bat house? They are amazing. **Bat Fan**

DEAR BAT FAN, I happen to know how we got our bats. My Darling Neighbor Valerie goes in her front yard every evening around 8:30 and sings. They come to hear her - and eat our mosquitos.

Valerie, like so many of us is a favorite dish for mosquitos. She's tried everything and decided to bring in the bats with her beautiful singing. They love her and her songs. This is a wonderful contribution Valerie makes to Forest Hills and we all appreciate her.

When we make a contribution to our neighborhood, all benefit.

One of the most important contributions you can make is to our Forest Hills Security Patrol. The amount averages \$20 a month to have patrols securing our neighborhood. Number of patrols depend on contributions. Please do your share. Go to <http://www.foresthillsdallas.org/> where you can pay yearly or quarterly through paypal. Remember, the City of Dallas is NOT awarding these programs to neighborhoods anymore. If we loose it, it's GONE. Please participate.

Remember to stop, listen to Valerie's beautiful music & thank her. And a bat house would be good, too.



Ask the Security Chick



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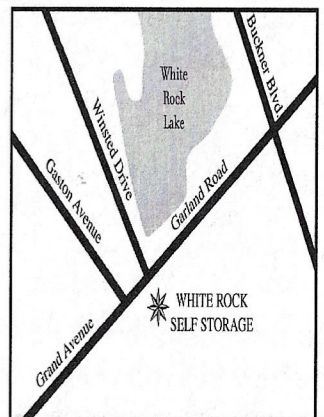


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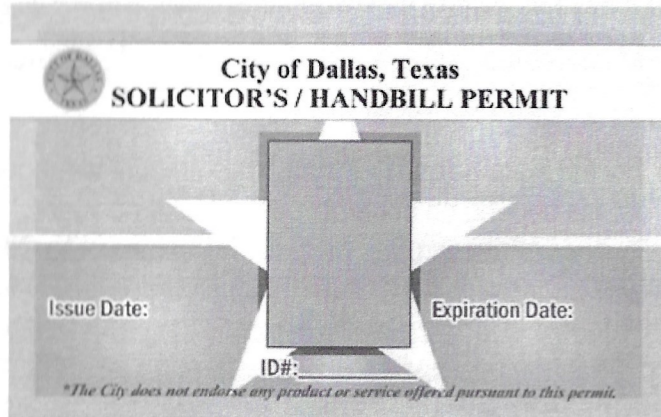
7820 Garland Road Across From The White Rock Spillway

SECURITY PROGRAM

There is a City of Dallas ordinance requiring anyone soliciting within the city limits of Dallas to register with and obtain a solicitor's permit from the City of Dallas. The only exceptions to this ordinance would be charitable and non-profit organizations.

A Certificate holder may conduct home solicitation between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset, Monday through Saturday, except New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

The City of Dallas issued pink and purple permit card must be conspicuously worn by the solicitor and visible at all times.



Solicitation may not be conducted at any residence displaying any sign which states "NO SOLICITORS OR HANDBILLS", or any similar notice indicating the occupants do not wish to be bothered, disturbed, or have commercial printed matter left on the premises.

If you do not like "cold callers" knocking on your door, hang that "No Solicitors" sign even though it is not your favorite décor choice. You can also refuse not to open the door to people you do not recognize. But if you

choose the latter, make sure they are aware there is someone in the house.

If the person at your door has an ID, but you are getting bad vibes, quickly and politely say you're not interested and shut the door. Some can be more aggressive than others. Avoid confrontation and, most importantly, do not allow them into your home. Never give any personal information to an unknown person or group.

If you feel the solicitor is not legitimate or they are exhibiting suspicious behavior, call 911. Begin this kind of 911 call with "I do not believe this is an emergency, however I want to report a suspicious activity/a suspicious person." Provide the identifying details, especially a license plate or I.D. card number if you can get it safely. If one of our FHSP patrol officers is here, they will take the 911 call, respond quickly and investigate.

Do not hesitate to call 911, if you have a gut feeling. Let the police dept be the one to determine the importance. Remember, what you might think is a small thing, could be a big clue in solving a crime.

See Something – Say Something

Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP)
A resident funded program hiring off duty Dallas police officers to patrol Forest Hills.
Providing security and education supporting personal safety and crime prevention.



