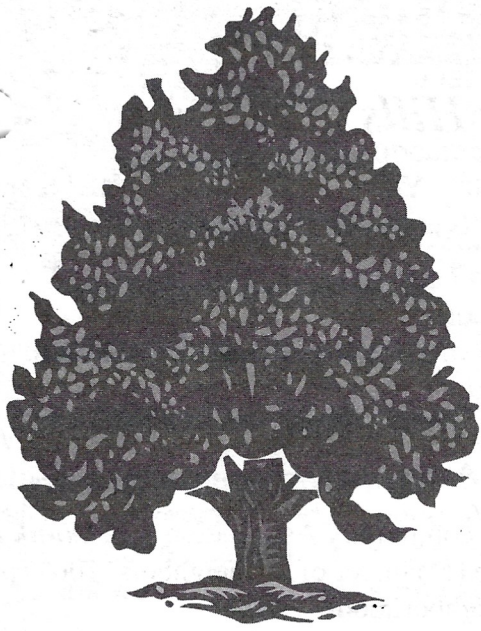


# SPRING NEWSLETTER



## Forest Hills

### Calendar of Events

- 4/15 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/20 FH Garage Sale
- 5/8 General Meeting— 7pm  
Lakewood CC
- 5/21 Seniors Luncheon
- 7/4 4th of July Picnic and  
Parade
- 8/1 National Night Out
- 10/28 Fall Festival
- 12/17 Christmas Potluck

Coming Soon:  
[www.fhadallas.com](http://www.fhadallas.com)  
Launching 4/15

Do you have something  
you'd like to publicize  
in the Newsletter?  
Contact Karen Hettrick, Editor  
at 214/914-7034 or  
[khettrick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khettrick@sbcglobal.net)

### A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Spring is here and there is quite a bit of activity within Forest Hills!!! This spring and this year promise to bring forth many wonderful things within our neighborhood.

This edition of the Forest Hills Association Newsletter is full of useful information regarding Forest Hills and the City of Dallas. Please put it to good use.

Spring gives us the chance to get together at neighborhood social events. Over the years we have had some great times - our Easter Party, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Picnic, National Night Out, Fall Carnival, and Christmas Party are just a couple of the events that are held annually. I hope to see you at these many events throughout the year.

The Forest Hills Association and the Forest Hills Security Program are pleased to report that crime in Forest Hills and our part of East Dallas continues to decline. However, we must remain diligent and continue to fight the good fight. The Forest Hills Security Program relies on your dues to pay for neighborhood patrols by off-duty Dallas Police Officers. For information on the Forest Hills Security Program, please visit <http://groups.msn.com/ForestHillsSecurityProgram>.

Want to make your neighborhood a better place, but don't know where to start? Here is a fun way for you to get involved and help your neighborhood... The Forest Hills Spring Challenge... Simply complete each of the following items, check-off the box next each item, and turn the completed form in at the Forest Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29, 2006 - complete every item and you will be entered to win a Night on the Town, including dinner for two (2) at Frankie's Li'l Europe in Casa Linda Plaza (a \$250 value); runners-up will win fabulous prizes from The Wine Therapist, The Backyard Bar & Grill and others. See the attached challenge form!

Take the CHALLENGE and get ready for a great spring in Forest Hills!!!

As always, if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding Forest Hills - please do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile telephone at (214) 616-5022 or by eMail at [kevin\\_rachel@msn.com](mailto:kevin_rachel@msn.com).

Sincerely,

# Time to Pay Your Dues!!



## It is time to contribute your Forest Hills 2006 Dues

The Association's fiscal year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Your Association dues are voluntary on an annual basis and we request a minimum of \$25, however all amounts are welcome. Your contributions are used in some of the following ways:

- \* Subsidize your Community Newsletter
- \* Underwrite all of the great neighborhood social events
- \* Water and maintain the medians
- \* Pay the common electricity expense for irrigation power
- \* Donate to support our community, such as White Rock Lake and Alex Sanger

Without your participation we could not continue our work and play as a community Association. *We thank all of those that have contributed*, and look forward to receiving dues from the remainder of the neighbors, 100% participation would be an incredible vote of confidence in your beautiful neighborhood!

