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MAY 2007 ISSUE

Exceeding Expectations! FH Garden Tour Successful!



Garden Tour continued . . .



The communities of Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates featured a self-guided tour of nine spectacular neighborhood gardens on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Each of the gardens hosted local artisans and a fabulous plant sale was held at the home of Mark and Katrina Moran on San Leandro. All of the plants were donated from gardeners in each of these neighborhoods - neighbors dug up perennials from their gardens, potted them and offered them for sale. The plant sale netted almost \$2000.00!

Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets and sponsor donations brought the total profit for the day close to \$10,000.00. This amount will be split among the three neighborhood



associations for use in improving our neighborhoods. This is the fifth year that Casa Linda Estates and Little Forest Hills have offered this tour - a **BIG THANK YOU** to them for letting us join this year! Besides making some money for our neighborhoods we all enjoyed the community spirit and enthusiasm - one of the many reasons we enjoy living here.

The tour would never have been possible without the help of volunteers, generous donations from local business owners for raffle tickets, volunteer aprons and

the printing of the flyer. Sponsors for the event were Susan Roberts Frederickson (Ebby Halliday Realtors), Highland Park Cafeteria, Professional Bank, Bank Source Mortgage, Kelly Nolan (Ebby Halliday Realtors), Hotslings, Edwina Dye (Ebby Halliday Realtors), Two Men and a Truck Moving, Mike Schmitt (White Rock Real Estate) and Raymond James and Associates Inc.



And we certainly want to thank the owners of the three gardens who gave so generously of their time and allowed us to see their beautiful creations:

Mary and Mike Simons
8359 Forest Hills Blvd

Christie and Greg McFarland
8547 San Fernando Way

Lola and Randall Tinney
8514 San Leandro



NEIGHBORHOODS VOLUNTEERS

Neighborhoods can't function without volunteers! Special thanks to all who helped with the garden tour. Neoma Twining sought out sponsors for the gardens in our neighborhood. Judy Whalen organized block captains who delivered the flyers on Mother's Day Weekend no less! They all deserve a special thanks!

Barb Michaels was the volunteer coordinator for the event and with the help of Judi Boyles, Katrina Moran and Lottie Minick attended the planning meetings beginning in early March. Lottie recruited most of the artists and many volunteers. You just can't say "NO" to Lottie!

And finally thanks to the volunteers who monitored the gardens, answered questions and encouraged the sale of raffle tickets - Vicky Harvey, Mike and Kelly Miller, Patty Goya, Anne Carlson, Darla Hodge, Jan Walpole, Mary Scallorn, Pat Corrigan, Judy Whalen, Abbie Strava, Mary Deighton, Laura Graham, Mari Anne Mourer, Kathleen Arthur, Lola Boshier and Carol Lyons. You are greatly appreciated.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

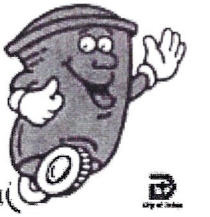
THE FOREST HILLS GARDEN CLUB does not meet in July or August but will reconvene in September. We welcome new members. Meeting time and place will be published in the August newsletter. Enjoy your summer.

Recycling Not High Enough Priority for FH Residents

In our last Reporter issue we outlined comments made by councilman Gary Griffith. Bottom line, FH is one of East Dallas' lowest tonnage collection areas for recycling. Gary called requesting we find a way to step up our efforts and do more to help the environment.

On the heels of this information we began calling residents to find out why they weren't recycling? Here are some of the reasons given.

- 1) Blue Carts will fill up too quickly.
- 2) Recycling pick-up trucks aren't coming down our street.
- 3) Called city to get big blue cart and it was never delivered.
- 4) We support paper bins at schools.



