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APRIL 2007 ISSUE

Neighborhood Associations Partnering for Success

White Rock Garden and Artisan's Tour Sunday, May 20, 2007 - 11am-5pm

The WHITE ROCK GARDEN AND ARTISAN'S TOUR will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2007 from 11 AM to 5 PM. The Forest Hills Neighborhood is joining Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates in this annual tour of gardens. Local artisans will be displaying their artwork for sale in each of the gardens. In addition there will be a plant sale and a raffle. So come and support your neighborhood, stroll through beautiful gardens, and purchase some artwork from our local artisans and buy some plants (all grown from gardens of local residents). Admission is free! A total of nine gardens will be on the tour.

Gardens chosen from our neighborhood are:

Mary and Mike Simons 8359 Forest Hills Blvd

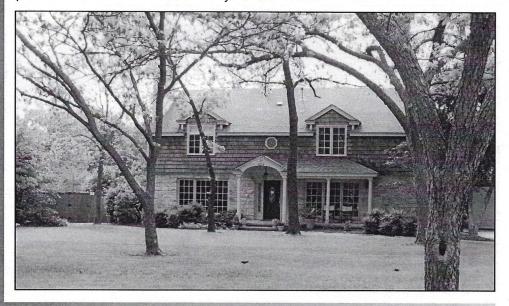
Christie and Greg McFarland 8547 San Fernando Way

Randall and Lola Tinney 8514 San Leandro

We need volunteers for the plant sale and monitors in each garden. Contact Barb Michaels (214-327-3817), Lottie Minnick (214-320-3868), Neoma Twining (214-320-0229), or Katrina Moran (214-660-0451) to volunteer for one of the shifts - 11-2 or 2-5. Look forward to seeing you!!

YARD OF THE MONTH

Check out the yard of the month sign at the Brauer home at 8415 Forest Hills Blvd. If you would like to nominate a home in the neighborhood please let Barb Michaels or Judy Whalen know.



The Tradition Continues . .

submitted by SERVICE LEAGUE CHAIRS: Mary-Pat Smith and Mari Anne Mourer.

A pretty April day and plenty of eager basket holders ready to swoop on the lawns and grab eggs. It seems eggs, the anticipation never lessens with the younger set. Nothing like a good "egg hunt". In our case, the eggs were out there in plain sight . . . only a lucky few snagged the most coveted eggs . . . the "golden" eggs.

The Service League thanks Patty Goya and Neal Farris, Melodie and Gary Young for their commitment to the FH Egg Hunt. This event was a huge success and enjoyed by many families in Forest Hills. A special thank you to Leeann Hodge, Rachel Westmoreland, Garrett and Caitlin Smith who assisted with the event and the numerous teens who helped deliver flyers.







CASA LINDA DEVELOPER GETS FH FEEDBACK

The surveys keep coming in, so they say. The Amreit Development corporation is pleased to see interest from neighbors like Forest Hills.

In our last issue we encouraged participation. If you want to see change and are given the opportunity to weigh in . . . it is important to do just that.

Here are some of the comments from Forest Hills Residents regarding changes they would like to see made concerning Casa Linda Plaza.

"The architecture and look of the Plaza is very dated. We hope to see something more contemporary."

"This plaza lacks real service businesses. There are plenty of mom and pop shops but there are times we need the big service centers to help us in what we do. For example . . . Staples or Office Depot."

"Could you please give us a nice movie theatre like we used to have?"

"Food, food, food. For years East Dallas resident have to travel to go get something good to eat. The restaurants there are fine, but we need upscale eateries. Please consider bringing in some of those."

"Get rid of the banks . . . why are there always so many banks!"

If you wish to comment and give Amreit Development Corp. feedback, please log onto www.casalindaplaza.com.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Forest Hills General Meeting

Monday, May 14th 7:00 p.m.

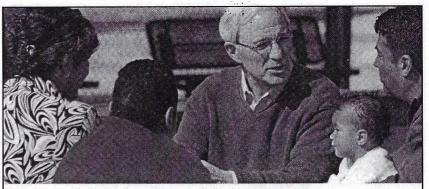
Sanger Elementary Auditorium

Recycling not high enough priority in FH

Gary Griffith saw the report during a city hall meeting and is hoping we in FH are doing our part. It was reported FH is on the very low end of "tonage" when weigh day comes. This means, we are not generating enough recyclable goods. One reason, many households take newspapers to local schools helping school programs.

Recycling gets a lot of play these days, with businesses and residences "going green." The big blue carts can only be found scattered in the front of a few FH homes on pick up day. Ideally, each and every home should be displaying the blue bags, or the cart.