### Forest Hills Association 2006 Dues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

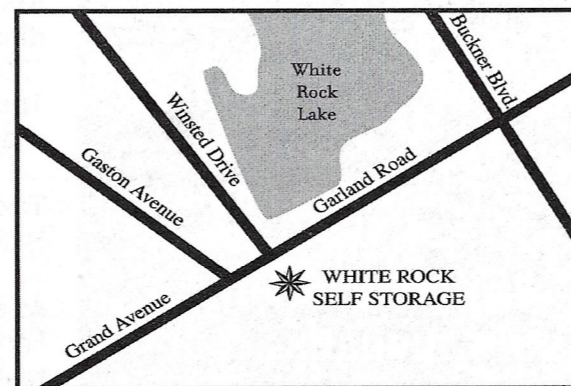
Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please make check payable to Forest Hills Association, forward c/o Gina Bender, P.O. Box 595249 Dallas 75359 or delivery to 8222 San Fernando

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## Beautification Committee Report

Now that we are coming into spring there are a few things to be attended to. Just like our own yards, the neighborhood's common areas need a good cleaning, pruning, feeding and mulching to make them look their best for the upcoming year. We are fortunate to have adequate regular maintenance but a little extra attention will go a long way at this time of year.

An area of concern is the uncontrolled growth of bamboo in our park areas at St. Francis and San Benito. We should make the effort to cut a substantial portion of that back before it causes more damage than it already has. This wooded area has the potential to be very nice with flowering trees and bulbs in the spring and colorful leaves in the fall, but right now you can't see the forest for the bamboo.

We would like to take suggestions for a construction project this year to add definition and recognition somewhere in the neighborhood. One idea I've received is to add Forest Hills in a logo script to the stone wall at Breezewood and Garland. Any other ideas? Let any board member know and we'll make plans to get one done this year. The addition of the National Night Out party last summer was a great success. I think we can inject that same sense of community to the appearance and identity of our common spaces as well.

Here's to a great year.

Todd Price  
FHNA Beautification Committee Chair  
Santa Clara Landscape Co.  
214.707.9126  
todd@santaclaralandscape.com

### The Children's Center Carnival 2006

Come enjoy some fun time with your family and friends at The Children's Center Carnival! The Children's Center is a neighborhood school where Children will enjoy train rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, an obstacle course, a magician, a balloon artist, games with prizes, bounce houses, and fun food and drinks. The "Under the Big Top" carnival will be held on **Sunday, May 7, 2006**, from **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, rain or shine. The carnival, designed for preschoolers and elementary-aged children, will be at The Children's Center campus at St. Bernard's Church and School, 1423 San Saba Dr., in East Dallas.

The carnival is a fundraiser for The Children's Center preschool. Punch card tickets are available at the carnival for \$5 and \$10; an unlimited pass is \$18 if purchased prior to the event or \$20 the day of event. For more information about the carnival, call (214) 887-8131.

#### About The Children's Center

The Children's Center, a school of excellence for young children, has been serving children ages 2½ to 5 for more than 50 years. For more information about the school, call (214) 823-2119.

### CITY OF DALLAS SANITATION SERVICES

The City of Dallas Sanitation Services provides REGULAR COLLECTION SERVICE in Forest Hills on Monday and Thursday. RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE in Forest Hills is on Monday.

The City of Dallas Sanitation Services provides once-a-month BULKY / BRUSH COLLECTION SERVICE from the front curb that includes large limbs, shrubbery, bagged leaves (in sealed bags with a maximum 50 gallon capacity), furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs. Please place your items out on the front curb for collection no later than 07:00 A.M. the Monday of your pick-up week. It is also important to remember that items should not be set out for pick up earlier than 07:00 A.M. on the Thursday preceding your collection week.

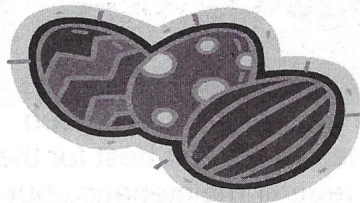
Do not put out for bulky / brush collection bagged grass clippings, new construction or remodeling materials such as lumber or roofing materials. Call 311 or (214) 670-5111 when calling from outside the city limits to get a free estimate on *Cost Plus* service to pick up construction or remodeling materials. Please note that bricks, concrete, rocks, dirt, paint, oil and hazardous containers are not collected in either the *Cost Plus* or regular bulky / brush collection services.

