

FOREST HILLS



Spring 2002

Forest Hills Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 21st,
7:00pm

Dallas Arboretum,
Garland Road.

Traffic Woes

Last October, in conjunction with The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) and DART, our neighborhood was invited to participate in a Major Investment Study (MIS) for the East Corridor. The East Corridor roughly translates into Interstate 30 and US Hwy 80 (and all their feeder roads) extending from approximately Lake Ray Hubbard and ending in downtown Dallas. A MIS is a decision making process that provides community input in developing transportation improvement strategies. Translation: our neighborhood gets to have a say in trying to unclog area roads. Here are items of interest learned from the past two meetings:

- By the year 2025, Dallas population will increase by 2 million, an increase greater than 35%.
- Our area is forecasted to have severe congestion by 2025, similar to what north Dallas has now.
- At present, around our neighborhood, we have moderate to severe levels of congestion during peak periods— 6:30-9:00AM and 4:00-6:30PM.
- Roads are rated A (no congestion) through F (failing) by DART. All the major roads around us (Garland, Buckner, Ferguson) are rated F.
- Interstate 30 from Dolphin to Ferguson, due to “mainlane weaving” or excessive curves in the road, has the second highest amount of freeway accidents next to the downtown I-30 segment.
- Lack of frontage roads immediately before and after Ferguson Road leads to increased amounts of traffic out into surrounding neighborhoods whenever there are traffic tie-ups and congestion.
- TXDoT has a moratorium on adding any new frontage roads.
- By city council resolution, the AT & SF railroad tracks that run along the southeastern border of our neighborhood cannot be evaluated or considered for public transportation.
- The present HOV lane on I-30 will be extended to the US Hwy 80 split.

The monthly MIS will take approximately 18 months to complete its target goals. A preliminary “paper” will be issued at the end of this year.

David Payne



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8319 San Leandro Drive
8358 San Leandro Drive
8372 San Leandro Drive

8154 San Cristobal Drive
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8369 San Cristobal Drive

1719 Corday Street
8508 Groveland Drive

*Property sold more than once

Harry H. Morgan
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Greetings Neighbors! We have been busy with the Beautification Campaign, dues campaign, upcoming 2nd Annual Golf tournament and sowing the seeds for the start of another fundraiser event in the neighborhood, the Forest Hills Home Tour.

I am pleased to report that we have received generous donations from many of our neighbors who have expressed a desire to beautify our neighborhood. We have to date received in excess of \$14,000.00. This is, of course, the response we received from the recent mail out regarding these efforts. We also have had a good response from our neighbors in paying the annual dues which are so vitally important. Thank you to everyone who has responded to these important causes. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we see some improvement in our neighborhood.

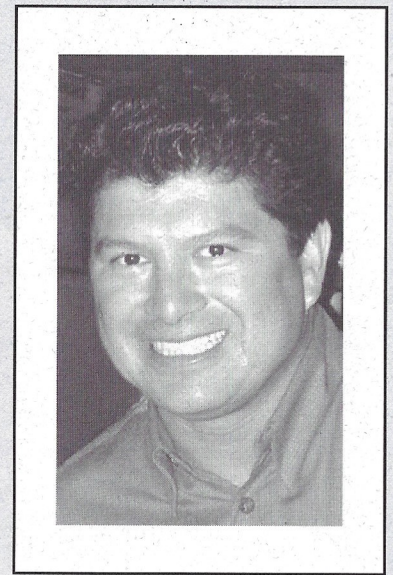
We have taken the initial step in updating the Master Plan which was discussed at our last General Meeting. The Beautification Committee is now in Phase II of meeting with the Advisory Council to obtain input into the specifics of the implementation of this project. If anyone else is interested in joining the advisory council, please contact Jerry Bryant or myself in the next few weeks. Please refer to the article herein for additional information regarding this campaign.