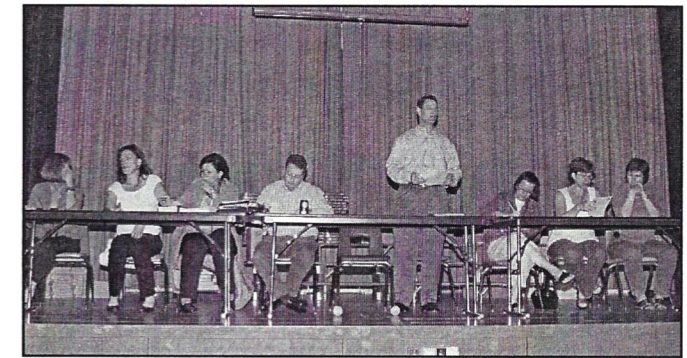
After learning of these issues residents were having, we called Gary and asked for assistance. If you need a blue recycling cart delivered, please email John Barlow immediately at this email address: john.barlow@dallascityhall.com

If you list your address, a large blue recycling cart will be delivered directly to you in short order. Some residents have asked if they can have two. The answer is yes!

We are working with Gary Griffith to make our connection with the city more powerful so we get service when we need it. This is a high priority for the FH Board. We hope you will join us. If you wish to email Gary Griffith with your thoughts, here is his email address: gary.griffith@dallascityhall.com.

Attendance Up at May FH General Meeting

105 residents gathered inside Sanger Elementary auditorium for the May FH General meeting. It is important to note this due to the fact our past showed less interest in the neighborhood. One of the board's main goals was to bring back a feeling of "investment" in the neighborhood. FH President, Bill Foerster reminded those in attendance of the board's commitment to ongoing programs and communication throughout the neighborhood. The goal is to reach everyone and involve all residents.



Each board member present gave a 2 1/2 minute committee report. The more pressing issues concerned recycling, building the FHSP, dues, and beautification. More information is available to residents by emailing board secretary, Martine Buhmann. Her email address is mbuhmann@yahoo.com. The board meets monthly and invites any resident wanting input to contact Bill Foerster at bill.foerster@fbillc.com. Please consider making a financial investment or time investment to contribute to the re-building of our neighborhood association.

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FOREST HILLS SECURITY PROGRAM ALERT



by Judy Whalen

There has been a major increase of alley break-ins on all the streets in Forest Hills from Garland Rd to Eustis and San Cristobal.

Locks have been cut, bolts removed from gates and fence slats sawed to gain access into backyards to steal valuables in sheds, garages and homes.

When you see a suspicious vehicle in your alley, please call 911 with a description of the vehicle, the driver and any passengers. Most importantly try to write down the license plate number.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

When summer arrives, vacations begin and home burglaries increase.

Don't tip them off? When you are away be sure to have your newspapers and mail discontinued or picked up by a neighbor. Have flyers removed from your door, the lawn mowed and anything else that will prevent sending the message out that no one is home.

Be sure your security system is working properly before you leave on your trip. Pick a date once a year to test it and your smoke detector. A good way of remembering is to check your system when you change your clocks for daylight savings.

Do not leave a message on your phone stating you are away. Do not have maintenance or construction work done while you are away, just because it's convenient.

Put your lights on timers so they will be on similar times when you are there.

Have your neighbor park their car in your driveway and have them periodically change things around so it appears that there is activity.

Write down serial numbers and take photos of expensive or easily stolen items and keep the records in a safe, separate place. Engrave valuables, tools, and electronic equipment with your driver's license number. Doing so not only can assist in their return, but can actually dissuade theft. Marked property is difficult to sell or pawn. Also, too many times stolen possessions are recovered with no way the police can identify the owner. Go to www.dallaspolice.net to find out details about Operation ID. The program involves four steps: 1. Property is engraved. 2. Inventory list of property is prepared. 3. A registration card is recorded by the Dallas Police Dept. 4. Operation ID decals are placed on your doors or windows.

Being a contributor to the Forest Hills Security program has even more benefits. When you are on vacation or a business trip, sign up to have your house checked by the neighborhood patrol officers. On the FHSP House Check form there are areas to list your departure, return dates, contact numbers, security system, pet information, descriptions of vehicles on property, special requests and more. The house check form can be mailed or dropped to you or emailed in a Word document form. Contact Judy Whalen 214 324-9894 or fhspen@aol.com. Take advantage of this extra security.