Every violation for failing to comply with these City of Dallas policies and procedures regarding bulky / brush collection will result in a citation, no warnings, with a fine amount plus court costs totaling \$250.00.

The Forest Hills bulky / brush collection schedule for April and May of 2006 is as follows:

**April** April 10 - 14, 2006 (Do not set out bulky / brush trash before Thursday, April 06, 2006)

**May** May 08 - 12, 2006 (Do not set out bulky / brush trash before Thursday, May 04, 2006)



## Sunday, April 9th is Forest Hills Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Bill and Mindy Foerster have graciously agreed to host the event again this year. Please drop 1 dozen plastic eggs/per child (of yours) with a donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of candy. You may begin leaving the eggs and money in envelopes at 8163 Santa Clara. Please specify the ages of your children to help us make the egg count/kid ratio fair and age-appropriate. This event is loads of fun!! The Magic Rabbit will be hopping through and we'll have food and drinks for all who come.

So....get your baskets ready!!!

Time: 4-6pm

Place: The Foerster's,

8163 Santa Clara

When: Sunday, April 9th

## COMMUNITY CORNER

Lottie Minnick would like to  
purchase a used ceramic or  
glass kiln. Please call 214/320-  
2868 or  
lottie@minnickassociates.com

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### Welcome to the Neighborhood

Jenny and Dan Mooney

Amy & Ken Kristofek

Amy and Tim Laczkowski

Amy and Pat Kirby

If you would like to welcome someone to  
the neighborhood, please email  
Karen Hettrick at [khettrick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khettrick@sbcglobal.net)

## IS THERE A BUILDER'S SIGN IN THE YARD NEXT DOOR?

Is there a new home being built next to your home? Is there a massive remodeling project down the street? Does this builder have rules to follow?

The answer to all of these questions is **YES!!!** Construction is occurring throughout Forest Hills and each and every one of these projects requires the developer to follow strict policies and procedures.

In October of 2002, the Dallas City Council created the Department of Development Services. The Department of Development Services is designed to be a helpful and enthusiastic partner, joining residents and developers, in the private development process within the City of Dallas.

The goal of the Department of Development Services is to provide high-quality customer service, while protecting the health, safety and welfare of Dallas residents. Part of that effort involves helping residents and developers understand what is required in the development process, and how to navigate through the various points of reviews and approvals that may be required for a project.

The Department of Development Services has created the City of Dallas Development Guide which addresses as many facets of the development process as possible. The Development Guide includes sections on Business Development, Property Development, Construction Review, Special Review Processes, and Development Coordination in the City of Dallas, as well as directories for business and property development, fee schedules, and an index to codes, ordinances, resolutions, and manuals.

There are rules that builders and developers must follow when working on residential construction projects in Forest Hills. If you believe that these rules are not being followed, you can file a complaint with the City of Dallas by calling 311. If the problem is not addressed and rectified within three (3) business days, please contact Kevin Rachel, president of the Forest Hills Association, at [kevin\\_rachel@msn.com](mailto:kevin_rachel@msn.com) and the FHA will help get the issue resolved as quickly as possible.

*IS THERE A BUILDER'S SIGN IN THE YARD NEXT DOOR?* is a regular section of the Forest Hills Association Newsletter. This section will provide important information on residential development with Forest Hills and the City of Dallas.

*Issue... The Summit!!* The Forest Hills Association is planning a Forest Hills Residential Development Summit at which time Forest Hills residents, Dallas City Council Members, Dallas Department of Development Services personnel, Dallas Code Compliance personnel and real estate investors, architects, and developers operating in Forest Hills will meet to discuss the Dallas Development Guide and its impact on residential development in Forest Hills.

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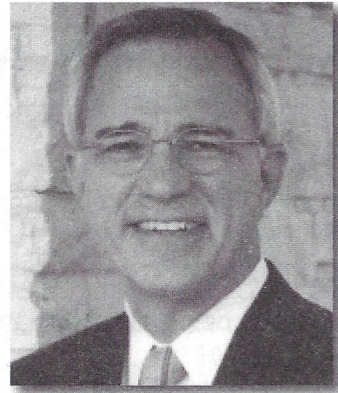


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**SOLD**

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8310 Santa Clara  
8379 Santa Clara

## Friends of Forest Hills By Councilman Gary Griffith



### Citizen Volunteers Cut Crime Rate

Because of hard work by our District 9 Crime Watch groups and Neighborhood Associations, I am pleased to announce that crime in District 9 was down 22.4% in 2005 compared to 2004. This is the biggest drop in the city. Yes, there is still too much crime

But because we are working so closely and effectively with Commander Jan Easterling at the NE Patrol Division and all her officers there, we have two straight years of double-digit reductions in the crime rate. I hope and expect that crime will continue to go down in 2006 because of our wonderful spirit of volunteerism in East Dallas. The police need and appreciate your help.

