

Master Plan resurfaces

September meeting kickstarts discussion

The upcoming neighborhood meeting will rollout the recently rediscovered Forest Hills Master Plan. The drawings will be on display before and after the meeting, and a brief overview will be presented. As previously mentioned in the last newsletter, this is a comprehensive plan that will deal with all common areas in the neighborhood, tie them together, maintain the existing plant material and "reforest" our maturing canopy. John Armstrong, the original landscape architect for the master plan, is in the process of giving us his updated assessment of what areas need the most attention, and should be given the highest priority. Of the original 10 zones of work identified, each zone has overlapping elements, but the first priority will almost certainly be stabilization of the most at-risk area(s). At present, the Action Plan consists of:

- Complete City of Dallas pruning and any dead tree removal. A first level
 of pruning could be completed with a private contractor.
- 2. Determine losses of all previous years' planting programs.
- 3. Begin the ten-zone implementation, with one zone completed per year.
- 4. Develop a supplementary maintenance contract with a private contractor to maintain special plantings and irrigation system.

Meetings with the City of Dallas are being planned, to work out what the City can do to facilitate this implementation, especially signage. Previously, Forest Hills had a monument sign that was removed, and the City has said that we would not be allowed to replace it. While a monument sign has been discouraged by the City, we would like to continue to explore the possibility for some type of graphic designation for our neighborhood.

Once again, I encourage everyone to attend the neighborhood meeting on September 20th, see the Master Plan and ask questions. We are still developing the process of the implementation, but as a neighborhood, there is no reason to wait any further: implementation of the plan will be the focus of future boards and fund raising. The boulevards and their trees are the key feature that ties our entire neighborhood together. The mutual benefit to all of enhanced medians and reinforcement of Forest Hill's appearance should result in strengthened property values, and continued health of our valuable natural resources.

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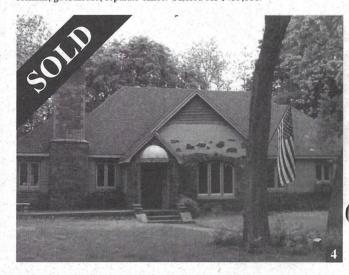
Signature columned traditional in a richly landscaped Forest Hills setting. Two story center hall plan featuring a 1999 kitchen, breakfast and family room renovation. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, formals, family, study, pool. Offered for \$665,000.

3. 8184 Santa Clara Drive

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y kids are growing up way too fast. My 18-month old just called me Robert. The Arboretum is starting to look like Northpark Mall (just kidding, Mary). Garland Road traffic is starting to look like Central Expressway. Is it just me or does it seem like there are two Harry Morgan signs on every block. Didn't I just thank last year's Board about a month ago?





Wow, this year has flown by and we were just getting started. We never did get those FHA bylaws updated but we did make some headway in other areas. One of, if not the biggest, accomplishments was pulling together an incredible group of volunteers to serve on the Board this year. Every one of them made a significant contribution to Forest Hills and the good news is that many of these hard-working folks will continue on next year's Board. Our incoming President, the illustrious Richard Garza, will get a running start next year with this fine group. I urge you to attend the meetings and events, provide feedback and support Richard, his Board and the Forest Hills Association.

What a great turnout we had at the Fourth of July Parade and picnic. Where is the world did all those kids come from? Thanks to Gina Bender, Mike and Julie Hogan and especially Jack and Wilma Keller for hosting our traditional neighborhood hoedown (you can bet that Norman Rockwell was smiling down on us that day).

Jappreciate very much the phone calls, emails and letters I received this last year from concerned FH residents. Participation and feedback works to everyone's advantage. Thanks. Your next opportunity to speak out will come September 20th, 7:00 p.m., at the Lakewood Country Club, where we will have our FHA General Meeting. We look forward to hearing from you concerning the Arboretum, the crime watch effort in our neighborhood and the Forest Hills Master Plan. You'll be hearing a lot more about the Master Plan this year - pay close attention. Our guest speaker at the General Meeting will again be Mayor Pro Tem Mary Poss and we are expecting a big turnout. This is the time to voice your opinions.

My family, Dunia, Jordan, Gentry, Landry and I thank you for being such great neighbors and good friends and we look forward to seeing you soon. We couldn't think of a better place to raise a family and we hope you all feel the same.