There are crimes of opportunity and then there are planned crimes, where thieves do their homework observing your patterns in advance. Have your home carry on as usual while you are gone.

Observe yourself and your home for a week sometime. When you are preparing to go away, try to duplicate that as closely as possible. Now pack your bags and go away knowing you have security measures in force. Bon Voyage!

This was reported in the 8200 block of San Fernando. It occurred Monday night. Owner found evidence Tuesday morning. It appeared they were looking for money. Judy

On May 16, 2007, at 8:48 AM, Alise Platt wrote:

I wanted to let you all know that on our block, at 8546 Santa Clara, someone got into a car parked in the carport. The doors were unlocked - which we're not sure how because they lock automatically - and change was taken from the change holder. The unwanted things were dumped on the seat, and only the money taken.

It seems like that is all it was this time, but it's unsettling to think that someone is near your house looking around.

We thought you all should be aware. Keep your garage doors shut and eyes open!

Thanks, Alise

PLEDGE TO SAFETY

Due the beginning of every calendar quarter (January, April, July, October) If you prefer, you may pay \$120 \$180, or \$240 for two, three or four quarters.

Please send or deliver your check to: Forest Hills Security Program, 8432 San Fernando Way, Dallas, TX 75218.

Your pledge is essential to the maintenance and continuation of this effective program. Thank you for supporting the Forest Hills Security Program!

Compliments and Concerns or Payment Inquiry Judy Whalen 214 324-9894 jwreps@earthlink.net

Please include this information with your payment

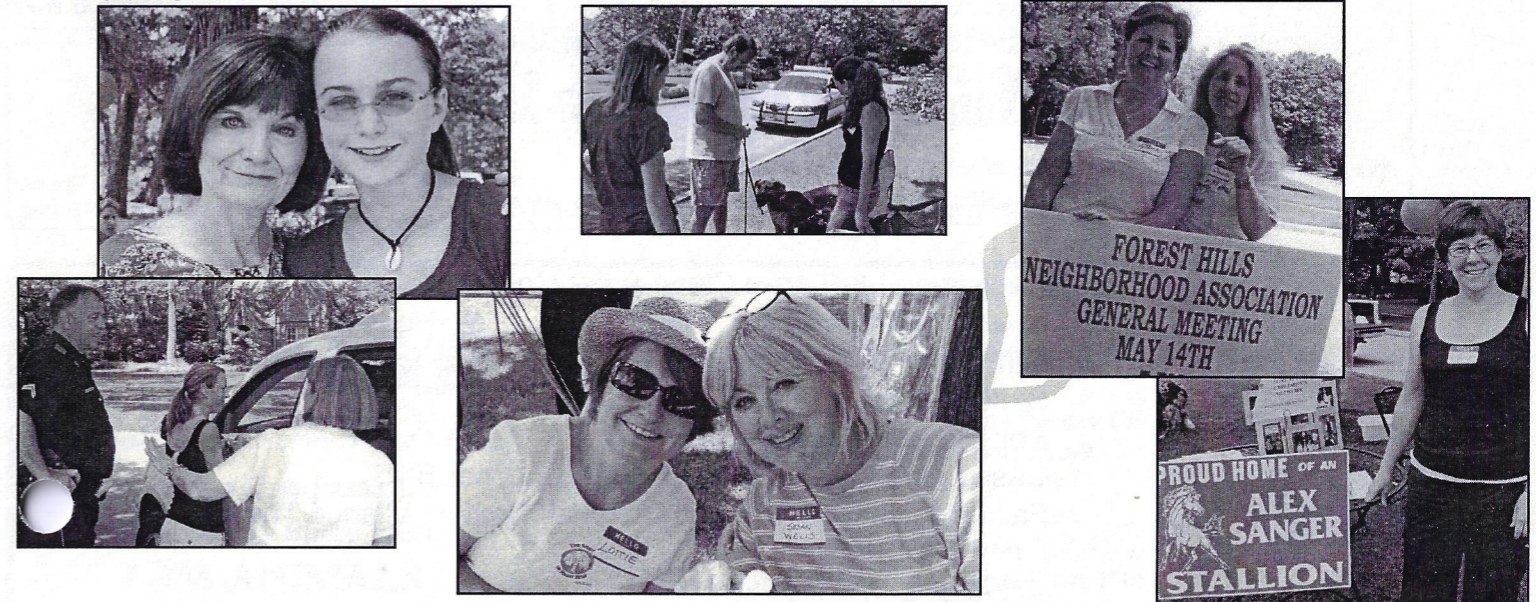
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Trifecta of Programs Gain Momentum

