

Spring 2024

Forest Hills News

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Calendar of Events

Spring Semi-Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, April 23 6

Centennial Fair and Parade

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White Rock East Garden Tour

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Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days

First Saturdays – Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 1
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Street and Alley Clean-up (SAC)

Fourth Saturdays – Apr. 27, May 25, Jun. 22 10:00 a.m.

Bulky Trash

April - Set out April 4 - 7
Collection April 8 - 12

May - Set out May 9 - 12
Collection May 13 - 17

June - Set out June 6 - 9
Collection June 10 - 14

NOTICE

Summer 2024 newsletter articles and ads are due
Saturday, June 1



FOREST HILLS CENTENNIAL FAIR

Celebrating a Century of Community Heritage

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH



Singapore Slings



Kathryn Hackett from LaPompe

The Centennial Fair and Parade is almost here! After months of preparation and planning, our charming neighborhood nestled in the heart of Dallas, is gearing up to celebrate the BIG 100.

Residents are invited for a day filled with festivities and fun. The Parade kicks off the day at 11:30 a.m. before the much-anticipated Centennial Fair begins at noon.

Design your own float with neighbors and family.

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PLEASE RSVP



Letter from the Editor

Spring Renewal: A Call to Action for Our Neighborhood

With the scent of freshly cut grass in the air and the promise of sunny days ahead let's chat about our upcoming Neighborhood Centennial Parade and Fair. Floats, bikes with streamers, neighbors waving enthusiastically from the sidewalks and the unmistakable aroma of Keller's Hamburgers drifting through the air—it's going to be a celebration to remember.

Of course, we will continue to celebrate the neighborhood throughout the year and there's more fun to be had, but first, we need some fresh faces to fill board positions. We're currently on the lookout for a President (AKA the master of ceremonies), a Treasurer (the dues counter), a Communications Chair (the neighborhood gossip...I mean, communicator) and Social Chairs (the party planners).

So, if you've ever dreamed of strutting down a parade route in a top hat and tails or balancing the neighborhood budget while juggling Tree Lighting signs, now is your time to shine. Email Alicia Alvarez at fhnavicepres@gmail.com to get involved.

See you at the fair,

Diana Whitworth Nelson

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GARDEN TOUR '24

“To enjoy a garden is to imbibe of life itself, to balance one’s own spirit and experience creation through sight and scent.”

-Artist Paul Montgomery

The Garden Tour is an event not to be missed. It promises to be a celebration of nature’s artistry, and a source of inspiration for experienced and novice gardeners alike. People from all over Dallas and North Texas come every year to “imbibe” in the beauty of the three neighborhoods, Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates. The garden selections this year were inspired by our Forest Hills Centennial Celebration and are featured in our Yard of the Month article. We are excited to tour the gardens of some of our oldest homes in Forest Hills.



8171 San Benito

8247 San Fernando Way

This house was featured in an article written by Judy Whalen, titled “A Century of Life” in our Winter 2024 newsletter. Jacob and Ashley Moss are new to the neighborhood and have graciously agreed to open their garden. They are in the process of nurturing their own family inspired garden and blending it with the extensive landscape of past passionate gardeners.

8171 San Benito Way

Another old, original home is the Red Farmhouse, built in 1925, home to Garrett and Valerie Adams. They have lived here since 2010; have made some renovations but kept the structure of the farmhouse with a Cape Cod style and the neighborhood favorite red color.

1417 San Rafael

The newest home, built in 1938, is the home of Harry Morgan. This home is columned Federal style and has been extensively renovated. He and the landscape designer worked closely to coordinate the red brick of the new herringbone sidewalk with the color of the brick facade.

8375 San Leandro Drive

It is the mission of the Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery to recognize those buried there, evolve an ongoing landscape restoration plan, and to beautify and maintain the landscape to the standards of a certified wildlife and monarch butterfly way station.