In the last several weeks two different groups of residential burglars (10 people total) were arrested because of tips from citizen volunteers. Commander Easterling was the first to give our District 9 citizens the credit. Thank you Forest Hills and District 9 crime fighting volunteers and men and women in Blue for a good year.

Forest Hills is in District 9 and represented by Gary Griffith. Mr. Griffith's office is located at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Room 5FS, Dallas, TX 75201-6390. Mr. Griffith can be reached at (214) 670-4069 (Main) or (214) 670-5115 (Fax). Mr. Griffith's Assistant is Caroline Nosworthy ((214) 670-4069) and his secretary is Joyce Jones ((214) 670-7056.

Mr. Griffith serves on the Finance, Audit & Accountability (Vice Chair), Quality of Life, and Public Safety committees.

For more information, please visit <http://www.garygriffith.com>

### UPDATE... ASH CREEK TRAILER PARK

As most Forest Hills residents are aware, the Ash Creek Trailer Park exists adjacent to Forest Hills, at the intersection of Highland Road and Barbaree Boulevard. This is one (1) of two (2) trailer parks within the City of Dallas.

On July 11, 2005 several Neighborhood Associations, including the Forest Hills Association, filed a *Compliance Request for a Non-Conforming Use Application* with the City of Dallas Development Services Department's Board of Adjustment. This document (30+ pages in length) contends that the parcel of land occupied by the trailer park does not comply with current City of Dallas zoning, no longer fits within the changing character of our community, has been a chronic nuisance to the community, and has been riddled with continued code compliance violations and criminal activity. Furthermore, the trailer park is not in accordance with the Master Plan for the area which suggests our neighborhood creek areas be turned into beautiful recreational walking, biking, and hiking trails that connect to White Rock Lake and downtown. The document requested a hearing at which time the Board of Adjustment would be asked to order the owner of the property to "cease and desist" operation.

Following an initial hearing in December of 2005, a Final Hearing before the Board of Adjustment ("BOA") occurred on February 15, 2006 regarding the Ash Creek Trailer Park. At this hearing, the BOA ruled that the trailer park must cease and desist operations on November 15, 2006. The owner of the property, who lives in Austin, TX, will most likely appeal this decision.

In the meantime, on Friday, February 02, 2006, the owner of the trailer park filed an application for with the BOA to have the property re-zoned to allow the trailer park to continue operating. A hearing regarding this re-zoning request has been tentatively set for April 20, 2006. More information regarding this hearing will be forthcoming... Watch for signs and flyers throughout Forest Hills... If you would like to be added to the eMail Distribution List regarding this matter and receive a copy of the *Compliance Request for a Non-Conforming Use Application* and future news flashes via eMail, please send an eMail (SUBJECT = Ash Creek) to Kevin Rachel, president of the Forest Hills Association, at [kevin\\_rachel@msn.com](mailto:kevin_rachel@msn.com).

#### YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED!!!

It is critical that residents of Forest Hills that support the discontinuation of the trailer park appear at the BOA Zoning Hearing. Also, it is equally important that you voice your opinion regarding this matter to our public officials, expressing opposition to the re-zoning of the land for use as a trailer park.



## ANNUAL FH CHRISTMAS PARTY HUGE SUCCESS!!

With these unseasonably warm temperatures, no one is thinking about Christmas! We must note however, the Christmas party hosted by Dr. Bruce and Mary-Pat Smith was a great success. Roughly 150 residents of Forest Hills showed up with food in hand. Many were glad to see the event return as we skipped a few years as we made adjustments. The biggest draw for the children was of course Santa, (played by Kevin Twining) and of course, the Train!! Kids boarded the train all night long, laughing and feeling the spirit of the season. We thank the Smith Family, and the De-Wolf Families for their help in bringing back a Forest Hills Tradition. We also thank Forest Hills resident Doug Kerr and his lovely wife Carla for taking the photos of all our events. Check of some of his handiwork...see who smiled for the camera!!!!