Nothing like a grass roots approach to campaigning. It seems to work for politicians so FH program chairs decided to take their message to the streets. On Saturday, May 12th, volunteers and committee chairs huddled under the shade tree on the 8100 block of FH. Their mission, to give some of FH internal organizations a higher profile. The three organizations represented are FHSP, (Forest Hills Security Program), FHAA, (Forest Hills Animal Alert) and FHCN (Forest Hills Children's Network), which includes the Sanger representatives. The street message was successful. Passersby did stop and inquire and many signed up to pay dues, register pets, and participate in the security program.



If you wish to contact committee chairs of these organizations: FSHP - Judy Whalen - jwreps@earthlink.net; FHAA - Andie Comini - andiecomini@aol.com; FHCN - Linda Ortman - loulou@airmail.net.



West Nile Virus in FH



We have two confirmed cases of west nile virus among FH residents. Health agencies are putting out warnings so people don't become lax in thinking it was just a thing of "last summer." It is real and the affects of this virus in your system can make you very sick.

Mosquitoes breed in clear or foul water found in storm-sewer catch basins, poorly-drained street gutters, polluted ground pools, cesspools, open septic tanks, effluent surfacing from septic tank drain fields, drains from sewage disposal plants and in all types of artificial containers that have water with high organic matter. Make sure you don't have ANY standing water. This is crucial. Potted plants outside have collection basins. Empty them frequently.

The 10 Most Frequently Asked Questions About Mosquitoes

1. How many species of mosquitoes are in the world? About 2,700.
2. How much blood does a female mosquito drink per serving? About 5-millionths of a liter.
3. What is the average number of mosquito bites a person receives before taking action? 3.
4. How do mosquitoes find new hosts? By sight, by detecting infrared radiation, by chemical signals.
5. How fast can a mosquito fly? About 1 - 1.5 miles per hour.
6. How soon can a female mosquito transmit West Nile virus after taking an infected blood meal? About 10-14 days.
7. How far away can a mosquito smell a human? 60 - 1005 feet.
8. What color clothes are mosquitoes most attracted to? Dark colors.
9. What is the most effective protection against biting insects? Deet
10. How well do bug zappers work? Studies show they actually attract mosquitoes into your yard.

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PAWS PAGE



Andie Comini
Pet Program Chair

PET PROJECT!

Few things can be as upsetting as losing a family pet. With more and more of us remodeling our homes and using lawn services, the incidents of dogs, cats, rabbits and other pets escaping through open gates is on the increase. Believe it or not - we even had a turtle escape from a home on Santa Clara (they can move faster than you think) and actually found down at the creek by the railroad tracks!

Registration is EASY!!!

Long time Forest Hills residents Pat Cage (phone contact) and Susan Wells (database organizer) will oversee the new Pet Registration project for our neighborhood. Already, over 40 of our cats and dogs have officially registered with the program. The process only takes a few minutes to complete and with only 3 steps:

1. Complete a Pet Registration form - one per pet. To obtain the form, contact Susan via e-mail at sbwells0918@sbcglobal.net.
2. Take a picture of each pet and attach to each completed form.
3. Drop the form(s) in Susan's mailbox (located at 8131 Santa Clara; mailbox is attached to the house by the far left windows).

