

Fall 2003

September 25th Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting

October 26
Fall Festival and Halloween
Costume Contest

December 7th Winter Art Fair

### Johnny Baker - He's our Man!

by Shannon Dalton and Judy Whalen

Good news! Kick-off for our security patrol by an offduty Dallas Police officer began September 1. Watch for our lead officer, Johnny Baker. We think he is terrific and know you'll agree.

The Forest Hills Security Program began a program consisting of random four hour patrols, on varied days of the week, by uniformed police officers in Dallas Police squad cars. Valuable hours of crime prevention at a reasonable cost.

We've had great response, but still need more participants to ensure an effective program. Your contribution will make an impact in improving the neighborhood's safety and security. If you have not signed up

or received your update report and registration in the last few weeks from your block captain, please call one of the following neighbors. Thank you for making a difference!

#### SIGN UP NOW!

Send your quarterly check made out to Forest Hills Security Program in the amount of \$60 (\$20 x 3 months). Mail to: Shannon Dalton, 8138 San Benito Way, Dallas, TX 75218.



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### **Dear Neighbors**,

I regret to share with you that Susan Farb recently elected to resign as Forest Hills Association President. Susan stepped into this role last year on short notice and pulled a board together quickly. She and her team worked hard at managing an untold amount of details and resources to bring you another great year of neighborhood activity. Unfortunately, citing health reasons, she has chosen to step down. I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to her and pledge that the board members and residents will honor her hard work by carrying her momentum forward and building upon it this coming year.



Susan Farb

As Interim President, I am helping wrap up the year and making the preparations to ensure a smooth transition to the new board, whom you will elect in our Fall meeting on Thursday, September 25th at Sanger Elementary, 7:00 PM. Please contact me by September 15th if you are interested in volunteering for the 2004 board or being on a committee. Home: 214-327-3751 or msdalton@swbell.net.

Best regards,

Shannon Dalton, Interim President / Planning and Zoning Committee

### Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Semi-Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m., Alex Sanger Auditorrium

Agenda: Neighborhood board elections

Security patrol update First annual home tour Beautification update Service League volunteers Johnny Baker contined

#### **Security Program Committee**

Shannon Dalton 214.327.3751

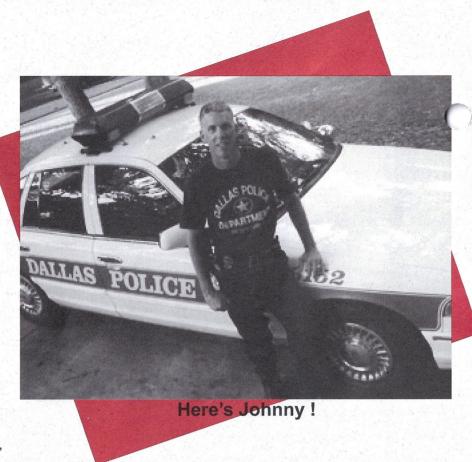
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Perhaps by now you have seen our main Officer, Johnny Baker and his team patrolling our neighborhood. He comes experienced. And he has roots in Forest Hills! This was the ex-Marine's first beat for 5 years after graduating from The Academy in 1990! He went on to be an uncover officer from 1996-1998. Since then he has been working out of our Northeast Station as a Tactical Officer (SWAT). He also has another very special connection on Forest Hills Blvd with neighbor, Bertha Hodges.

Johnny and his wife, Winter's two year old son, Cade is under her loving watch and care.



Sergeant Rod Dillon and Lieutenant David Brown will be working with Johnny. Sgt Dillon heads up The Extended Neighborhood Patrol for Dallas and Lt Brown is the Administrative Lieutenant at our Northeast Sub Station. Be sure to give them a welcome wave as they drive by!

### **Arboretum Offers Exchange to Forest Hills**

by David Payne

The Arboretum has offered the Forest Hill Homeowners Association use of their facilities in exchange for volunteer hours. This would include the new visitors center, as well as the Camp House, where we have had the general meeting in the past.

The new program will be administered through the Volunteer Manager, Charlotte Morrison at 214.515.6509. Call, tell her you are a Forest Hills resident and would like to contribute to the FHA program, and help the FHA earn free meeting space. Depending on if we use the Camp House or the new Rosine Hall, the Arboretum will require between 120 and 160 hours.

Volunteer activities at the Arboretum range from garden guides, docents, greeter, information booth attendant, parking lot help, special events, tram driver (w/training), gift shop help, front office help, and more. Planting and gardening needs are generally taken care by their full time staff. You can choose which of these activities to help with, and they will help you with scheduling a mutually convenient time to volunteer. Shifts are generally four hours, but other arrangements are available.