## Sign Ordinance Enforcement

The city's Code Compliance Department is initiating a new clean-up effort to remove illegal signs across Dallas. Our council offices get calls frequently from citizens who complain about the signs tacked to telephone poles, put in the medians and in the right of

way. So, here are rules regarding signs that have been in our code ordinance for many years.



- No signs in the median.
- No signs in the city right of way (ROW). Please remember the city ROW includes the area between the sidewalk and the street as well as all medians and utility poles and boxes.
- No commercial/promotional signs in residential neighborhoods (even on private property).
- No "Garage Sale" signs beyond the ONE sign in the yard of the person having the sale.
- No signs obstructing visibility.

Temporary "Neighborhood Support" signs will be allowed on private property (but not in ROW). These signs include "Neighborhood Association Meeting" reminder, "Bulky Brush Pick-Up Week" reminder, "Crime Watch" alert, "Missing Pet" alert and school events. Political signs can not ever be in the ROW and must always be on private property.

## Temporary Closure of White Rock Lake Trail...



**The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department has temporarily closed a section of the trail around White Rock Lake, along the spillway from Garland Road to Winstead Drive. The closure is due to damage caused by heavy rain between March 18 and 20, 2006. This section of trail will remain closed until further notice to allow the area to be assessed and approved safe for use.**

**Additionally, miscellaneous sections of the White Rock Lake Trail will close periodically to allow park crews to remove mud and debris left from the receding waters. Park and Recreation Department crews have established parking lots and trail clearing as their first priority. Debris removal from shorelines and turf areas will be done as soon as possible.**

**The Dallas Park and Recreation Department requests the public's cooperation and tolerance during this time of service disruption due to the flood and subsequent cleaning.**

## Erosion at White Rock Lake...

**FROM DALLAS CITY HALL... is a regular section of the Forest Hills Association Newsletter. This section will provide important information on Dallas city government and suggest ways that you can get involved to make Forest Hills and the City of Dallas a better place to live.**

## FROM DALLAS CITY HALL...

### Frequently Asked Questions on the Dallas City Government...

The City of Dallas is governed by a Mayor and a fourteen (14) member City Council.

The Mayor is the Chief Elected Official and Presiding Officer of the City Government:

- Presides over Council meetings
- Represents the City at official and ceremonial functions
- Creates committees and appoints members, chairs, and co-chairs:
  - Economic Development & Housing Committee
  - Finance, Audit & Accountability Committee
  - Quality of Life Committee
  - Public Safety Committee
  - Transportation & Environment Committee
  - Trinity River Committee
  - Legislative (Ad Hoc) Committee

- Appoints advisory committees
- Maintains relationship with other governmental agencies and civic groups
- Makes annual report on the State of the City
- Votes as a member of the City Council

The Mayor and City Council are the Legislative Body for the City:

- Sets policy
- Approves annual budget and plans for capital improvements
- Determines tax rate
- Along with the Mayor appoints City Manager, City Attorney, City Auditor, City Secretary, municipal court judges, and citizen boards and commissions
- Issues and sells municipal bonds
- Purchases and sells property
- Establishes City departments
- Holds weekly public meetings
- Approves City ordinances
- Determines City services

### ALERTS, from the City of Dallas!!!

#### Dallas Sanitation Services to collect flood damaged objects...

Dallas residents are asked to set out their flood damaged objects or items for free pickup during the next two weeks (from Tuesday, March 21, 2006). The Code Compliance Department will not issue citations during this time period. Dallas Sanitation Services is prepared to respond to the increase of items set out for collections. Sanitation crews will work overtime for the next two weeks to assist Dallas residents with their cleanup efforts. Residents should ONLY set out those items affected by flood damage.

The following guidelines should be followed during the two-week collection period of flood damaged objects:

- 1 Dallas residents are strongly advised to call 311, the City's non-emergency number to report items to be collected...
- 2 Items to be collected should be no larger than an average sofa (6 feet long by 3 feet tall)...
- 3 Damaged items such as carpet, pieces of sheet rock, and flooring materials will also be collected...

Flooding has not adversely affected the Sanitation Services waste collection operations, all routes are on schedule.