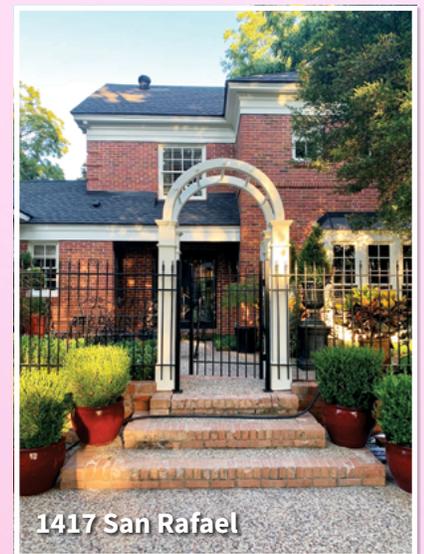
New to the Garden Tour this year is live music and a food vendor at one garden in each of the three neighborhoods. The San Benito Way Garden will have this in Forest Hills.

The Plant Sale returns this year to Casa Linda Park opening for everyone at 9:00. Volunteers can shop at 8:00 if wearing the Garden Tour T-shirt. This is a popular event with beautiful, healthy plants, so shop early.

Artists will be in each garden and at the Artist Alcove next to the plant sale. There are many new artists this year as well as returning artists.

For details about artists and locations, visit whiterockgardentour.org.

Buy tickets online for \$20.00. This is a fund raiser for all the neighborhoods.



1417 San Rafael

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garden + artist tour 10 am - 5 pm | plant sale 9 am - 3 pm
artist alcove 10 am - 5 pm, casa linda park 9302 alta mira dr.

SEMI-ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

AND TRIVIA NIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD – 6:30-8:00PM
TIMES TEN CELLARS

Join us for our Forest Hills Spring Neighborhood Meeting and test your knowledge of Forest Hills Trivia! Enjoy a glass of wine and mingle with neighbors beginning at 6:30pm. At 7pm, we will have a brief FHNA update followed by an exciting game of Forest Hills Trivia. Team up with neighbors and compete for fabulous prizes!

Check past issues of the *Forest Hills News* for clues to trivia questions.



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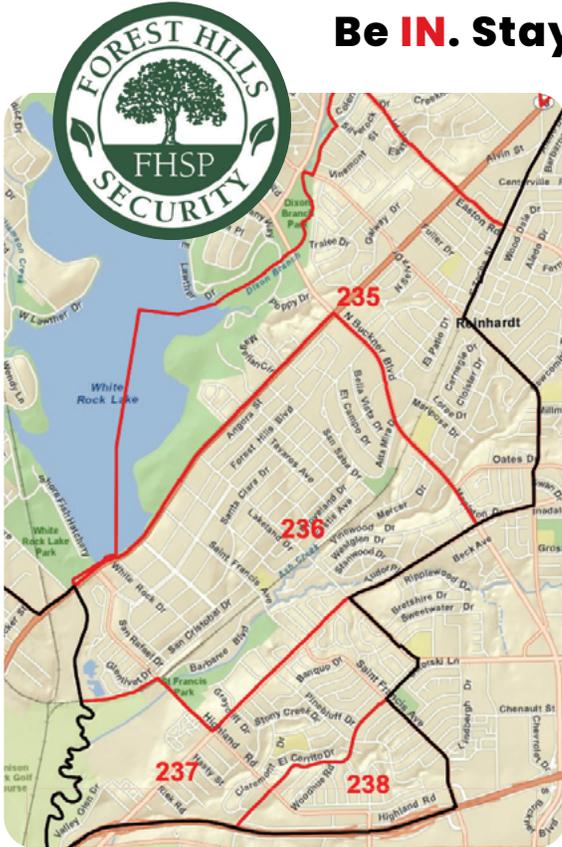
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FOREST HILLS SECURITY

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Auto Burglary and Theft: Reported Crime Data in Our Area 2022-2023

| Neighborhood | BMV (Burglary of Motor Vehicle) | | UUMV (Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle) | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------|---|----------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Section 238 | 31 | 63 | 31 | 74 |
| Section 237 | 27 | 28 | 67 | 77 |
| Section 236 (excludes Forest Hills crime data) | 35 | 18 | 25 | 43 |
| Section 235 | 58 | 60 | 52 | 54 |
| Forest Hills | 6 | 10 | 7 | 8 |

Crime data provided by DPD Officer Gabriel Ortiz and DPD Sargent Meghan Bailey.