### Get with the Spirit! The Winter Art Fair

#### Auction Contributions Welcomed

Join the White Rock Preschool PTA as it continues to help build improvements at Sanger Elementary as well as building a relationship with the neighborhood school. By making a contribution to the Winter Art and Antique Fair's Silent Auction on December 6, 2003 you could very well get as good as you give.

As plans are being made for their annual holiday season fund raiser, the PTA is contacting neighborhood businesses to get them involved by donating goods or services for the Silent Auction to be held the day of the event. In past years artist's wares have been donated to the Silent Auction and helped boost the Art Fair's income by more than \$1000. Organizers for the Silent Auction, are looking forward to an even larger contribution to Sanger with the help and support from area retailers and businesses as well. Single items, gift certificates, selected services, themed baskets or a collection of items are all popular sellers and provide a great opportunity for your neighborhood school to improve its facilities and materials.

Likewise, participation in this year's Winter Art and Antique Fair can be a great opportunity for your business to gain some publicity along the way. With your business name or product in the auction showcase, you will gain recognition in our community as well as the gratification that comes with giving back to our community. Last year's attendance numbers approached 800, and this year even more people are expected to drop in and shop with new attractions planned and a more varied list of products to choose from at the Fair. So, get with the holiday spirit as well as the community spirit. To be included in the Winter Art and Antique Fair Silent Auction, contact Laura Rosenthal at 214-321-3969.



Ooooh, the Goblins and Witches are coming!

Sunday, October 26th

Forest Hills Annual Fall Festival

will be held at the home of

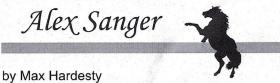
Mark and Alise Platt

8547 Santa Clara

3-5 pm

Games and prizes for best Halloween costumes!

Call 320-8822 to volunteer!



Alex Sanger is pleased to announce their new PTA president for this year, Lynne Albright. She will be heading the school's major fund raising project, the Winter Art Fair and Auction, which will be held on December 7th. Among the items offered will be wrapping paper, magazines, candy, and handy home supplies including pot warmers and other items for winter and spring gifts or use around Auction items to donate? Call Lynne Albright -214-328-3806

the home. September is membership month and members of the community are welcome to join the PTA. Please plan to attend the silent auction in October in the auditorium.

Alex Sanger Elementary School began classes on August 18 with 480 students, 26 teachers, and 14 Special Needs teachers. There will be three Pre-K classes which will begin on August 25th, one all day class, and two half-day classes.

There is a class of special needs students and behavioral needs students. All students are neighborhood students; there are no students bussed in. School buses transport students who must cross dangerous streets. The school location is also a transfer stop for middle and high schools.

### John Torres hired as full-time Crime Prevention Specialist for FRI Weed and Seed

by Vicki Martin

Through a special grant from the Department of Justice, the Ferguson Road Initiative (FRI) Weed and Seed is excited to announce the hiring of John Torres as our new community Crime Prevention Specialist. John will serve as Chairman of the FRI Public Safety Task Force where he will be directly involved in initiating new and enhancing existing CrimeWatch organizations within the FRI community. Additionally, he will conduct Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) training, security surveys, H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) registration, and will be overseeing programs to reduce drug demand and promote safety, especially among our "at-risk" youth. He will be a liaison for our community with the Dallas Police Department and will work closely with our Interactive Community Policing (ICP) officers.

His excellent credentials include fifteen years as a patrol officer in West Texas, including 3° years as the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer. During his award winning tenure in Randall County, John taught a 17-week curriculum to fifth-grade students while younger students received information in their classroom. Fritch Elementary School was one of 15 Texas schools nationally recognized as a Drug Free School. In 1995, John was awarded this honor from President Bill Clinton at a Washington D.C. presentation. Shortly afterwards, he was presented the "Outstanding Leadership Award for Law Enforcement" by the Texas Education Agency Texans' War on Drugs." As the only winner of this award, John received a standing ovation at the

meeting. Is it any wonder that we're so enthusiastic about having John as our community PreventionSpecialist?

