

FOREST HILLS



Forest Hills Association
1999 calendar of events

FEB 25th 7:30pm

Semi-Annual
General Meeting
Alex Sanger Elementary
School Auditorium
8410 San Leandro Dr.

Speaker: Senior Corporal
Ron Carpenter
Crime Prevention
Dallas Police Department
child care available in School Gym

MAR 4th 7pm

Spring Newcomers Party
Jim & Vicki White's home
8230 San Cristobal
214-321-1949

MAR 21st 3-5pm

Easter Egg Hunt
Front Lawn of the Whortons
and the Waltons
8367 & 8379 Santa Clara Dr.
214/328-3810 or 321-5779

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President's Corner 🌿 Spring is just around the corner, a beautiful time of the year, but a little sunshine has left our neighborhood with the death of our dear neighbor and friend, Maxyne Heimgartner. She was FHA's biggest supporter and helped any way she could. We will miss her energy and smiling face. 🌿 Please mark your calendars. The General Meeting will be Thursday, February 25th at 7:30 P.M. in the Alex Sanger School Auditorium. The speaker will be Ron Carpenter with the Police Department speaking to us about crime watch in our neighborhood and how to keep our homes safe. We hope to see each of you there.

🌿 The FHA General Meetings are held in February and September. This is a time to be updated on current activities and what your board has been doing. It is a great time to meet your neighbors, share your ideas, and get involved. 🌿 Thanks to Liz Tindall for a great newsletter in December. Did you like the changes in it? Please let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. We invite letters to the Editor voicing your questions, concerns, ideas, and etc. Do you know an unsung hero in the neighborhood that should be profiled in the newsletter?

Let us hear from you. 🌿 The Christmas Party was a great success even with the fog. Thanks to the Don Caires, the Bruce Smiths, Neal, Patty, David and Martine. As usual, the Christmas train was a big hit with the youngsters. Of course, we can't forget Santa Claus posing with all the children. 🌿 Meet the new and the old. The newcomers party is a great way to meet other neighbors and get acquainted with new neighbors in Forest Hills. Won't you plan to join us in welcoming our new residents. I look forward to seeing each of you at the FHA functions this spring. Let us all get involved by volunteering to help on different projects.

Margaret Smith, President

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APRIL 18th 11:30-1:30pm
Seniors Luncheon
Home of Delores Cullivan
8247 SanFernando Way
214-328-3124

MAY 1st
Neighborhood
Garage Sale

MAY 23rd
Neighborhood
Block Party

JUNE 26th
Summer Newcomers Party
Home of Kathy & Grant Wall
1449 San Raphael Dr.
214-321-9199

JULY 4th
Neighborhood
Parade and Party

SEPT 23rd 7:30pm
Semi-Annual
General Meeting
Alex Sanger School Auditorium;
8410 San Leandro Dr.

OCT 1st
Fall Dinner
Dance-Auction
Winfrey Point Clubhouse
White Rock Lake

Times, places, and dates are subject to change. We need volunteers for several of the events. If you are interested in helping us, please call Martine at 214-327-8122 or Patty at 214-328-6643 to volunteer.

new comers

The next newcomers event will be held March 4th at 7 P.M. at the home of Jim and Vicki White, 8230 San Cristobal.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun of welcoming our new neighbors. This is also a great time to get to know some longtime Forest Hills neighbors! If you are new to Forest Hills, or know someone who is, please contact Martine Buhmann 214-327-8122 so we may send an invitation.

Hope to see you there!

Compost...Can anyone do it?

by Mary Ehrenberger

Absolutely! All you need is a 3 X 3 foot space and the desire to improve your yard. It's so easy to do. Some people choose to have an elaborate compost site, (mine for example, is a three bin system with an arbor built over the top), while others just mound their materials into a pile. This is by far the easiest and cheapest way to compost. In fact it's free!

Here's what you do to get started. Basically, you need only 3 kinds of materials. They are browns, greens, and water. Browns are dried-up things such as your leaves and yard trimmings. Greens are your kitchen scraps; fruits, veggies, coffee grounds, eggs shells, and etc. The water is self explanatory. Please do not add meats or dairy items. For the simple method explained here, they will rot and attract extra visitors to your yard.

Make layers of the browns and greens at your selected compost site, sort of like assembling lasagna. Sprinkle (not soak) with water as you layer. Now, if your pile seems very small, don't worry about it. Just add new materials to the top as you collect them until your pile reaches about three feet high by three feet wide. Now you just wait until next spring and you have a wonderful pile of Black Gold to add to your yard. Use it everywhere. Just layer it on your existing beds. Sprinkle it on the lawn or turn it under when preparing a new planting site.

Next spring! Don't want to wait that long? Okay, then just turn the pile once or twice a week and sprinkle more water on it if it seems dry, and your Black Gold will be ready in about three month's or so.

That's it in a nutshell (which compost slowly by the way). It's simple, it doesn't take a lot of space or time, and it's free! So, what are you waiting for?