I want to remind everyone that our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on May 3, 2002 at the Tenison Park Highlands course. Last year everyone who played in this tournament had a good time and it was all for a good cause. Remember, you do not have to be an avid golfer to enjoy this tournament since we play a format that allows even the highest handicappers to enjoy the day. Please consider coming out and getting a chance to meet some new neighbors.

As for the status report of our other newest venture in the neighborhood, which is the Forest Hills Home Tour, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Nestor Infanzon has offered his assistance to help pull this project together. Nestor helped in the efforts in the Hollywood Heights neighborhood to coordinate that neighborhood Home Fair. As you probably know, these home fairs have been huge successes for some of our bordering neighbors. Some have reportedly earned the neighborhood tens of thousands of dollars for the benefit of their neighborhoods. Remember, these are funds that we could use for many things such as crime deterrence, beautification, etc., which would otherwise come from our residents. If there is anyone else who would be willing to help in the organization efforts of this project, please give Ann Walton or myself a call. We would certainly appreciate the help.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that we have a neighborhood watch group which we are trying to develop so if anyone is interested in this endeavor, please contact Mr. David Buhmann. And as always, if there is anyone who has any thoughts on how we might make our neighborhood a better place to live, please feel free to give any of us a call who are listed on the back of this newsletter.

Richard Garza



Forest
Hills

Neighborhood Meeting,
Dallas Arboretum, Thursday,
February 21st, 7:00pm, in Camp House
dining room. Please join us to hear guest
speaker Mary Brenegar.

With sincere appreciation for the support
and patronage from the past and present owners
of these Forest Hills homes.



**Beautification
fund-raising
making
progress**

As this newsletter goes to press, the Neighborhood Beautification Campaign has raised about \$14,000 toward the 2002 goal of at least \$15,000! And contributions continue to flow into the Treasurer's mailbox daily!!

The Campaign's goal is to raise funds, probably over several years, to implement the 1995 Forest Hills Landscape Master Plan along boulevard medians and in other public spaces within the neighborhood.

Investment in the beauty of our common spaces not only enhances the aesthetic appearance of the Forest Hills neighborhood but also helps preserve our property values and, more importantly, our sense of community pride.

Target areas include the medians along Forest Hills Boulevard, San Rafael Drive, Breezewood Boulevard and the park area at San Rafael Drive and Garland Road. These beautified medians could become the reinvestment showplace needed to stimulate reforestation of the neighborhood.

Many thanks to the following neighbors who have agreed to contribute \$500 per year for three years and to serve on the Forest Hills Beautification Advisory Council to provide input to neighborhood beautification efforts:

W.E. and R. L. Boggs
Martine and David Buhmann
Dallas and Gwen Gilbreath
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Meaders and Robert Ozarow
Dunia and Robert Shive
Amy and Jeff Sobeck

Linda and Jerry Bryant
Rosa Lopez-Garza and Richard Garza
Judie and Daragh Heitzman
Jennifer Rivers and Tim McCarthy
Carol and David Payne
Marsha and Bill Singer
Lezlie and Stan Vlasimsky

If you have not already contributed to the 2002 Forest Hills Beautification Campaign, please do so today. And if you have a question about the campaign, please contact Dean Nottestad (214-324-0094), Robert Ozarow (214-321-5300), David Payne (214-533-6321), or Jerry Bryant (214-319-9726).

FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood Beautification Project

Yes, I want to invest in the future of my neighborhood. My 2002 contribution is enclosed to help fund the creation, maintenance and enhancement of Forest Hills public spaces.