If you wish to recycle call this number: 214-670-4069. Ask for Caroline and information about how to get a cart. Blue bags can be purchased at any supermarket.



Most candidates for Mayor are anxious to tell you what they <u>WILL</u> do for Dallas.

Gary Griffith already has a long record of results in East Dallas. "For over a decade, I have been proud to represent East Dallas in the Planning and Zoning Commission, Park Board and now on the City Council. In East Dallas, we have enjoyed economic and public safety victories by uniting behind the idea that we must do better for our neighborhoods and for our children. It is now time to bring these positive, pro-active techniques to all of our City."

"For too long, Dallas has been focused on what divides us. I will lead our City by focusing on what unites us: reducing crime, keeping drugs away from our kids, safe neighborhoods, better schools, and economic development."

"I need your vote and support on May 12th to be the next Mayor of Dallas. Your support can help us turn the challenges we face today into the opportunities for a better tomorrow."



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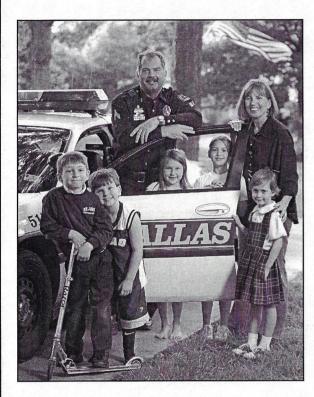
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VALUABLE PROGRAM IN DANGER

by Judy Whalen



The Forest Hills Security Program cannot stay in operation unless it receives quarterly payments from a larger percentage of residents. The number of contributions is dwindling. The program cannot continue when fewer than 30% of the households are contributing. Few are financing this security service for many.

The cost is \$60.00 a quarter (that's only \$20.00 a month!), a small price for security! The more people participating the more hours of protection with potentially lower dues.

So you are not positive if you have paid or not? Not sure if your spouse paid? Not certain when you last paid? Confused? Have questions or concerns about the program? Email FHSPENP@aol.com or call 214-324-9894.

Make remembering easy with Automatic Bank payments /transfers. Have your bank make the Forest Hills Security Program payments for you! Set it up for \$60 quarterly payments (January, April, June, October) or \$240 yearly.

Currently our neighborhood has four-hour patrols, five days a week, by uniformed officers using a police vehicle with an on-board computer. This program is financed by individual Forest Hills residents and has been operating successfully since 2003 with excellent results of fewer crimes than ever before. Police have apprehended suspects of residential burglaries and auto break-ins, have recovered stolen items and arrested sex offenders.

Send your \$60 pledge for a Safer Forest Hills

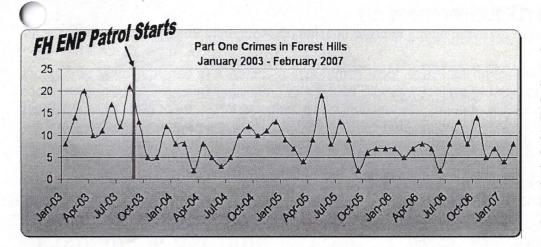
If you prefer, you may pay \$120, \$180 or \$240 for 6, 9 & 12 months.

Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) 8432 San Fernando Way Dallas,TX 75218

Include the following information:	
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THE FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM PROVEN SUCCESSFUL IN LOWERING CRIME!

by Judy Whalen



Statistics show there has not been an increase in offenses in Forest Hills, but what the chart doesn't show is the increase in the number of arrests made in Forest Hills by both on-duty and off-duty officers. In 2003 there were only 3 arrests by our off-duty officers and in 2006 there were a total of 6. Already the first 4 months of this year there have been 6 arrests by our Forest Hills officers!

The graph shows where our neighborhood crime was when the

program started in 2003 and where it is today. A big difference! Each drop in numbers represents a neighbor that was NOT victimized.

"Intelligence led policing" is this year's buzz at the federal level and is working its way to large, local departments. It means looking at the crime, deciding when/where/what/who and deploying limited resources to have the most impact. In other words what we've been doing at Forest Hills since Sept 2003.

RIP Strikes Again

by Sergeant Dillon

FYI We have had three incidents of "R.I.P." graffiti reported in the last month. It affected a lot more than three houses. The graffiti is not gang related, but has been analyzed as tags.

- 1. 8500 block San Pedro RIP on garage doors, trash containers and fences the first week of the month
- 2. San Cristobal alley . . . all along alley last week silver paint.
- 3. 8100 block of Santa Clara shed in back and neighbor's fence this week bright yellow paint.