Celebration of White Rock Lake

One of Forest Hills' own, Barbara Adamson, is heading up a committee with City Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Mary Poss to "celebrate White Rock Lake, its history and its importance in Dallas today." The committee is planning a weekend long celebration/fund-raiser for White Rock Lake to take place on September 18 and 19, 1999. The purpose of the event is to reach the entire city by showcasing the Lake and informing the public of its past, while highlighting its present charm and attributes. At the same time, the intent is to raise funds to continue to improve the Lake area. The event will be sponsored by the White Rock Junior Chamber of Commerce.

How much do you know about the history of our White Rock Lake? For instance, did you know that 188 prisoners of war were housed at the Lake during World War II? And how many of you visited the Lake as young people on summer evenings to watch submarine races? The Celebration is intended to mix nostalgia and history with activities to highlight the Lake's many pleasures, today.

The weekend long event is intended to include a major concert on Flagpole Hill, and multiple interactive activities lakeside, for all ages, and will include many celebrities who grew up in this area. The committee's intent is to introduce the

White Rock Lake from Forest Hills, 1925.

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Lake to many Dallas residents who might not otherwise come here, and raise funds for its continued improvement.

The committee is very aware of the fact that the event may raise traffic concerns for surrounding neighborhoods, and the plan for the event includes off-site parking which is intended to accommodate all who choose to attend the event. We have raised concerns about people parking their cars in our neighborhood and walking to the Lake, and have been told that the City will work with us to ensure that this does not happen, in the same fashion that Dallas Blooms crowds are monitored. As this matter is at the planning stage, the Committee has requested our feedback. We would greatly appreciate hearing from you on this matter, so we may determine what level of support our neighborhood will have for the projected celebration, and so that our concerns may be addressed. For more information, call Barbara Adamson at 214-327-7611 or fax 214-317-9185. Thank you!



Call for Donations

The Forest Hills Fall dinner, dance, and auction will be held on October 1, 1999. The event raises money to support our neighborhood. The funds raised will pay for beautification, newsletters, and neighborhood parties. We are looking for any item or service to be auctioned off and this is a chance to highlight the talents and services offered by our neighbors.

If you are an artist, show off your creativity and donate a piece of your work.

A Lawyer. Maybe donate a free living will?

A Dentist. Free teeth cleaning?

A Interior Decorator. Free consultation?

A music teacher. Free lesson?

Love to cook? Maybe you can cook and serve a meal in someone's home or provide free baby-sitting for an evening.

Be creative, we accept everything and anything! If you would like to donate, please call Patty Goya at 214-328-6643 or Martine Buhmann at 214-327-8122.

The Forest Hills Annual Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, MARCH 21st, 3 TO 5 P.M. ● AT THE WALTONS AND THE WHORTONS ● 8379 AND 8367 SANTA CLARA DRIVE ● Please deliver 1 dozen plastic eggs per child plus \$2.00 per child by March 14th to either home. ● EASTER BUNNY, FACE PAINTING, GAMES, and MORE. ● DON'T MISS THE FUN! ● If you have any questions, please call Ann Walton at 214-321-5779.



Love The Lake Run

Save the date, Saturday May 22, 1999. (What, you haven't bought your 1999 calendar yet?)

It will be the first run at White Rock Lake to actually benefit the lake! Sponsored by the Cross Country Club and benefiting "For the Love of the Lake", it will be a 5-mile run with a 2-mile fun run/walk.

Plan to be there and be part of this inaugural happening!

As always, funds will go to continue making improvements to the park. For more info, call the Lakeline at 972-622-SAVE.

FHA Board Meetings

The Board Meetings are open to any one wishing to attend. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Please call 214-327-5096 for the location of the next meeting.

Arboretum News

The 1999 "Dallas Blooms" takes place March 6-April 11. This year's theme is "Birds in Paradise" in conjunction with the bird sanctuary at White Rock Lake. Over 175,000 daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths have been planted for your enjoyment. There will be gardening workshops every day during "Dallas Blooms". Each Saturday there will be Family Workshops at 2 P.M. on attracting birds to your yard and other fun topics. Mark your calendars now for two of the most popular event:

Friday, April 2 - Eddie Coker Concert, 12 noon & 2 P.M.

Saturday, April 3 - Easter Parade, 12 noon

The Arboretum is sensitive to traffic in our neighborhood during "Dallas Blooms". The NO PARKING signs will be out and shuttle buses should run from remote parking every eight minutes during the busiest days. In order for Forest Hills residents to safely walk to the Arboretum, a traffic light and crosswalk at Garland & Whittier has been proposed. This will be a safety asset for Forest Hills residents everyday and especially when the new Visitor Education Pavilion is completed in 2001.

The new Visitors Educational Pavilion will include classrooms and 4,000 square foot exhibit hall to increase education opportunities for children and adults. There will be expanded space for large scale social and cultural events. In addition, there will be improved food services, an expanded gift shop, and a Children's Garden. Forest Hills will certainly enjoy all of these enhancements at *The Dallas Arboretum*.

Please consider a gift to the Arboretum during this expansion. The new Visitor's Educational Pavilion will be completed in 2001 and will make *The Dallas Arboretum* one of the premier horticultural attractions in the world.