Robert Shive

Forest Hills General Meeting Thursday, September 20th * 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Mayor Pro Tem Mary Poss Lakewood Country Club



it's Sunday! You could shuffle around the house and try to look productive. OR you could slip on your most comfy T-shirt and shorts, slide into your flip flops, and schlep on over to our end-of-summer Neighborhood Block Party, listen to some wavy sounds, munch on some potluck tasty snacks, wrap your fingers around an icy beverage, and start grinnin' at everyone! Doesn't that sound better than what you had planned? Get your teenagers to help serve or clean up. You'll be setting a great example for them, and pretty soon, you'll feel right at home.

Sunday, September 23 - 4-6 pm 8238 and 8246 San Benito Way Pot Luck - light supper, drinks will be provided!

Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy this Forest Hills tradition!

Irrigation and landscaping remain an **FHA** priority

aintenance of landscaping and irrigation systems in the Forest Hills neighborhood along Forest Hills Boulevard, Breezewood Drive and San Rafael Drive continues to be a priority of the Forest Hills Association (FHA). In total, seven different 'controllers' manage water dispersed to 19 different watering stations throughout the

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funds necessary to maintain the medians.

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neighborhood. Within the past five years, irrigation bubblers have been installed around all newly planted trees as a means of helping these young plants develop deep root systems for the future. Unfortunately, Mother Nature herself provides some of the damage to the irrigation lines - separating joints or breaking PVC piping as the soil naturally expands and contracts; and maintenance crews furnished by the City of Dallas Street Department sometimes unintentionally damage heads and rotors when they mow and trim the irrigated areas. As a result, the Association spends time and resources in attempts to keep the irrigation systems working properly.

In a recent professional check of all systems, repairs included replacement of broken tees and pipes in Keller Circle and repair of broken tees, pipes, bubblers and rotors along Forest Hills, Breezewood and San Rafael medians. This extensive system of solar-powered, battery-powered or electrically-powered watering equipment must be checked regularly to assure that it is operating properly. In addition, recent maintenance efforts

have included the trimming and shaping of trees and shrubs

throughout the neighborhood.

If you notice that young tree and shrub plantings along the medians do not seem to be receiving adequate water, please call either Bill Singer (214-320-5992) or Jerry Bryant (214-319-9726) to have the area checked out.

Although the Association currently provides water only for young trees and shrubs, future plans call for implementation of a beautiful and rather extensive master landscaping and irrigation design that was commissioned and paid for with FHA dues in January, 1994. Plans for introduction of this

proposal to the neighborhood and efforts to raise the funds required for its implementation over a ten year period are to be unveiled this fall. Stay posted for further details.

NEWCOMERS! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS!



Dallas Police and Fire Department representatives will be on hand to raise awareness about neighborhood safety. Check out the Dallas Police motor home and pick up useful information on home safety.

For more info, call: Julie Hogan 214-328-8858; Martine Buhmann 214-327-8122 or Patty Goya 214-328-6643

Code Compliance Partner Program

compliance news

n January of 2001 we entered into the City of Dallas Sponsored program of increased code inspections for our neigh borhood. The FHA board identified the major code issues affecting quality of life in our neighborhood, and in turn, we receive monthly updates and maintain close contact with an assigned Code Enforcement (CE) officer. So far, the program has been very effective on several long-term and major problems. Results are slow, but steady and effective. Currently the Code Compliance Inspectors are doing alley sweeps that will eventually cover all the alleys in our neighborhood. They will be notifying homeowners with notices asking them to bring their property into compliance with the city ordinances, or risk citations.

One of the issues identified is the on-going problem of bulky trash, either out too soon or in the wrong place. Individual homeowners call the CE office about this issue, the calls are logged, and paperwork is generated. These calls are given some of the highest priority, and have to be responded to within 48 hours. A follow-up call is required to the party that called in the original complaint. If the bulky trash is not immediately cleaned-up, a follow-up visit and citation is next, followed by more paperwork. Now, stick with me on this next point: while we have asked the Code Compliance Department that we think that bulky trash is a neighborhood-wide problem and should be addressed, let me tell you what is happening: the complaints are being mis-used to attempt 100% compliance, and in some cases are being used vindictively by repeated and regular calls from the same person, sometimes days before pick-up. The paperwork generated and time involved is perhaps not appreciated, but it is extensive. The time it takes from our assigned CE officer's schedule is substantial. The CE officer has to fill out paper work for each of these calls and we want to keep him actively engaged and interested in our "major" violations, not small infractions. Who among you has not had a branch come down unexpectedly? Who has a mowing ervice that very patiently collects and places branches too large to be mowed over in a pile to be picked up? One of the pieces of advice from the initial meeting with the City when we went to set this up is that there is probably not one home in our neighborhood that is in 100% compliance with the City of Dallas Codes. Most homeowners don't even know the differences between a building, zoning, health or city code. But we expect everyone to be in 100% compliance?! This is unrealistic, un-neighborly, and doesn't take into account mitigating circumstances.