John says, "I am thrilled to be here and part of this organization." He's now asking FRI residents for help in securing the donation of a vehicle from a local car dealership to be used in conjunction with his crime prevention activities. This vehicle would be used as a high-profile unit to promote crime prevention activities such as school safety fairs, neighborhood/apartment CrimeWatch meetings, National Night Out, area parades, Litter Clean Up Events, educational and informational type programs and events that will promote the Ferguson Road Initiative mission; to transform the Ferguson Road corridor into a safe, beautiful, prosperous and proud community." If you know of a dealership or have contacts that might help in this endeavor, please let us know. Contact John at jrtorres@fergusonroad.org or 469-879-6220.

John's office will eventually be housed in the FRI Police Kiosk, located in the newly rehabilitated building at 7303 Ferguson Road. Dale and Stella Schenk, owners of this newly restored facility, are to be commended for their civic mindedness as they have generously contributed space for the FRI Police Kiosk. Presently, the Schenks are awaiting their Certificate of Occupancy. Once the CO permit is received, the FRI Police Kiosk will open and a community celebration scheduled. Please join with me in welcoming John Torres as the newest member of the Ferguson Road Initiative crime-fighting team!

### Who does what when?

by Peter Hajek

Summer has once again taken a toll on our neighborhood's plants. We've lost a few more of the trees planted 3 years ago and will replace those this fall. The irrigation system is an ongoing battle to keep up and running. Unfortunately, it's sometimes hard to tell if it's working until too late for that particular tree. Please let me know if you suspect a problem.

We all wish the medians looked consistently manicured and picked up. Here's the deal. The city contracts with an outside firm to cut and edge the medians on an as needed basis. They are not responsible for brush or trash removal. Tree limbs and dead trees are only the city's

responsibility to the extent that they pose a traffic risk or public hazard. The FHA must hire any other tree work or cleanup at its own expense. Thanks to dues and contributions we're willing and able to pay for the work. The Beautification Committee(me) tries to keep sprinklers working, trees and beds maintained, and deal with new plantings or projects. The irritating stuff, like trash and random stuff in the medians and along the curbs, sort of festers until and unless someone cares enough to deal with it. My point is, it's everyone's job to do the little things. We basically get the neighborhood we deserve. Thank you.

### Tickets on sale now for McCutcheon Concert

Benefiting White Rock Lake Saturday, October 18, Trammell Crow Visitor Education Pavilion at the Dallas Arboretum by Martha Withers

Love White Rock Lake? Join us Saturday, October 18 for a fantastic evening of music, food, and fun benefiting White Rock Lake Park. Honorary co-chairs for the event are Mary and Mike Poss, Nita and Pete Sessions.

For the Love of the Lake, a volunteer organization whose mission is preserving and enhancing "our" lake as an urban oasis, hosts the fourth annual benefit concert at the brand new Trammell Crow Visitor Education Pavilion at the Dallas Arboretum. Tickets for the event - dinner, drinks, parking, and concert included - are just \$50.

Accomplished musician and folksinger John McCutcheon returns to entertain and enchant us with his captivating music, stories, and songs. Various restaurants and caterers offer guests "A Little Taste of Dallas" before the concert begins, with delicious desserts and coffee served at intermission. And before the party begins, you can enjoy the fall beauty of the Arboretum. It will be a festive and fun evening for a terrific cause - White Rock Lake!