Stay tuned to the newsletter for more Dallas Arboretum News.





T R E E S

Mike Hellmann, an arborist with the City of Dallas, surveyed the urban forest in Forest Hills and gave a report at the January Board meeting.

He was quite positive about our trees, but thinks there are trees that need to be removed because of decay and dual trunks. We need to replace trees as they decline.

His comment was, "Overall, I would consider this urban forest fairly healthy with some problems that should be addressed as soon as possible to avoid major problems and a declining urban forest in the future."

When developers cut down trees, they must replace them or pay a certain amount into the Reforestation Fund. Through this program, we may qualify for new trees and decaying trees to be replaced. These trees would be 2 to 4 inches in caliper and must be selected from their "Approved Replacement Trees." Mike will work with us on which trees need to be replaced and where new trees are needed. We are in the process of submitting our letter and request for replacement and new trees in our neighborhood.

If you have concerns for the trees on your personal property, you may call Mike at 214-948-4172 for advice.

We plan to have Mike speak at the September General Meeting and enlighten all of us on how to care for our trees.



In Memoriam

Longtime Forest Hills neighbor, friend and realtor, Maxyne Heimgartner, passed away Saturday, January 23, 1999 after a bout with lung cancer. She was diagnosed in November but did not want anyone to know. She hoped to overcome the disease.

Maxyne was a true neighbor and a friend to Forest Hills. She was one of the originators of the Forest Hills Association and also was the secretary for the association for many years. She was always upbeat, energetic and active in the neighborhood. Whenever a volunteer was needed for a Forest Hills event, she never hesitated to help out and give so much of her time.

She was preceded in death by her husband John Frederick (Jim) Heimgartner. Survivors are her children and their spouses, Robert and Cathey Leonard, John and Jo Anne Heimgartner, Jackie Sue and Arthur Bennett; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, sisters Nadine Drake, Gay Hopkins, Melba Blount, Gail Blair; brothers, Ray, J.W. and Hoyle Julian. She will be greatly missed by her friends, family and the neighbors of Forest Hills.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

If you have not paid your dues, please return this form with your check. Your support will be appreciated.

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Dallas, Texas 75218

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Beautification _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

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Larry North's Fitness Factory at Casa Linda also offers a special for paid members of the Forest Hills Association. \$49 down and \$29 a month. Call 214-327-0800 for more information.

Service League

A big thank you to Kathy and Don Caire and Mary Pat and Bruce Smith for hosting the Winter Holiday Party. Once again, they put on a great event!

To set the mood for the foggy wintry night, Christmas carols were sung by neighborhood kids. John Whorton was his "jolly old self" and the brightly lit Coopers Express Train ride was enjoyed over and over again.

Thank you to all our great neighbors who brought food for the pot luck dinner and to Jack Unruh and David Buhmann for cooking the hot-dogs. And thank you all for your can goods and toy donations. *White Rock Center of Hope* and *The Family Place* were thrilled with Forest Hills generosity and kindness in helping others during the holidays.

Forest Hills Unsung Heroes

If you are up early, you could see Frances Addison and Edith Howson (they live in the 8100 block of San Benito Way) walking down the streets of Forest Hills picking up trash as they go. When their bags get too full, they put the trash in Edith's husband car, Bob Sippel, who follows behind them and lends moral support. They get a new bag and diligently continue on with their way.

Edith says on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, they are out the door at 7:15 to pick up the trash. Because of the traffic, they work along Garland Road and San Rafael on Saturdays. Thursday morning you probably see them working along Forest Hills Blvd and on Tuesdays, they go down the streets which need the most clean up.

No one has asked them to do this thankless job, but they love the neighborhood and take pride in it. The Forest Hills Association wants to acknowledge and thank them, for their work has not gone unnoticed.

We are proud to have Frances Addison, Edith Howson and Bob Sippel as our neighbors in Forest Hills and a big neighborly thanks to our unsung heroes.

Did you know what dialing 311 can do?

There is a pot-hole on Santa Clara Drive, who do you call to fix it? You notice the median on Breezewood is overgrown with weeds and needs to be mowed, again, who do you call? Anything from abandoned cars, sewer leaks, poor water pressure, bad sidewalks, graffiti and even complaints against your neighbors property can be handled by dialing 311.

Dialing 311 connects you to the information line at City Hall. This easy to remember number will report your problems or will direct you to the right department that can help.

Here are some departments and services that can be reached by dialing 311.

1. Street Department: Repairs, flooding, holes, blocking of streets and sidewalks, signal lights, signs and low trees.
2. Water Dept.: Main leaks, poor water pressure, broken sewer lines and missing storm drain lids.
3. Code Enforcement: Illegal

garbage, graffiti, building without proper permit and complaints against neighbors property.

4. Sanitation: Brush and garbage pick-up and dead animal collection.
5. Animal Control: Live, injured or confined animals.
6. Parking Enforcement: Parked junk cars, abandoned or oversized vehicles.



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in protecting and keeping our
neighborhood safe.

Forest Hills Association

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Forest Hills
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