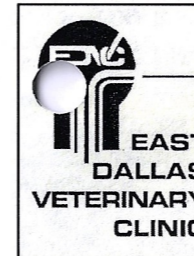
What to do if you Lose or Find a Pet

1. Call Pat Cage immediately at (214) 327-6932. She and Susan will research the data base to see if they have a match. If a match is found, they will provide you with the owner's contact information.
2. Always use caution if you decide to temporarily fence a lost pet. Even animals with the calmest temperament can display a different behavior when approached by a stranger.

FOSTER CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!


Although Pat Cage will be your primary contact person in the event of a Lost/Found Pet and Susan will keep the records up to date, we are still in need of volunteers willing to provide Foster Care to lost pets until they are reunited with their owners or permanent care has been arranged. If you have a fenced yard and a big heart and are willing to provide this crucial need - please contact Pat or Susan immediately!

DON'T WAIT! REGISTER NOW! OUR PETS ARE DEPENDING UPON US TO HELP THEM FIND THEIR WAY BACK HOME!

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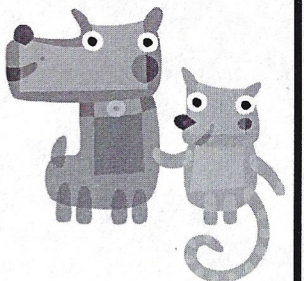
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TREE MEMORIALS

Planting a tree is special. In order to keep the "Forest" in Forest Hills, we are about to embark upon a new venture to keep trees growing strong in our neighborhood.

For every new baby born, a new tree. With the passing of a neighbor, a new tree. For any other recognized occasion, at the request of family, a new tree. These trees will be living memorials for whom they are designated.

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 inscribed metal plates attached to the designated trees.

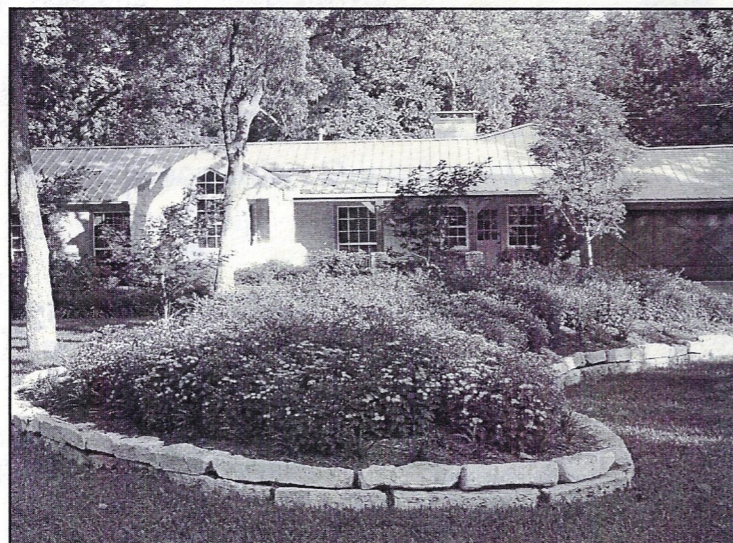
If you are interested in this program email Neoma Twining at ntwining@swbell.net. She will answer any questions you have and help the process along. Please consider this program to honor your loved ones or to celebrate life. Its one way we can give back!

Forest Hills Yard of the Month

May "Yard of the Month" goes to the Worrel's
8378 Santa Clara Dr.



We regret an error made in picturing the "Yard of the Month" in the last newsletter. Here is a correct picture of the Brauer's yard at 8415 Forest Hills Blvd. Please accept our apologies.



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FOREST HILLS BLOCK CAPTAINS - JUNE 2007