Look at the pictures of some of the incidents . . . Hoping to catch them red handed or silver handed or yellow handed! Keep you eyes open! And report any incidents to 911.







When the Emergency Sirens Go Off, Will You Know What to Do?

When the city's emergency sirens went off last week, a good number of employees were still at work. But how many of them knew what to do? If a tornado or other severe weather strikes while you're at the job, would you know what steps to take to assure your safety and that of your co-workers?

Learn how to be prepared for just such an event during the next session of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

CERT is an all-hazard grassroots initiative that trains local community members the bare basics of emergency response. This valuable course is designed to protect yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your neighborhood in an emergency situation. In a post-disaster situation, citizens may be on their own for 24, 48 or even 72 hours. While people will generally respond to others in need, having CERT training assists people in responding effectively, without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. The dates, times, and locations have been established for the next training and they are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 24, 2007- 6p-9p- 4800 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75235 (American Red Cross Building, Dallas Chapter)
- Tuesday, May 1, 2007- 6p-9p-4800 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75235 (American Red Cross Building, Dallas Chapter)
- Saturday, May 5, 2007-9a-5p- 4800 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75235 (American Red Cross Building, Dallas Chapter)
- Tuesday, May 8, 2007- 6p-8p- 4800 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75235 (American Red Cross Building, Dallas Chapter)
- Thursday, May 10, 2007-6p-9p- 1500 Marilla, L2AN, Dallas, TX 75201 (Office of Emergency Management)
- Saturday, May 12, 2007-9a-12p- 5000 Dolphin Road, Dallas, TX 75223 (Dallas Fire/Rescue Training Academy)

If you are interested in attending CERT training, or for more information, please contact Tahira A Tahira. Ali@dallascityhall.com or call 214-670-4279.



Without the Forest, there is No Forest Hills

Recently, an issue near and dear to the hearts of Forest Hills residents was brought to the forefront. The issue, Trees. More specifically, preserving trees. All who live in our FH neighborhood get it. Without the trees, there simply could no be a "Forest" in Forest Hills.

A discussion among board members took place and some wondered if it's okay to buy a lot and systematically chop down every tree on it. The answer, unfortunately, is yes. You do not have to consult an aborist or anyone else for that matter Problem is, if you are that lot owner and you're building a home in Forest Hills . . . you may have to contend with neighbors who frown on your lack of judgement. Some may say, if you want a naked lot . . . go North. You'll find plenty of postage stamp-sized lots void of trees.



Forest Hills was named Forest Hills in 1931 because of the trees. It was a planned effort. Huge lots, gorgeous trees. The "Forest" is what attracts people to these homes in

To shed more light on this issue a forum is being considered. A contingent of loosely organized neighbors has formed. They plan on inviting builders to this forum to help them understand their concerns. More information will be available as this effort develops.

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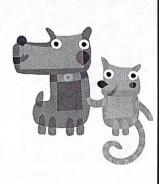


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kindergarteners, Megan Otman and Hannah Goodwyn, begin their Talented and Gifted (TAG) classes with Mrs. Dorothy Green.



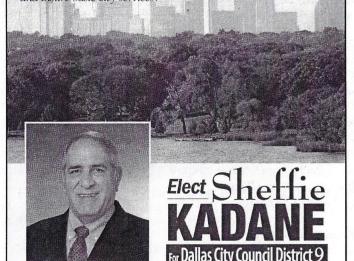
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Carden Colub

The Forest Hills garden club met at the home Of Judy Whalen on April 5, 2007. The group toured Judy's herb garden and Judy and Mary Ehrenberger demonstrated how to make lavender wands. Lottie Minnick will host the next meeting at her home on May 3, 2007 at 7 pm. Please plan to attend. Call Barb Michaels (214-327-3817) or Lottie Minnick (214-320-3868) for more information.

Paid Your Dues? Check & See!

THANK YOU to the 2007 DUES CONTRIBUTORS - listed are those received through April 15th. Please join them in sl orting your great neighborhood!