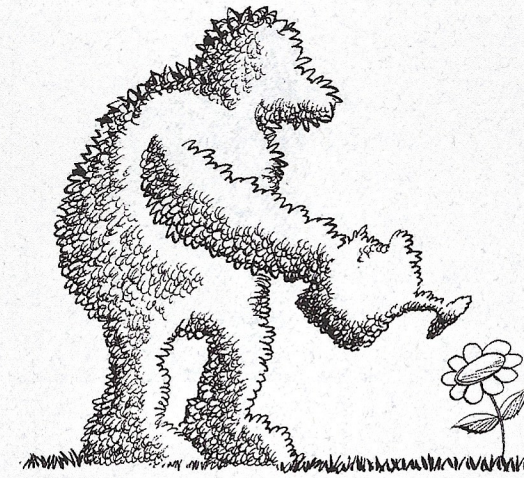
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 Other: \$ _____

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Date: _____

Forest Hills Garden Club Celebrate spring and join us!



Morning meetings begin at 10 AM and evening meetings begin at 7 PM. They last for approximately two hours and light refreshments are served. Many of our members are very active gardeners and we happily share our divided plantings. Please plan to attend either morning or evening meetings or both. We welcome both experienced and novice gardeners!! Our dues are \$25.00 a year but guests are certainly always welcome. Call Judi Boyles (214-321-1648), Barb Michaels (214-327-3817.) or Delores Cullivan (214-328-3124) for more information.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2002

February 7 - morning - Home of Debbie Banes
March 7 - evening - TBA
April 4 - morning - Home of Jane Hulsey
May 2 - evening - TBA
June 6 - morning - annual picnic and installation of new officers
July 4 - Participate in the annual Forest Hills Fourth of July Parade

A summary of what you missed.....

In November we met at the home of Barb Michaels and Laurie Anderson, director of volunteers at the Arboretum, gave a fabulous talk about the volunteer opportunities at the site. Whether planting flowers and bulbs or guiding visitors, driving the tram, tending the gift shop, or just greeting guests, there are plenty of jobs to be filled. Volunteering gets you in to all the events and daily activities and you have a chance to learn about gardening as well. In addition Jerry Bryant, President Elect of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association, gave a great, informative presentation on the Neighborhood Beautification Project.

Greg Rohde of Rohde's Gardens gave an excellent, interactive talk/discussion about the care maintenance of our trees and shrubs during the winter months at home of Linda Bryant in December. If you haven't made a trip to Rohde's (located at 1651 Wall St. in Garland) plan on doing so this Spring. Greg and his staff are very knowledgeable in principles of organic gardening and their nursery is a certified wildlife habitat - a great place for lots of gardening ideas. They carry organic products and great gift items to delight any gardener. Visit their website for directions to their store at www.beorganic.com.

DECEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

Jerry and Linda Bryant
8246 San Fernando Way

Linda and Jerry decorated their beautiful Williamsburg home with handmade wreaths with fresh fruit and berries - a really spectacular display!

Desperately Seeking Volunteers

awareness of public safety, and address issues with City of Dallas officials – additional volunteer workers are needed to help coordinate its many activities. The Forest Hills Association Bylaws define the following committees and their responsibilities. Please review the list and select one or more that you would like to volunteer for:

- 1. Beautification Committee** – plans and promotes neighborhood beautification projects.
- 2. Communications Committee** – gathers news about the neighborhood and publishes both the neighborhood newsletter and the Forest Hills Neighborhood Directory.
- 3. Crime Watch Committee** – recruits and orients block captains to represent each block in the neighborhood for purposes of communication and crime watch; some blocks in the neighborhood do not currently have a block captain.
- 4. Educational Forum Committee** – organizes and coordinates forums designed to encourage greater participation in community affairs.
- 5. Forest Hills Service League** – welcomes new residents to the neighborhood and organizes and promotes events to build the neighborhood 'community.' Service League activities include:
- 6. Zoning and Thoroughfares Committees** – monitors and reports on city, county and state projects and proposals that affect or might affect the neighborhood.
- 7. Special Committees** – Beautification Advisory Council provides financial support and input to the FHA Beautification Committee and Board of Directors regarding refinement and implementation of the 1995 Forest Hills Landscape Master Plan.

Please contact Jerry Bryant,
8246 San Fernando Way, Dallas, 75218;
at 214-319-9726.