Now let me give you an example of what has happen in one over-zealous situation: our assigned CE officer asked me to please advise the regular caller that one of these "violators" is an 82 year old women who lives alone, and in this instance had 4 small branches on the curb. It was February and raining, and she didn't think she could comply with the request to move them, but would try. Pick-up was scheduled for the next week. The CE officer said that while she was technically violating the ordinance, we needed to find some compassion for these people and help them.

Please, think before you call, and have a heart. The bundle of sticks is not there to personally taunt you. We have an aging resident population (that we will all soon join) that can't perform many physical tasks. We do however, ask that you pass the bigger problems on to the FHA board for tracking purposes. If you believe you have any additional City Code problems (but not Building, Municipal Development or Health Code) that should be added to our neighborhoods Code Compliance Partner

Program list and tracked, please bring them the next FHA board meeting or forward them to the current FHA board President listed on the back of every newsletter.

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here's the dirt...

Garden Club members are looking forward to doing some serious gardening again now that fall is approaching. In addition to cleaning up leaves (hopefully, composting and mulching), fall is an excellent time to plant new shrubs and annuals for winter color. But, which ones to plant? Ah, you'll have to come to one of our fun and informative meetings to find out about that! Coincidently, his month's topic will be picking the perfect shrubs and perennials for autumn.

On September 6th we will meet at the home of Pat Corrigan on 8367 San Fernando Way from 10 am to 12 noon (we alternate morning and evening meetings to accommodate everyone's schedule). Guests are always welcomed! RSVP to Pat Corrigan 214-327-7477 or Judi Boyles 214-321-1648.



Judy Whalen's borrowed Jeep is decorated with duck blind and bamboo!

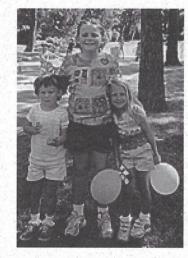


Yard of the Month

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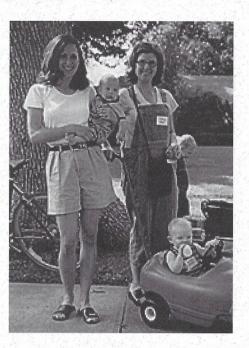


Forest Hills Halloween Fall Festival

October 28 Sunday 8122 Santa Clara 4-6 pm Tricks, treats, costume contest!!



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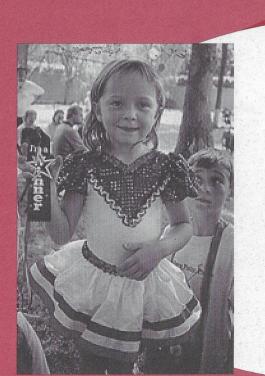
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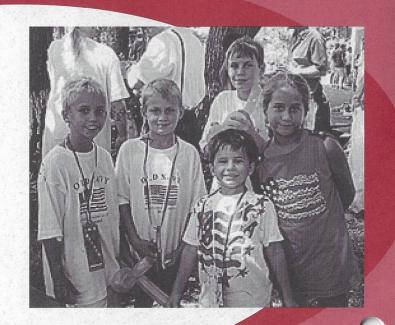
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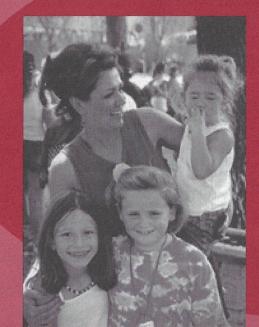




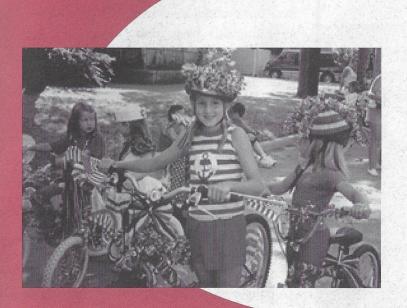


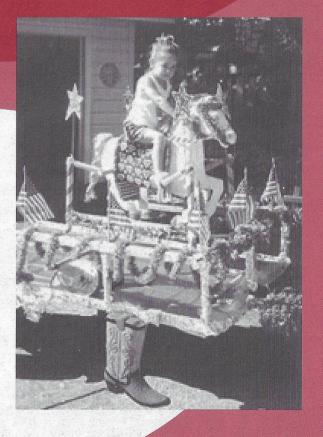


Fourth of July









Thank you, thank you Jack and Wilma Keller.