1406 San Rafael 1414 San Rafael	8123 Santa Clara 8125 San Fernando	8179 San Cristobal 8179 San Leandro	8247 San Leandro 8252 San Leandro	8367 Forest Hills 8371 San Leandro	8462 San Fernando 8465 San Fernando
1414 San Rafael	8130 San Benito	8185 San Benito	8255 San Cristobal	8375 San Fernando	8467 Forest Hills
1417 San Rafael	8130 San Leandro	8188 San Cristobal	8258 San Benito	8378 Forest Hills	8506 Forest Hills
1417 Sail Halael 1418 Highland Road	8131 San Benito	8200 Forest Hills	8258 Santa Clara	8379 Forest Hills	8509 San Fernando
1422 San Rafael	8131 San Leandro	8205 Forest Hills	8259 San Benito	8380 San Cristobal	8514 Eustis
1425 San Rafael	8131 Santa Clara	8207 San Benito	8259 San Benito	8407 San Pedro	8514 Forest Hills
1430 San Rafael	8138 San Benito	8207 Santa Clara	8259 San Leandro	8408 Forest Hills	8516 San Leandro
1433 San Rafael	8138 San Fernando	8210 Garland	8260 San Leandro	8408 Santa Clara	8519 Eustis
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1449 San Rafael 1457 San Rafael	8138 Santa Clara	8214 Forest Hills	8310 Forest Hills	8415 Forest Hills	8522 Santa Clara
	8139 San Fernando	8214 San Benito	8310 Garland	8416 Forest Hills	8525 San Fernando
1465 San Rafael 1507 San Rafael	8139 Santa Clara	8214 San Benito	8319 San Benito	8422 Garland	8526 Eustis
1531 San Rafael	8145 Santa Clara	8214 Santa Clara	8319 San Fernando	8423 Forest Hills	8531 Eustis Ave
1730 Whittier	8146 San Benito	8215 Forest Hills	8321 San Cristobal	8423 San Pedro	8538 San Benito
	8146 San Benito	8215 San Benito	8324 San Cristobal	8423 Santa Clara	8539 Forest Hills
1737 Whittier	8146 San Fernando	8215 San Cristobal	8326 Forest Hills	8427 San Fernando	8539 San Fernando
8100 Forest Hills	8146 San Leandro	8222 Forest Hills	8326 San Fernando	8427 San Fernando	8540 Groveland
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8106 San Leandro	8147 San Fernando	8223 Forest Hills	8334 Forest Hills	8431 Forest Hills	8547 Forest Hills
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8107 San Cristobal	8154 San Benito		8335 Forest Hills	8432 San Fernando	8554 Forest Hills
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8114 Santa Clara	8163 Santa Clara	8231 San Benito			8567 Forest Hills
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8115 San Leandro	8169 Santa Clara	8238 San Leandro	8351 San Fernando	8442 Garland Road	
8118 Garland	8170 San Leandro	8239 San Leandro	8358 San Leandro	8446 Forest Hills	8567 San Pedro
8122 Forest Hills	8171 San Benito	8239 Santa Clara	8359 Forest Hills	8446 Santa Clara	
8122 Forest Hills	8171 San Leandro	8246 Forest Hills	8359 Forest Hills	8447 Forest Hills	
8122 Santa Clara	8176 San Benito	8246 San Benito	8362 San Cristobal	8455 Forest Hills	
8123 Forest Hills	8178 San Leandro	8246 Santa Clara	8363 San Cristobal	8455 Santa Clara	
8123 San Benito	8178 Santa Clara	8247 Forest Hills	8366 Forest Hills	8462 Garland	

2007 New Year's Resolution

☑ Support Your Community - Do your Dues!

Thirty percent of Forest Hills homes have contributed in 2007 - making it the highest participation in recent years — Let's resolve 100% as a great show of community support!

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

Forest Hills Association	2007 Dues				
Name:					
Address:					
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Dues Enclosed:	\$25	\$50	\$75	Other	



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About Jill Kotvis

Jill Kotvis has lived in Dallas for 22 years and has been a Lakewood resident since 1999.

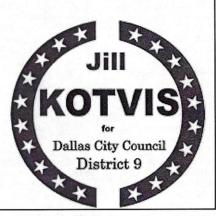
In 1998, she established her own environmental law firm after practicing law at Hughes & Luce, Winstead, Sechrest & Minick and LTV Corp.

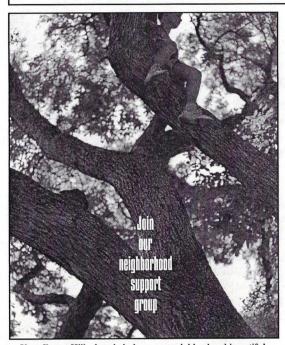
Jill has been honored as a Texas Top Lawyer (D Magazine), and as a Texas Super Lawyer (Texas Monthly Magazine).

Vote Jill Kotvis on May 12, 2007 . . . for the City's Future

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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. 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!

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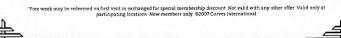
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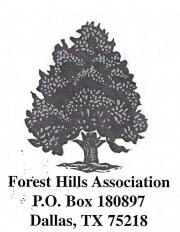
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