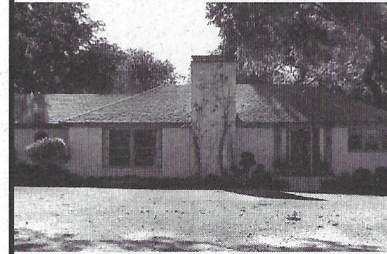
The work of the Forest Hills Association is supported entirely by volunteers. In order to achieve the Association's purposes – to promote the welfare of the neighborhood, provide a forum for discussing neighborhood matters, promote

Second Annual Forest Hills Golf Classic
July 4th Parade and Picnic
Fall Festival
Senior's Luncheon
Easter Egg Hunt
Christmas Party
First Annual Forest Hills Home Tour

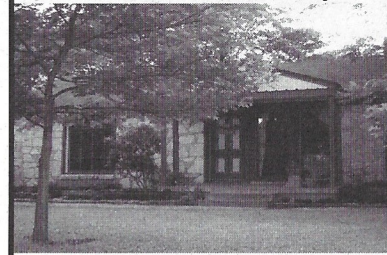
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Easter Egg Hunt

March 17, 2002 3-5 pm
at the home of Chuck and Ann Walton
8379 Santa Clara Dr.

To participate please bring \$2 and 1 dozen empty plastic easter eggs for each child who will attend to the Walton home or the Rivers home at 8223 San Benito Way by March 10th. It is fine to leave them on the porch if no one is at home. Hot dogs and drinks will be served. Come enjoy a neighborhood tradition.



The St. Francis Quakers

No. It's not a religious cult squatting in Forest Hills. It's a thriving colony of wild Quaker Parrots nesting at the power station behind Sanger Elementary!

If you take your morning or evening walk in the Sanger backfield, you can hear their characteristic chirping high in the trees as they swoop playfully over your head. You can even see our neighbors' little hideaway from the street. In fact, the Quaker is the only parrot species that builds nests.

Pairs of Quakers build their nest attached to other nests like condominiums. Each nest consists of 3 areas— a bedroom, a living room and a porch. Eggs are laid and incubated in the bedroom. When the chicks are about a month old, they are moved into the living room to make room for the next clutch of 4-7 eggs. Parents stay look-out on the porch. Once grown, offspring build their own development nearby as they rarely fly far from the roost.

Do NOT attempt to take one of these Quakers home. They are wild. In fact, it's even illegal to attempt such a feat. However, Quakers raised in captivity are one of the most popular Parrots to own. Very chatty, very smart and lots of personality. Just ask the Quaker owners at Boutique Pets on Garland Road.

You can learn a lot about the man to whom you've entrusted your car just by standing in the front office of his shop on Garland Road, chatting over a cup of coffee. Most folks who have lived in this neighborhood for a while are used to seeing Bob Handy's Automotive sign, which has been there for 21 years, across from the Dallas Arboretum. Bob is friendly and chatty, and his face lights up when he mentions his wife of 41 years, their two children and 4 grandchildren. Fresh out of Arlington State College, he jumped into the racing business for 5 years, racing Carroll Shelby's Cobras, among other models. He was a partner in an aircraft engine overhaul business for 7 years after that, before finally deciding to set up his own store next



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to White Rock Lake. Bob heads the Benevolent Program at the Highland Oaks Church of Christ, where he's been a member for over 30 years. If you ask, he'll tell you his favorite places to hunt and fish - and after listening carefully to your description of the "funny" noise under the hood of your car, he'll offer a reassuringly detailed explanation of just how he plans to fix it.

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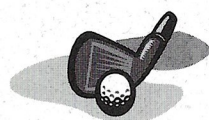


Tee Time for The 2nd Annual Forest Hills Golf Tournament

to benefit the
Forest Hills Beautification Master Plan
is coming soon.