*Forest Hills is part of Section 236 - the FHSP receives reports that are specific to our neighborhood.

BMV (Burglary of Motor Vehicles): Breaking into or entering a vehicle or any part of a vehicle with intent to commit any felony or theft. **UUMV (Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle):** Intentionally operating a vehicle without the consent of the owner.

Crime Warning

FHSP neighborhood patrol officers want us to know that incidences of persons checking for unlocked autos, garages, gates and sheds are **ON THE RISE**. Our officers want us to assume that any vehicle in a driveway or on the street will be a target for burglary (BMV) and/or theft (UUMV).



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- Lock your vehicles - even when you're home.
- Keep the inside of your vehicle clear of clutter and valuables.

**To learn more about vehicle crime prevention:
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FOREST HILLS CENTENNIAL FAIR



Lawn games



Carousel for the kids

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Decorate cars, golf carts, bicycles or walking group, or just come watch. The theme, “100 years of Forests and Friendship” sets the tone for a celebration deeply rooted in the green forest of our hills. Parade participants will be entered to win fabulous prizes.

Following the parade, the fair opens its gates at noon and runs until 4 p.m. set against the backdrop of the 8200 block of Forest Hills Blvd. We will step back in time to a smorgasbord of entertainment, dancing and activities.

- Live music from Vintage Jazz Orchestra, The Singapore Slingers with Kathryn Hackett from LaPompe
- Cornhole, croquet & midway games
- Pony rides, petting zoo & a carousel
- FH Classic Car Club car show

Bring your own picnic or enjoy the generous donations from neighbors, Jack Keller, with Keller’s Hamburgers and June Chow with Hello Dumpling.

Discover the nostalgic signature cocktails and brews where Prohibition stops, and our own Speakeasy begins. So, don vintage 1920’s attire with hats, suspenders, Downton Abbey flair or an all-out pinned striped suit. Or come as you are.

The online Centennial Store has commemorative T-shirts and more. Scan the QR code below to explore.

Beyond the food and entertainment, the Forest Hills Centennial Fair serves as a reminder of what makes our community truly special: its people.

We hope you’ll come and **stay all day**, enjoying your neighbors and family. Please scan the QR code below to RSVP so we know who will attend. Don’t miss it.



PLEASE RSVP



CENTENNIAL STORE



1924

Fun Facts

Calvin Coolidge was President

Gallon of milk cost 28¢

Automobile cost \$109-\$264

Dozen eggs cost 25¢

Average house price \$2,500 to \$3,000

Wheaties cereal and Milky Way candy bar were introduced

IBM was founded

Most popular boy's name was Robert

Most popular girl's name was Mary

Johnson & Johnson began mass producing Band-Aids and Kleenex

It was the beginning of the end for Texas KKK and its leadership

“Ma” Ferguson was elected the first female governor of Texas

Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act, granting citizenship to all Native Americans born in U.S.

The first crossword puzzle was published by Simon & Schuster

The Statue of Liberty was declared a National Monument

The first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France

Drumroll...April 1924, Leon L. Fechenbach dedicated the plat of the Forest Hills Addition, six miles from the city limits of Dallas. Forest Hills was established after World War I, coinciding with the advent of the automobile. When the model T became more affordable, people were drawn to the countryside and discovered a beautiful wooden bluff (Forest Hills) on the shores of White Rock Lake.

THANK YOU

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Dear Centennial Celebration Sponsors.

Your generous support will make our event a roaring success, transporting us to the glamorous days of 1924. We tip our hats in heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable contribution.

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REMEMBERING FOREST HILLS

Dear Forest Hills,

My name is Paul Oswalt and I grew up in the 8200 block of Forest Hills Blvd in the 1950's and 1960's.

At first my family (Mom, Dad, brother, sister and me) lived in a converted garage apartment from horse stables, behind my paternal grandparents (William & Mary Oswalt) at 8230 Forest Hills (1947-1991). Eventually Dad (Richard & Eiko Oswalt) had our home built in 1965 on the vacant lot at 8238 Forest Hills next to my grandparents'. My immediate family lived at 8230 and then 8238 Forest Hills from 1952-2001.