Dallas residents with any questions regarding Sanitation Services may call 311 or visit the City's website at <http://www.dallascityhall.com>. **City to begin collecting spring grass clippings...**

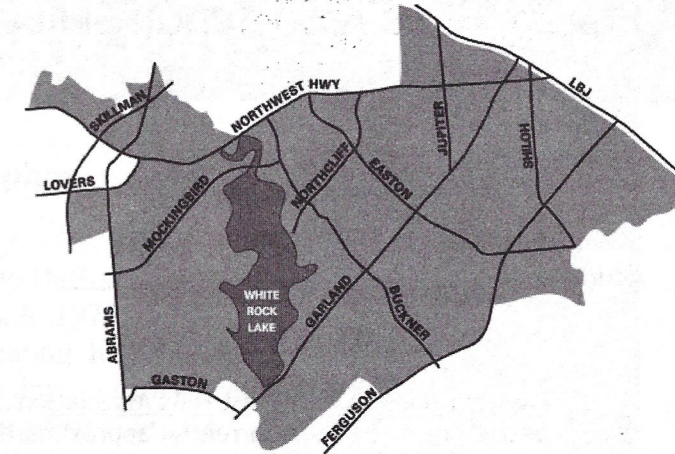
Dallas residents can dispose of bagged grass clippings March 16 through April 14, 2006 by marking bags with special use tags. The program is designed to aid Dallas residents who scalp their lawns each spring in the disposal of grass clippings. Scalping is a landscaping practice that involves cutting grass very close to the ground.

The tagged collection service was authorized in response to citizen requests for a spring "scalping" collection period. Tags cost \$1.50 each and can be purchased through April 3, 2006, by calling the City's non-emergency number, 311, or logging onto the City's Web Site, <http://www.dallascityhall.com>. Charges will appear on water bill statements. Cash purchases can be made at the Sanitation Services Department, 3112 Canton Street, 2nd floor, Monday - Friday, 09:00am - 04:00pm.

Sanitation operations will pick up all tagged bags of grass clippings on regular garbage collection days. Bags of grass clippings without tags will not be picked up. The last collection date for bags of grass clippings is April 14, 2006. The City encourages residents to mulch or compost grass clippings.

Residents can drop off bagged grass clippings, free of charge, throughout the year at the following locations:

- Southwest (Oak Cliff) Transfer Station, 4610 S. Westmoreland Rd.
- McCommas Bluff Landfill, 5100 Youngblood Rd.
- Northeast (Fair Oaks) Transfer Station, 7677 Fair Oaks Ave.
- Northwest (Bachman) Transfer Station, 9500 Harry Hines Blvd.



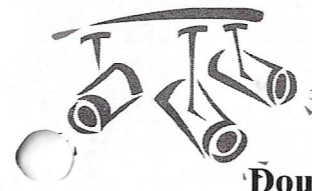
## FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION SPRING CHALLENGE (ONE ENTRY PER HOUSEHOLD)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

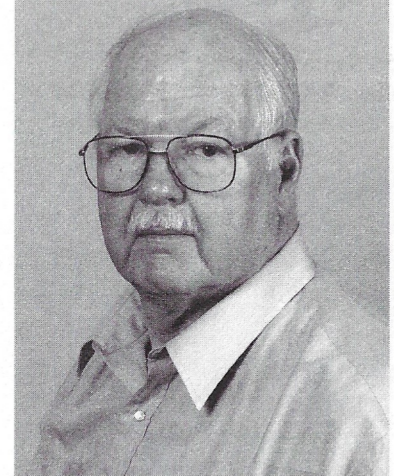
- Pay your dues to the Forest Hills Association... Only \$25 per year and this really helps make your neighborhood a better place to live... Currently, approximately 30% of Forest Hills residents pay their annual FHA dues; let's get this over 50%!!! **If you complete this one (1) item and turn in the form as directed and you will be entered to win a great prize valued at \$50,**
- Make a donation of \$5 or more to the Forest Hills Association... These donations will go specifically to the beautification of Forest Hills - cleaning, pruning, planting flowers in the common areas, care of the wooded bamboo area in the park at St. Francis and San Benito, a neighborhood construction project, etc. Additional information can be found within this newsletter...
- Encourage a business to advertise in the Forest Hills Association Newsletter and on our new Web Site... Those interested in advertising should eMail me at [kevin\\_rachel@msn.com](mailto:kevin_rachel@msn.com)... Additional information can be found within this newsletter...
- Make your opinion known regarding the Ash Creek Trailer Park... Additional information can be found within this newsletter...
- Volunteer to do something, anything in the neighborhood... Let me know what you are willing to do by eMailing me at [kevin\\_rachel@msn.com](mailto:kevin_rachel@msn.com)... We need someone to Chair the Communications Committee, a liaison to For the Love of The Lake ("FTLOTL"), volunteers for National Night Out in August of 2006, and many other neighborhood activities... If you are willing to help, we have plenty to do...
- eMail one (1) idea to make Forest Hills better to me at [kevin\\_rachel@msn.com](mailto:kevin_rachel@msn.com)...
- Clean-up the alley behind your home... Trim weeds, pick-up trash, plant a few flowers...
- Visit <http://groups.msn.com/ForestHillsSecurityProgram>
- Visit <http://www.fhadallas.com> after April 15, 2006
- Attend the Forest Hills Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 2, 2006...
- Participate in the Forest Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale... Information can be found within this newsletter...
- Get ready for the Forest Hills Association Summer Challenge...
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For a chance to win fabulous prizes, turn in this completed form at the Forest Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29, 2006. If no form is turned in with all items completed, the next highest number of completed items will be considered. Please be honest, we are using the *honor system* for the Spring Challenge...