WHITTIER & EUSTIS

1500-1700 Whittier

8500 Eustis

Andie Comini 1737 Whittier

FOREST HILLS

8100

Mary Pat Smith 8115 Forest Hills

8200 Forest Hills

Josy Collins 8205 Forest Hills

Sherry Luedke 8214 Forest Hills

Sioux Sinnott 8222 Forest Hills

Barbara Clay 8246 Forest Hills

8300

Gloria Tarpley 8378 Forest Hills

8400

Vacant

8500

Lyn McClain 8515 Forest Hills

Cindy Johnson 8523 Forest Hills

GARLAND

8100

Carolyn Jones 1234 San Rafael

8200-8300

LuAnn Tunell 8210 Garland

Michelle Delavaldene 8326 Garland

Joan Shopoff 8366 Garland

8400-8500

Judi Boyles 8422 Garland

GROVELAND & CORDAY

8500

Debbie Knight 8540 Groveland

HIGHLAND

1300-1500

Noel Ellison 1406 Highland

SAN BENITO

8100

Tina Westmorland 8107 San Benito

Neoma Twining 8130 San Benito

Andy Vracin 8171 San Benito

8200

Jay & Carrie Matthiesen 8200 San Benito

Scott & Deborah Coldwell 8214 San Benito

Gary & Melodie Young 8238 San Benito

Patty Goya 8246 San Benito

8300

Jeanne Dooley 8327 San Benito

Lenore Locascio 8319 San Benito

8400

Vacant

8500

Bonnie Hutti 8554 San Benito

SAN CRISTOBAL

8000

Barbara Delabano 8020 San Cristobal

Danielle Rachel 8024 San Cristobal

8100

Kelly Miller 8154 San Cristobal

8200

Molly Grogan 8223 San Cristobal

Ann Dunaway 8236 San Cristobal

Donna Hanes 8249 San Cristobal

8300

Mari Anne Mouer 8324 San Cristobal

Kathleen Arthur 8321 San Cristobal

Lottie Minick 8331 San Cristobal

SAN FERNANDO WAY

8100

Debbie Jenevein 8122 San Fernando

Lezlie Vlasimsky 8149 San Fernando

8200

Lauren Williams 8200 San Fernando

Gina Bender 8222 San Fernando

Kim Hammond 8247 San Fernando

8300

Becky Oliver 8318 San Fernando

Mary Deighton 8326 San Fernando

Tricia Heaney 8350 San Fernando

8400

Jo Kirksey 8432 San Fernando

Heather Danamraj 8441 San Fernando

Debra Gilmore 8455 San Fernando

8500

Sue Benner 8517 San Fernando

Ruth Potter 8525 San Fernando

Betty Alvarez 8567 San Fernando

SAN LEANDRO

8000-8100

Marilyn Sullivan 8014 San Leandro

Marvel Kiewit 8114 San Leandro

Nancy Creuzot 8185 San Leandro

8200

Doug & Carla Kerr 8239 San Leandro

8300

Kelly Kemp 8380 San Leandro

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Tamela Southan 8431 San Leandro

Dorinda Breeland 8450 San Leandro

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Katrina Moran 8516 San Leandro

SAN PEDRO

8400

Abbie Meyering 8407 San Pedro

Rana Pascoe 8423 San Pedro

8500

Diana Cox 8539 San Pedro

SAN RAFAEL

1200-1600

Kathy Wall 1449 San Rafael

Carolyn Jones 1234 San Rafael

SANTA CLARA

8100

Martine Buhmann 8122 Santa Clara

Darla Hodge 8144 Santa Clara

8200

Vicki Burns 8214 Santa Clara

Courtney Slusher 8247 Santa Clara

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Lynn Rushton 8350 Santa Clara

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Karen Raskopf 8423 Santa Clara

Barbara Micheals 8430 Santa Clara

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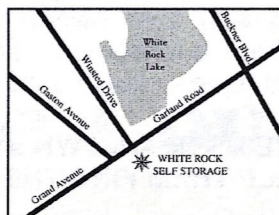
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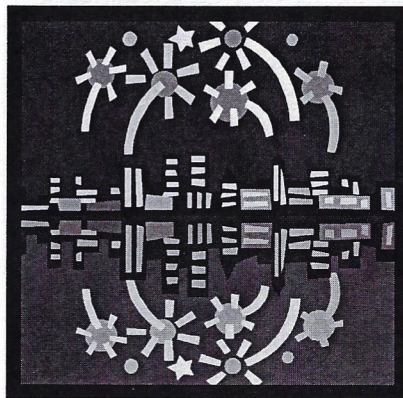


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Alex Sanger Elementary School with their Trophy from the Sandy Lake Choir Competition.