Forest Hills was a wonderful place to grow up. Our neighbors were doctors, veterinarians, dentists and appliance store owners. As kids, we rode our bikes everywhere. As I got older, we would bike to Casa Linda for kid's matinees at the Casa Linda Theater (1945-1999), Ashburn's ice cream, Skillern's Drug Store, Mott's 5 & Dime, Dallasan Record Shop and the Hobby Shop. I started first grade at Alex Sanger in 1956, the year it opened. My public-school education continued through W.H. Gaston and Bryan Adams. I remember good teachers, good friendships and days of innocence. I live in Denton now, but Forest Hills is where my heart is. I still think it is one of the best neighborhoods in Dallas.

Happy 100,
Paul Oswalt

The 8230 original home is no longer, but still a memorable site; 8238 remains. Mr. Oswalt was brought to you by Heather Allen, FH History Team member. Do you know a past or present resident, the team can interview for more nostalgic stories of our past? Contact judithkaywhalen@icloud.com

Throughout 2024, the Forest Hills History Team will continue digging into the neighborhood's past to preserve our place in history. See what has been uncovered so far. Travel in the Forest Hills Way Back Machine to view work in progress at this historic site.

- The Timeline to 100 provides a vertical display of key moments in time from 1924 to 2024.
- The Stories of Forest Hills delve into our history further and how our neighborhood has evolved and grown over the 100 years. From stories about our pioneers to who is responsible for the median benches, you can find entertaining and enlightening articles.
- Notable Neighbors looks at our origins as

a neighborhood, artists, actors, musicians, innovators and some colorful characters.

- Notable Homes profiles the first homes built in our neighborhood as well as oddities and architectural and engineering feats.

All residents are urged to join in celebrating this historic 100-year milestone, looking back into our past and forward to a future filled with continued growth and pride. Our beautiful trees define our neighborhood and our residents define the spirit of our community.

Please contact Judy Whalen judithkaywhalen@icloud.com with your stories about life in Forest Hills, memorable houses, notable present and past neighbors. Don't let our cultural artifacts get lost.



FOREST HILLS HISTORY PROJECT



t h e
**BIG
OLD
TREE**
contest
of Forest Hills

Do you have the biggest tree in Forest Hills?

Join us as we celebrate the giants that have stood the test of time!

Nominate a BIG OLD TREE. We want to find these treasures and acknowledge them. Pecan, American Elm, Cedar Elm, Live Oak, Red Oak, Chinquapin Oak, Chinese Pistache, River Birch, Magnolia and others. **Nominations will be measured by members of the Historical Tree Coalition.** Winners will be announced at our Centennial Celebration April 27th and designated on the White Rock East Garden Tour May 19th.

Contact Kathy Glenn at KathyGlenn@hotmail.com
and Louie Buckman at louiebuckman@gmail.com.



Not one of the oldest or biggest but one of our favorites.

In search of the **BIG OLD** Trees in Forest Hills



Jim Bagley uses an inclinometer to measure tree heights.

While searching for the stories from our eldest residents, history about our oldest homes and noteworthy events in Forest Hills over the past 100 years, one cannot think about Forest Hills without thinking about the Forest. They are the towering sentinels that have witnessed the passing of seasons decade after decade. With this thought in mind and the upcoming Centennial Celebration well underway along with the White Rock East Garden Tour, yet another project was born into an already extremely packed spring. With the help of the President of the Texas Historic Tree Coalition and a neighbor with long-time experience in measuring old trees the inception of the BIG OLD TREE Contest of Forest Hills was solidified.

For the past two months of Thursdays, President Marion Lineberry of Casa Linda Estates, board member Jim Bagley and members of the Garden Tour Committee have been out measuring Big Old trees. The committee members have driven familiar streets always taking different routes home to search front yards, back yards, alleys, medians and all along Garland Road, always looking up with keen eyes hoping to uncover a hidden giant right within our midst.

Many trees have been identified, measured and recorded. Finding the ancient Pecans, American Elms, Live Oaks, Red Oaks, Cedar Elms, Chinkapin Oaks, Magnolias, Ginkgoes, Sycamore and River Birches standing tall with gnarled branches and expansive canopies, has been a journey into our community. The reveal of our Big Old Trees will be on our Centennial Fair day, April 27th.