Mark your calendars:

Friday, May 3rd, a.m. shotgun tee-off.
Interested Sponsors, Participants
and Volunteers contact
Gina Bender at 214-328-9188
or **Richard Garza at 214-320-9020.**



Get a jump on tree maintenance

As the sap rises, the healing process starts and wounds heal more rapidly. Now is the time to stay on top of tree maintenance. To prolong or enhance the quality of life for your trees, it is very important to recognize what the real needs are.

What to avoid:

- Trimming Red Oaks and Live Oaks between February 15 and June 1 can leave your beautiful Oak susceptible to Oak Wilt. Oak wilt is a fungus that will kill your Red Oak or Live Oak if it is not detected. To learn more about Oak Wilt, you can visit (Oak Wilt) at www.precisiontreecare.com.
- Avoid over-trimming. Excessive thinning with some trees can actually damage them.
- Avoid removing trees unless you have a really good reason.

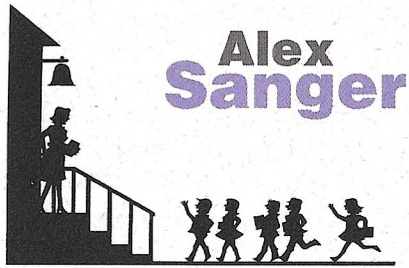
What to do:

- Dead wooding: if you see one dead branch that is wrist size or larger, chances are you have a multi-

tude of thumb size or pencil size dead branches. A thorough cleaning of dead wood makes a tree happy. If a tree is properly thinned out, the lack of congestion can slow down a natural branch dying process.

- Recognize the structural integrity.
- Branches that rub any part of a house or garage need to be dealt with or any branch that is too low over driveways, sidewalks, streets, etc.
- It is also important to see if there are holes, cracks, rotten spots, or deformities in precarious places, such as a large lower section of trunk that supports a healthy crown.

Our trees are one of our most precious assets in Forest Hills. If you have any questions about the health and preservation of your trees, always call a professional Arborist. It's the smartest action you can take.



A hearty congratulatory hurrah goes to Dr. Larry Allen, elected Principle of the Year for Area 8. This area includes the feeder schools for Bryan Adams and Hillcrest High Schools.

GYM Dandy! Thanks to the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association and David Weekly Homes, Coach Webb was able to order the new wall pads for the gym.

Mentors, Readers and Listeners are always needed at Sanger. If you haven't had the opportunity, ask someone who has. Your contribution not only makes a huge difference for the kids, we guarantee it will make a difference for you.

Albertson' Community Partners cards are available from the school office or call Max Hardesty 214-324-4960. Showing the card every time you shop will guarantee that a portion is donated to Sanger!

Take a moment to look over these few items on Sanger's wish list:

- Childrens books - new and used
- Boy's belts - black and/or white
- Campbell soup labels
- General Mills box tops for education labels
- All your paper for the recycling bins in the parking lot.

YMCA at White Rock spring calendar

For those of you who haven't discovered our neighborhood YMCA right around the corner - come check it out soon. Young or old, it doesn't matter - there are programs for everyone. The following is only a partial list of all that they have going on throughout the year.

February 9 - Soccer registration ends

February 18 - Baseball registration begins (3 years to 6th grade)

Teen Center—Supervised teen recreation: foosball, pool, ping pong, play station, Nintendo, and more! 13 to 18 year olds, 6:30 to 11:00pm, on the following dates: **Feb. 15, March 8, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24** - One-time membership of \$10 for the whole year.

March 2 - Summer Sign-up

You can sign up for all events in one day! Swim lessons, Swim team, Summer Camp (ages 5 - 12), Teen Camp (13 - 18), Discovery Camp (18 months - 5 years), Parents Night Out, Preschool.

April 6 - Healthy Kids Day 10am - 2pm

The following organizations will be represented: Fire Department, Police Department, Baylor College of Dentistry, The "Burn House", Doctors Hospital, DART, Public Library, and more!