More Participants = More Patrols = Less Crime
\$240 yearly (paid in one payment or quarterly installments)
PayPal: www.foresthillssecurity.org
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Home Watch Requests/Security Questions: fhspenp@aol.com

DMagazine.Com Features Guide To Forest Hills



Photograph by Josh Blaylock

Forest Hills is one of the neighborhoods featured in D Magazine's online neighborhood guide section. Go to <http://neighborhoods.dmagazine.com/dallas/east-dallas/forest-hills/> and read what they have to say about us! Along with a Forest Hills Gallery of Photos, there are links about our neighborhood to Eat/Drink/Shop, Locals Say, The Scene, Demographics, Real Estate and News.

Here is one story excerpt from the dmagazine.com neighborhood guide with photography by Josh Blaylock and essay by a Forest Hills resident.

WELCOME TO FOREST HILLS

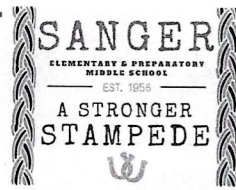
Large lots replete with impressive trees are the hallmark of this enviable patch of real estate nestled at the southern end of White Rock Lake. The neighborhood's countryside feel belies its location just 6 miles from downtown. Deep roots — Forest Hills was one of the first developments advertised to Dallasites as an escape from the city in the 1920s — have helped forge the strong connection between residents.

Why I Love Forest Hills • *Imagine a work of art rendered as a neighborhood. By Judy Whalen*

Forest Hills is like a Norman Rockwell painting, a vignette in broad strokes of warm and friendly, small-town color. Children playing under a lush canopy. Neighbors old and young looking out for each other. Extended-patrol police, like the beat cops of the past, ensuring the safety of the streets. Residents running, biking, and walking their dogs along the quiet boulevards. The scene reveals a community beautifully framed by Downtown Dallas, the Arboretum, and White Rock Lake.

Driving into Forest Hills, where large shade trees abound, there is a noticeable drop in temperature. An "ahhhhh" feeling comes over me as I approach home. In this oasis of calm amidst the city, there are close to 600 lots situated to complement the natural surroundings with a diversity of architecture that blends new and not-so-new (circa 1920) homes. Many of the residents, as well as the trees, are deeply rooted. The long history of neighborhood traditions shining through include the yearly Fourth of July Parade and Party hosted by restaurateur-resident Jack Keller, the Spring Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting, Halloween Fall Fest, and White Rock Garden Tour. Forest Hills volunteers its support with For the Love of the Lake organization, Sanger Elementary, the Ferguson Road Initiative, and the Arboretum. Our neighborhood traces its roots to 1845, when Warren Ferris selected a 640-acre tract of land to homestead. He dedicated the northwest corner of his property for a family cemetery, with the first recorded burial in 1847 and the last in 1906. Ferris allowed neighbors' loved ones to be interred as well, resulting in about 100 souls resting there. In April 1924, Leon L. Fechenbach dedicated the plat of the Forest Hills Addition, then 6 miles from the city limits of Dallas. The land was bounded by Garland Road (old Bankhead Highway); Lakeland Drive (old John West Road); the Santa Fe Railroad tracks; Highland Road (then called Wilshire Blvd.); and one block of San Rafael Drive. Forest Hills was annexed into Dallas in May 1945. An advertisement in the November 30, 1924, Dallas Morning News depicts an English Tudor house with the headline, "Your home in a forest!" It describes the area: "Your home built among massive oak, elm, and pecan trees ... built within a stone's throw of beautiful White Rock Lake ... is possible in only one addition ... FOREST HILLS. And with the city's announcement of White Rock Lake being turned into a pleasure lake upon the completion of the Garza project, assures you all the advantages at your front door. "From its historic past into the future, Forest Hills remains a masterpiece painting of an All American spirited community.

Judy Whalen, a longtime neighborhood volunteer/cheerleader, has lived in Forest Hills since 1997.



ALEX SANGER NEWS

Changes are happening at Alex Sanger. Exciting changes! From the Fall of 2015 to the Fall of 2017, we will begin adding one grade each year. By the 2017-2018 school year, Alex Sanger will serve prekindergarten through eighth grade students. Currently, we lose students in 3rd and 4th grade to private, charter, and/or magnet schools due to parents' middle school concerns. Some students that do finish 5th grade at Sanger choose to attend surrounding charter schools. By adding grades 6-8, we expect to keep students in the Bryan Adams Feeder Pattern as well as the Dallas ISD. At this time, a quad modular with restrooms will be added to our soccer field each year. The long term vision is to provide our students with a new wing.