Grab a map and discover the Big Old Trees on a walk during the White Rock East Garden Tour.

“The Texas Historic Tree Coalition brings communities together by celebrating great old trees. People reflect and bond with each other in the shade of these beautiful living witnesses. Senior citizens relate to the events that make each tree significant, and younger people learn about history in a meaningful way. We bring history to life by telling the story these trees and the things they have lived through.”

-Texas Historic Tree Coalition

Welcome Newcomers!

8400 Block of Forest Hills

The Murray Family

8400 Block of Garland Road

Jonathon Lafuente

8200 Block of San Leandro

Donald Moskall & Ashleigh Pacewicz

8300 Block of San Leandro

Craig Dowis & Meredith Hastings

8500 Block of Santa Clara

Allen & Jenifer Gehrki

Apologies if we have overlooked anyone. Newcomers can be missed when move-in is delayed for remodeling or when a home is purchased directly from builder or previous owner. Let us know of any oversights.

Also, if you have just arrived or if you have a new neighbor, please contact us at fhnadallas@gmail.com with names/addresses, so we can extend a big welcome.

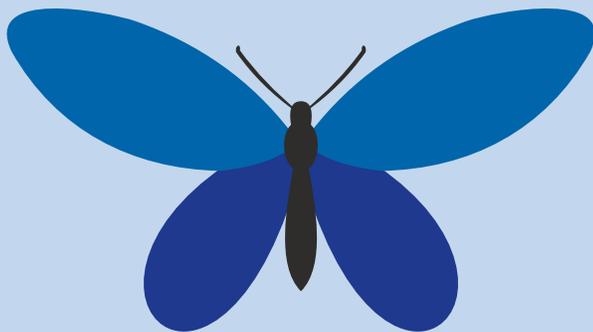
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Our Neighborhood Directory is crucial for Forest Hills' security and community, facilitating connections among neighbors. It allows registered members to alert others about various issues like broken sprinklers, car troubles, misdelivered packages, fostering a supportive community. Your information stays within the neighborhood, and you can choose what to keep private.

For more information and instructions go to foresthillsdallas.org/directory



Please be sure your FHNA membership is current if you would like to access the full directory.



Are you a social butterfly?

Do you like meeting new people? Do you love telling them all of the amazing things about Forest Hills? Then join our Newcomers Welcoming Committee!

We need people to help welcome new neighbors at Newcomers Events. Interested?

Contact us at fhnadallas@gmail.com.

FOREST HILLS SECURITY

Spring Cleaning 2024

In an effort to keep our signage up to date, FHSP will be coming by in April to pick up IN! signs that have the following dates:

2019 2020 2021 2022



Please do a quick **IN!** sign check and update your sticker by **March 31, 2024!**



RENEW OR JOIN TODAY!

Show Your Love Winners!



Congratulations to Shellie and Jonathan Stanley!

The winners of the FHNA Spring Membership Drive Drawing will enjoy a \$100 gift card to **Maya's Modern Mediterranean!**

THANK YOU to our 173 neighbors who participated in our Spring FHNA membership drive! Because of you, we were able to raise over \$11,480 so far this year. Funds from membership dues are used to beautify our common areas, fund social events, including the upcoming Centennial Celebration and Parade, as well as keep all of our neighbors informed of the wonderful things happening in Forest Hills through our publication of our quarterly newsletter.

It's not too late to contribute if you haven't had an opportunity yet. Just visit foresthillsdallas.org/membership and click the "Pay Here" button. Or you can always send a check to the address below. If you have any questions regarding membership, or want to check your 2024 membership status, please email us at fhnadallas@gmail.com.

Thank you to all for showing your love of Forest Hills!

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A WINTRY SUCCESS:

Après Ski Progressive Dinner

On the brisk evening of January 6th, a lively Après Ski progressive party unfolded across three neighborhood homes. The theme? A ski adventure in the heart of the neighborhood. The party originated as a surprise auction item at the security program fundraiser.

Guests arrived dressed for the cold, embracing the wintry theme. The neighborhood buzzed as friends mingled amidst the festive atmosphere and dashed through the cold from house to house.