#### IT'S TIME TO BUY TICKETS!

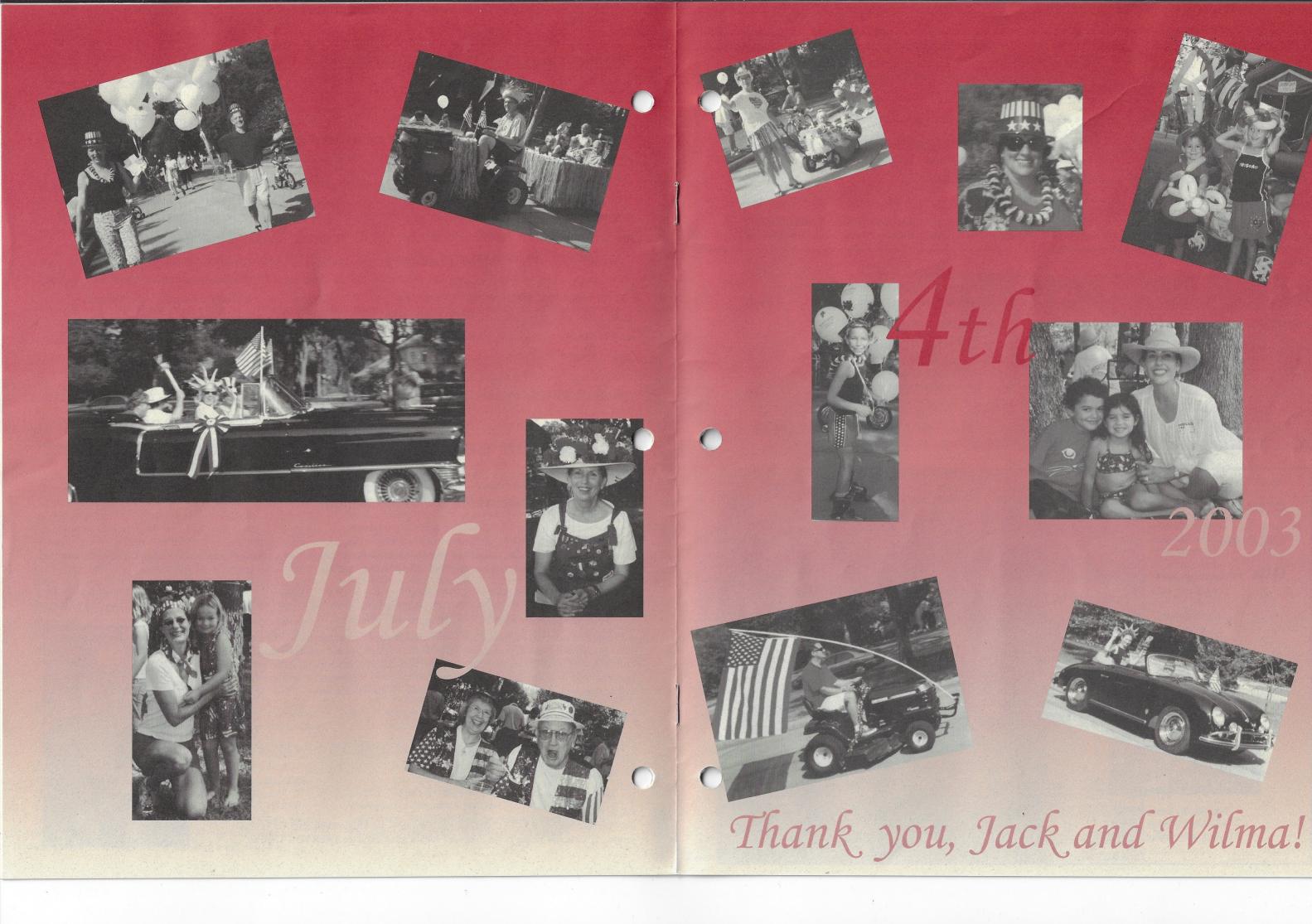
October is just around the corner, so purchase your tickets now for the best seating. To reserve your seats, mail a CHECK to:

For the Love of the Lake PMB 281 381 Casa Linda Plaza

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OR Purchase with a CREDIT CARD on our Website: www.whiterocklake.org via PayPal service. (Please add \$2 per ticket to cover PayPal's transaction fee.) SEE YOU THERE!





## waste disposal

Judy Whalen wants us to know about this service which can be found on the Web at: http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/ home chemical collection day.html.

Dallas residents have two options for home chemical waste disposal: drop-off service at the Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3) or any Home Chemical Collection event provided by the Dallas Area Household Hazardous Waste Network. Both services are free to Dallas residents.

Please bring a driver's license and a recent utility bill stub to prove residency.

HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION CENTER, 214-553-1765, 11234 Plano Road, Dallas, Texas 75243, Mapsco 28-A

Directions: The HC3 is located at 11234 Plano Road, one mile north of IH-635 (LBJ Freeway). The facility is the first building past the railroad tracks (heading north on Plano Road) on the east side of Plano Road. The building is easily identifiable by its white color and bright turquoise trim. Hours of Operation:

- Tuesday: 9 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
- · Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Thursday: 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Second Saturday of each month: 9 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Effective June 1, 2002, the HC3 will also be open the fourth Saturday of every month: 9 a.m. 3 p.m.

· Craft/hobby supplies

HOME CHEMICAL COLLECTION EVENTS, For infor about collections events, call (214) 553-1765.

#### ITEMS ACCEPTED AT HC3 AND COLLECTION EVENTS INCLUDE:

- · Pool and vard chemicals
- · Batteries of all kinds
- · Paint and home repair products
- · Fluorescent light tubes

#### DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS:

- Business or medical waste
- Explosive or shock-sensitive materials
- · Containers larger than 5 gallons

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### **Attention: Crime Watch**

214-967-5077 **CRIME WATCH for FOREST HILLS** 

This is our Crime Watch number. Please call it weekly. There have been a number of break-ins which are covered in the Updates Neighborhood Crime and Safety issues each week.