## Spotlight On.....

### Doug Kerr, FH Neighbor and Photographer



Doug Kerr has lived in Forest Hills since 1973, when he came to Dallas to take over the presidency of DeVry Institute of Technology at Dallas. In 1978, he left the college to return to his first love, telecommunication engineering. In 1983, he formed his own consulting practice in that field. In more recent times, much of his professional work was in developing and presenting seminars in telecommunication engineering topics, which were given both through the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and directly to telecommunication firms and government agencies. Today Doug is mostly retired from that work, but is active in a similar "teaching" vein as a volunteer in the area of digital photography, where he has become the "resident wonk" for several online forums where complex technical information in that field is "cussed and discussed".

Earlier in his technical career, Doug had been active in the development of many industry standards in the data communication field, and invented the "caps lock" key now found on almost all computer keyboards. Doug was for a number of years active here with For the Love of the Lake, the volunteer organization devoted to the upkeep and enhancement of White Rock Lake and the surrounding park, and was in effect the organization's "chief engineer".

Doug's wife Carla (they have been married since 1999) is the founding Queen Mum of a local chapter of the Red Hat Society, a social organization for mature women who "just want to have fun". She is an avid quilter, and is at the moment restoring a rare antique wicker trunk. Doug's two daughters and one granddaughter live in the greater Dallas area.

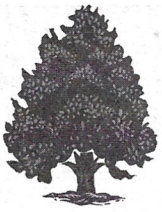
For further information, contact: Douglas A. Kerr/8239 San Leandro Drive/214-324-2129/[doug.kerr@att.net](mailto:doug.kerr@att.net)

### Neighborhood Crime Watch

***On March 17, 2006 at about 7:10 am, a Forest Hills resident was driving out from the alley-way at San Cristobal and St. Francis when he was suddenly blocked in by a vehicle on St. Francis. The driver of that vehicle jumped out of the car and ran up to the Forest Hills resident, pointing a handgun at the victim's head. He threatened the victim and told him to give him his wallet. The victim initially tried to back up, but the alley was too narrow. After a brief attempt at resistance the victim handed over his wallet. The thief ran back to his car and fled toward Ferguson Road on St. Francis. The suspect description is: Black male, 28 - 30 years old, 5' 10" 160lbs, short cut hair, clean shaven, profane speech, wearing a t-shirt and blue jeans. He was armed with a blue steel semi-automatic handgun. The vehicle was a late 1990's, dark blue Lincoln Towncar with no distinguishing characteristics and an unknown license plate.***

***This same suspect committed another similar robbery 10 minutes earlier in the 2500 block of El Cerrito. Northeast detectives and officers are actively looking for this vehicle and suspect...***

**Please be aware of your surroundings and try to remain calm to be able to give a good suspect(s) description.**



8358 Santa Clara  
Dallas, TX 75218

**“Might as well  
use the Best!”**

Neighborhood Resident  
Karen Hettrick  
214/217-1742

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