YMCA @ White Rock Gives Parents the Night Off

The YMCA @ White Rock has a tradition of providing a safe, fun evening for children so that parents can take a night off to relax and de-stress. At least twice a month, the Y provides an evening of activities with a light supper for the children. Known as PNO, the program is an affordable, safe way to get children together with their friends for an evening so that their parents can do the same. For more information, contact the Y @ White Rock at 214.328.3849

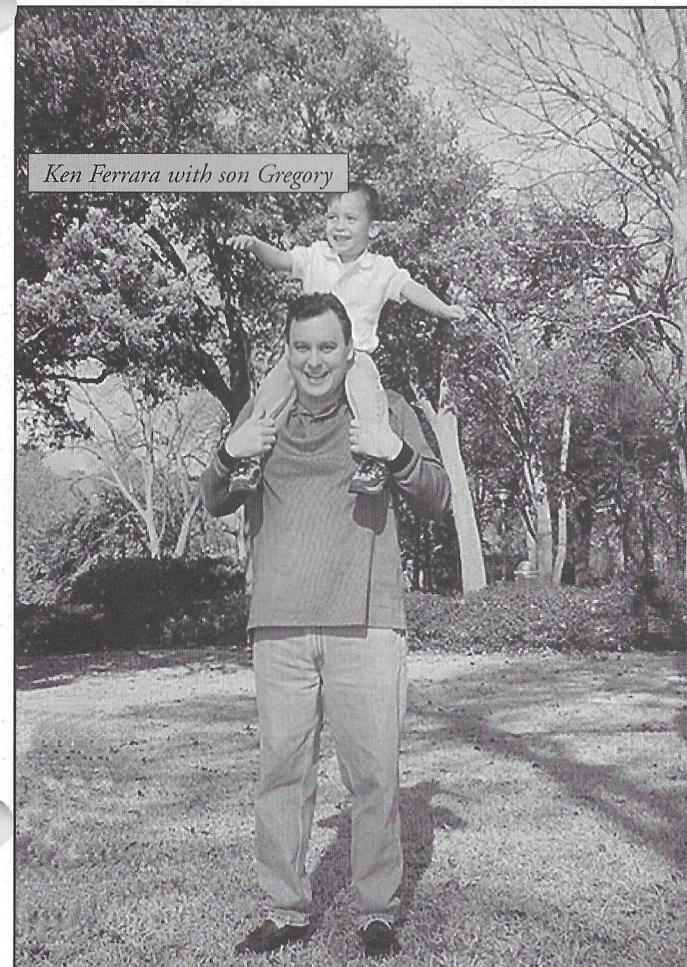
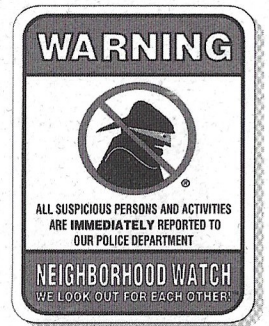
crime watch

Thieves are checking out your mailbox. Don't leave checks out for the postman! We've had a number of neighbors report that their checks left out for the postman got into the wrong hands. Bill payments are picked up and check numbers are used to clean out your account.

Your check number is an easy target when it is left as a flag on your mailbox. Either mail your checks at the post office or via mailbox, hand them to your postal worker directly or check out www.usps.com to pay your bills on-line.

In addition, new checks left on your doorstep are also easy pickin's. Arrange to pick up new checks at your local branch. Or request to sign for the delivery from your provider.

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Is your tree choking to death?

Girdling is the choking of a tree at its base in the vital "root flare" zone. The major flare roots, the trunk, or both are unable to grow and function properly. As a result, a tree fails to thrive. There can be a number of causes. So, look out and stop it before it's too late.

The symptoms

- ▲ Premature loss of leaves in the fall or delayed development in the spring.
- ▲ New shoots that produce foliage but fail to gain much length.