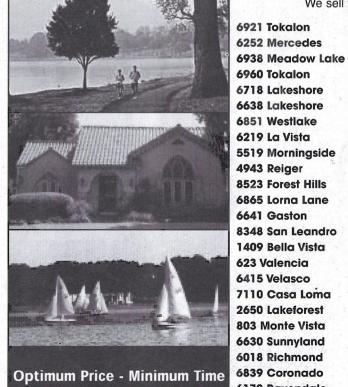
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### Green Thumbs Up!

Forest Hills Garden Club meets the first Thursday of each month, alternating morning and evening. 2003 Meetings: October 9, 7:00 PM, November 6, 10:00 AM, December 4, 7:00 PM.

The club projects include the maintenance of the triangle at Santa Clara and San Pedro. Each year there is a plant sale, of which a portion of the proceeds goes to The Beautification of Forest Hills fund.

Plant your garden and cultivate new friendships anytime! You don't have to be a horticulturist; you can be green when it comes to plant knowledge!

Just a slight interest in gardening is required. The club is a great place to exchange ideas, information and laughter. Please come and join in the fun!

#### Congratulations Yard of the Month Homes!

July/August 2003

August/September 2003

Vincent and Wendy Drucker

Richard and Kathleen Grandjean

1465 San Rafael Drive

8170 San Benito Way

For Blooming Details call: Judi Boyles, Membership 214-321-1648 or Barbara Michaels, Programs 214-327-3817.

### children's network

We're looking for a few good women!

Thanks to everyone for the great input for the children's network. We now have 71 families signed up and more young families continue to move into our lovely neighborhood. That means more children and more opportunity for you and your children to meet new families and potential playmates. If you'd like to learn more, please call us with an address and we'll deliver the FHCN information to them.

Fall Socials...We had tremendous success with our last social project and we are continuing it through the fall. The children signed up in the network are divided into groups of

six. Anyone can volunteer to host a small gathering at their home. It's very informal and meant to help the neighborhood kids get to know one another. If you signed up and have not yet received a call this year, don't despair. We are at the mercy of very busy moms who are working hard to coordinate the activities. Why not help us by volunteering to host one at your home? It's easy and the kids really have fun.

Lastly, we're looking for a few good moms to step up and embrace this job. Kathy Knutson and I have been working with the network for the past two years. We have a wonderful data base and many new families eager to meet others. Keep in mind, because so many children go to different schools, the Children's Workshop was originally designed to help Forest Hills kids make new friends. Please call Neoma Twining @ (214) 320-0229 or Kathy Knutson @ (214) 324-3195

### San Benito is having a Ball!

by Neoma Twining

Last year we told you about special get-togethers that friends on San Benito created in our neighborhood. The project is called Silver Ball. One night each month during the summer a silver ball was placed in someone's yard. This designated the "host" home for Silver Ball that month.

Drinks, food and just plain socializing is what took place. The 8100 block of San Benito is on record for having several successful Silver Ball events. Rule #1 is keeping it simple - the fun just happens! The results?

The neighbors on this block really know each other and are there for each other when needed. Don't miss out! Form a Silver Ball event - it brings everyone closer and makes living in a big city seem much more friendly.

### Scoop your pet's poop!

Many neighborhoods are trying to keep the environment cleaner by enforcing the "Scoop the Poop" policy. There is nothing more frustrating than romping through your lush Forest Hills lawn, only to step right into smelly mess. Some of our neighbors are carrying plastic bags and they pick up after their pets. We commend them for having the decency to do so. We will be looking for some pet bags to distribute in an effort to encourage pet owners to clean up after their animals. It is considerate and it helps the environment.

And please, **lease your pets!** Dogs can get excited and cause mishaps with children and other pets in our neighborhood. Thanks.

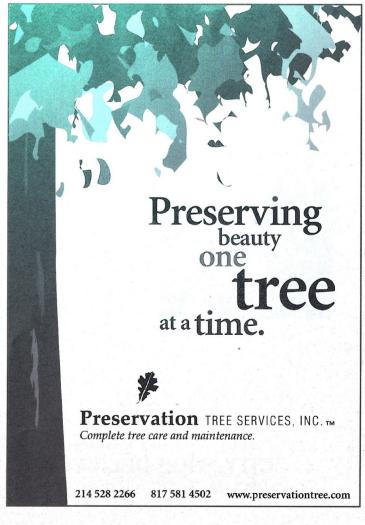
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