Dr. Larry Allen, Principal, cheerfully accepts a check for \$500 from the FHA board member Max Hardesty of the Forest Hills Association. The fund was part of the money made in the recent Golf Tournament. The funds will be added to the Alex Sanger Running Track Fund.



Other contributions recently received for the Running Track Fund came from David Weekly Homes in the amount of \$1,000. The fund for the running track was sought and secured by Sanger liaison, Max Hardesty.

Alex Sanger Elementary School also enthusiastically welcomes a new assistant principal, Robyn Stateler!!

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e are a group of parents of pre school children investigating issues that are pertinent to our lives and our children's lives. We get together on a monthly basis, many times with our children, to create a sense of community for them. And, we are pursuing the Blue Ribbon status for Sanger Elementary to acknowledge the teachers, the students, and our community. We have a goal of having at least 2 volunteers per classroom to tutor children, one or two hours per week, so won't you please call Laura Rosenthal, 214-321-3969 to join us? We have many talented people in the neighborhood - how about sharing your talent? Artists, photographers, graphic designers, architects, builders, musicians, attorneys, etc. - a couple of hours a month will help share the wealth and knowledge and you might justhave a lot of fun! Call Mary Preussel a 214-320-3434 to help form after-school clubs/ demonstrations/field trips.

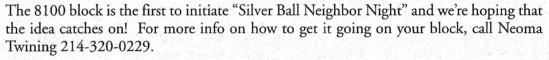


Silver Ball Neighbor Night

The 8100 block of San Benito Way is having a ball...a silver ball, that is!

Featured below in the photo is the magic Silver Ball. It ap-

pears once a month in someone's yard in the 8100 block. That house then serves as the "host house" for a block party exclusive only to that block. This idea came from another neighborhhod, and the purpose is to really get to know your "block neighbors" and enjoy a closer community. It also promotes crime watch help and enables others to understand the comings and goings of each other.





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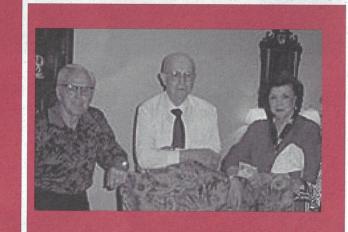
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by Andie Comini

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Presently, we are working to raise the money needed for lighting the Park and to fence the Little Dog Park. All too soon daylight savings will be gone and it will be dark when most get off work and want to attend the Park.

We have several committees now offering anybody interested an opportunity to help - from two hours a month to many more! The Park is totally supported through private donations and volunteering. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Want to donate your time or money? Please email WRLDog_Park@Yahoo.com or call Andie Comini at 214-328-0508 or Melissa Tinning at 214-321-1948.

Woof! Woof!



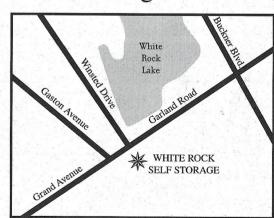
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Forest Hills Fall Calendar 2001

SEPT 20 Thursday 7:00pm

Forest Hills General Meeting Lakewood Country Club Mayor Pro Tem Mary Poss - guest speaker Refreshments served.

SEPT 23 Sunday 4-6 pm Forest Hills BLOCK PARTY 8238 / 8246 San Benito Way

Pot Luck - light supper, drinks provided

OCT 28 Sunday 4-6pm Forest Hills Fall Festival 8122 Santa Clara

Tricks, treats, costume contest!!

SANGER AUDITORIUM - 7:00pm

Last Tues of each month - babysitting available. San Leandro at St. Francis. For Information - 214-321-3969 Sept 25 - Nancy Garoutte, Director, Montessori School, explains Montessori Method Oct 30 - Family Picnic; Nov 27 - DISD speaker on

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OCT 19 - NOV 9 - Non-perishable Food Drive

NOV 10 10am-12noon Family Service Project Assemble Food Drive food baskets, volunteers needed. Whole famililies encouraged to participate.

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DEC 14 6:30-7:30pm Crafty Christmas! For \$5 a child crafts a loved one's Christmas gift!