Forest Hills July 4th Parade

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th, 2007
9:00 AM

Theme "American Idol"

Time to put on your creative thinking caps and plan your costumes, and bike/trike or float decorations.
Be sure to include your pets.

This years' parade will begin line up at the intersection of Forest Hills and Breezewood at 9:00 AM. Parade will begin at 9:30 AM and commence on the 8500 block of San Fernando Way where refreshments will be served. Note: this years parade, because of change in location, will NOT include a picnic.

Contest will include:

- Trike and Bike Decorating for ages 6-8, 8-10, and 10-12, over twelve
- Most patriotic costume ages 6-8, 8-10, and 10-12, over twelve
- Best float/car

Best American Idol look a like

Pet Contest will include:

- Best costume for large and small breed
- Most creative costume large and small breed
- Best themed costume large and small breed
- Best owner/pet look alike large and small breed

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For the Love of the Lake

by Judy Whalen

Steve and Joan Shopoff had a long distance love affair with White Rock Lake for over 28 years before purchasing a Forest Hills home on Garland Road in April 2004. They are finally together at last!

The lake was love at first sight way back in 1963 when Steve ran races here as a Richardson High cross country track team member. Steve, an avid long distance runner, has devoted more than 1000 miles to this beauty. In 1984-86 he was Director of the Dallas White Rock Marathon and served on that board for 10 years. He has participated in over 60 marathons and even has run in ultra marathons including the Western States 100, where he clocked in at 20 hrs 01 second in 1988!

Joan has been with Plano Parks and Recreation Department for over twenty years. As Therapeutic Recreation supervisor she plans activity programs and dances for kids, teens and adults with developmental disabilities. These interests along with her other job of being a mother of two, brought her to the lake and nearby Arboretum numerous times, while living in Plano. After the children grew up and started lives of their own, it seemed only natural that the Shopoff's sought to be closer to the lake.

There is a give and take with the relationship they have with the lake. Now that they are nearby, Joan and Steve are volunteering in the For the Love of the Lake program (FTLOTL). This dynamic organization is in its 11th year of collaborating with the Dallas Parks and Recreation Dept. to enhance the beauty and appeal of the lake. The Shopoffs are appreciative of those in Forest Hills who first agreed to adopt a portion of the shoreline several years ago. This sparkling "urban oasis" has always been there for us in Forest Hills. It adds to the beauty and desirability of our neighborhood.

Whether you are new to the area or a lifelong resident, consider joining Steve and Joan the second Saturday for the Shoreline Spruce-up. The section Forest Hills is assigned to maintain by picking up litter is between the fishing dock along Garland Road, going west, past the spillway to the corner at Winsted Rd. Take the whole family! Joan believes it is a great opportunity to teach your children responsibility to the environment and to show them the spirit of volunteerism. On the second Saturday of each month, volunteers report to the FTLOTL office at the Northeast quadrant of Casa Linda Shopping Center, facing Buckner and Doctor's Hospital. Arrive between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Sign in as "Forest Hills Homeowners Association" group, and you will get gloves, bags and other items that you will need that day. The organization holds fun and informative monthly get-togethers, and sponsors many beautification programs around the Lake. Contact FTLOTL with questions at 972-622-7283 or info@whitetocklake.org. You may also email Joan at joans@plano.gov.

Support Your Community - Join the Trend this Summer!

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
- ✓ Support community needs, including White Rock Lake, Alex Sanger and FHSP

Without your participation we could not continue our work and play as a community Association. *Let's resolve 100% as a great show of community support in 2007!*

Forest Hills Association 2007 Dues

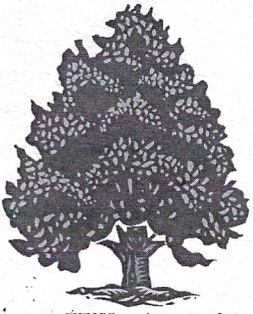
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