The causes

- ▲ Transplanted trees suffer because of wire, plastic, twine or synthetic mesh that wasn't removed at planting time.
- ▲ The tree may have been in the container too long before planting.
- ▲ The hole was dug improperly, or too deeply.
- ▲ A tree that wrap its own root around the base of itself is as destructive as wire.
- ▲ Shrubs and ground cover close to tree trunks also create girdling.

What to look for.

Does the tree come straight out of the ground like a telephone pole? Or does the tree gently flare and spread where it meets the soil? If the root flare is not visible, excavate the soil immediately around the trunk or cut away the ground cover. Soil or thick ground cover causes bark to absorb water, inhibiting oxygen and promoting deterioration and decay of trunk tissue. If shrubbery isn't the problem, gently excavate and look for wire, twine or other foreign objects and carefully clip free.

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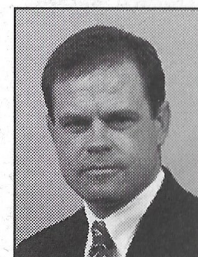
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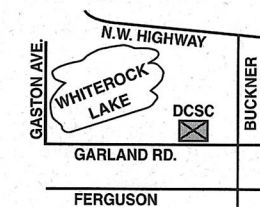
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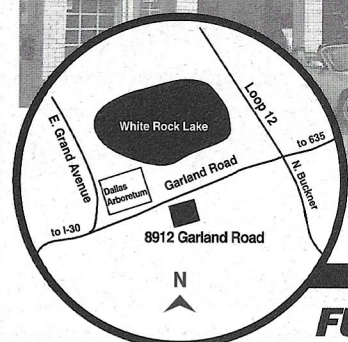
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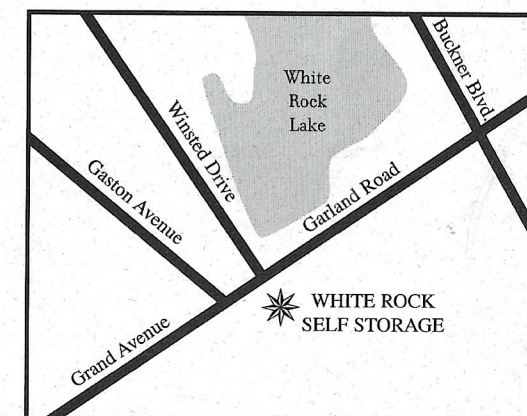


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FOREST HILLS SPRING CALENDAR 2002

February 21

Thursday

F H Semi-Annual General Meeting, 7pm

Dallas Arboretum, Garland Road

Guest Speaker: Mary Brenegar

February 21

Thursday

Kindergarten Round Up

Alex Sanger Elementary. Check it out!

February 26

Tuesday

Noted Dallas Nutritionist - 7:00pm

White Rock Preschool PTA meeting at Sanger Elementary - How to get our kids to like good food.

March 2

Saturday

Adopt-A-Shoreline Workshop

9:00- 12:00 noon

For the Love of the Lake Office

March 9-Apr 14

Dallas Blooms

The Dallas Arboretum

March 17

Sunday

Forest Hills Easter Egg Hunt, 3-5pm

March 18

Monday

For the Love of the Lake Volunteer Meeting Get-

Together: 6:30 PM, Meeting: 7 PM

Guest Speaker: Steve Butler

The History of White Rock Lake

FTLOTL Office

May 3

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Second Annual Golf Tournament

May 17-19

1st Annual White Rock Lake Festival

White Rock Lake Second Saturday Shape Up

WHEN: The Second Saturday of each month

TIME: 8:30 - 10:30 am

MEET AT: The For the Love of the Lake Office

Casa Linda Shopping Center - Buckner facing Doctors Hospital, office under Eckerd's. We supply trash bags

and gloves. Join us for coffee, snacks and good cheer before heading off for the lake! INFO: (972) 622-SAVE

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