In light of this big change we have a fresh new look with new bumper stickers and yard signs. These are available for purchase through the PTA to anyone who wants to show their support for the school and neighborhood.

As residents and neighbors, we understand you may have questions about the changes happening. We hope you celebrate with us as we continue to grow and improve. I am happy to answer or address any questions at president@alexsangerelementary.org. If you would like to see what happens during the day at the school, we have tours the last Wed of each month during the school year. Please call the office for more details and to inquire about a tour reservation at 972-749-7600.

We invite you to be a part of our success. We always need mentors, reading partners and help in the learning garden...30 minutes once or twice a week makes a huge difference in a child's reading! Check out our calendar for garden work days.

Thank you! Abi Hoffman, PTA President • president@alexsangerelementary.org

Hector Martinez, Principal, HMartinez@Dallasisd.org • Ms. Cerillo, Volunteer coordinator and reading partners, 972-749-7600
Dawn Cleaves, Parent garden volunteer, zwartswan@gmail.com • Kathy Glenn, FH resident garden volunteer, kathyglenn@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 17	Visit Monster Yogurt, leave your receipt & a portion of the sales go back to the PTA	Oct 21	Volunteer Orientation, 8:30-9:30 or 3:15-4:15
Sept 23	Volunteer Orientation, 8:30-9:30 or 3:15-4:15	Oct 25	Garden Work Day, 3pm
Sept 27	Garden Work Day, 3pm	Oct 28	Tour 10am, by appointment only
Sept 30	Tour 10am, by appointment only	Oct 31	Trunk or Treat
Oct 15	Monster Yogurt Day	Nov 17	Open House for Future Stallions
		Nov 19	Monster Yogurt Day
		Dec 5	Winter Art Fair and Silent Auction

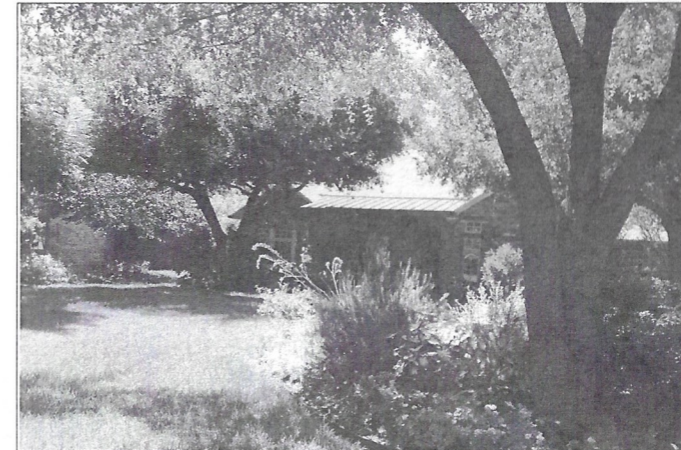


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YARD OF THE MONTH

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8539 SANTA CLARA DRIVE
Cary and Kelle Buresh

YARD OF THE MONTH

August 2015



8547 SAN FERNANDO WAY
Christine and Greg McFarland

These yards offer a cool oasis during the hot Texas summer! Both yards boast large mature trees offering nice shady areas. Proof that even with a shady yard one can have a nice lawn of St. Augustine. Each has lush shade loving border plants and inviting seating areas. Check them out if you are needing to see shade loving plants! Thank you neighbors for your beautiful yards!



It's Medicare Open Enrollment Time 10/15 – 12/7

Confused with all the mailed information? Need a Medicare Advisor to help?



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October Events
20th Aetna
27th Scott & White

November Events
3rd Aetna
10th – Humana
17th Scott & White

December Events
1st AARP Medicare Complete – UHC

Sales agent will be present with information and enrollment kit to assist you with making an informed 2016 Medicare Open enrollment decision. For those with special needs please contact my office at 214-576-0045. Each carrier specific meeting will provide Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage Part C and Part D (Medical and Pharmacy) benefits. If you prefer a personal review, please contact office to schedule an appointment at 214-576-0045 / tsouthan@gmail.com.
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8239 Forest Hills Blvd

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8207 Barbaree Blvd

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GLO COALSON / BRITT COALSON
8247 Barbaree Blvd

BRUCE BROWNLEE • 8158 Barbaree Blvd

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