Each stop offered delicious food and impromptu

home tours. As guests moved between houses, they also enjoyed a variety of cocktails and winter-themed concoctions.

The night concluded with new friends, fond farewells and anticipation for next year. Homes along the route were the Blacks, Mosses and the Leane and Magdziak's "Surf Shack," which also hosted the after party. Thanks to all for opening their beautiful homes and to Katie Cutri and Katie Levy for their meticulous planning.

FRIENDS OF THE WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY

Here's to Forest Hills 100-year celebration.

Preservation Dallas is thrilled to participate in the Constellations of Living Memorials pilot and acknowledges that restoring these sacred and historic sites to their original landscape enhances their physical conservation, reflects their prairie origins and highlights their sustainable qualities. Recognizing the Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery's commitment to authentic local natural and cultural history, Preservation Dallas realizes the great value of incorporating authentic native landscapes into historic sites where appropriate.

To celebrate, the Warren Ferris Cemetery has been chosen for a North Texas Master Naturalist new class project. Every year new class members are encouraged to work on selected projects of

their choice to expand their learning experiences. This year we have 17 new class members signed up for our project, to enhance the beauty of the boundary berms along San Leandro Dr. and Saint Francis St. by adding native plants that would provide seasonal color. The new design will not only provide a beautiful border to the cemetery for the enjoyment of the neighborhood and the Alex Sanger Prep School across the way, but it will be educational for those who want to add native plants to their properties and add a food source for pollinators and birds that rely on them.

We welcome anyone in our neighborhood wanting to learn more about native landscaping. We know many qualified native landscapers in the neighborhood. Reach out to us to learn more: julie@constellationoflivingmemorials.org.

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We can all do our part to optimize recycling in Dallas:

1) Don't bag your recyclables: just put them straight into the bin (loose and free, no blue bag, no liner)

2) Put these items in the blue bin:

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Plastic containers – rinsed
Milk cartons – rinsed
Glass bottles and jars – rinsed

3) Do not put these items in the blue bin:

Bagged recyclables
Plastic grocery bags & other soft plastic
Styrofoam, Clothes,
Plastic toys, Garden hoses

APRIL 20, 2024
12PM-5PM



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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

Don Hill

My wife, Deborah, and I bought our Forest Hills home in late 2018 and moved in early 2019 with our two teens. We had lived in nearby Hollywood Heights/Santa Monica since 2002 and knew that when we needed more space for our growing family Forest Hills was the ideal neighborhood for us. Our son, Bunker (Sophomore at Jesuit) and daughter, Breeds (8th Grade at St. John's Episcopal) have friends and schoolmates scattered through the neighborhood.

The location by the lake, the wide and deep lots, and most importantly the tall and numerous trees make Forest Hills unique among the many nice neighborhoods in Dallas. Since moving in we have added a black and white stray "tuxedo" cat we named "Forest" to the family. We rescued Forest as a small kitten directly from our front flower beds in 2020 when I noticed her stalking and eating bugs just outside my home office window. She is now a part of the family and routinely patrols the alleys of the 8200 and 8300 blocks of Forest Hills Boulevard and San Benito.

I had been fascinated with Forest Hills going all the way back to the 1980's when I completed my Army enlistment and started college. On occasion while passing by White Rock Lake on Garland Road I would take a detour through Forest Hills and think to myself "One day I'm going to live here!" In the years that followed, life took me to college in Denton, work in Ft. Worth then Carrollton, law school in Houston, and, finally, back to Dallas. After working at a couple larger law firms, I founded a small firm, Rowlett Hill Collins LLP, in 2006. Our small full-service firm provides



corporate, real estate, banking/finance and civil litigation services to our clients large and small.

We love living in Forest Hills and have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors, including the previous owners of our home, Marshall and Leigh Ann Hunt, who built their beautiful new home on the corner of San Fernando and Breezewood. We have even traveled for ski vacations with neighbors and their children. Deborah has been active on the Board of the neighborhood association, and we enjoy the many neighborhood events and activities. I especially enjoy making the monthly Forest Hills Car Club meets when I can to see the many unique cars and trucks, both antique and new. We can't picture ourselves living anywhere else!

Meet our Notable Neighbors

One section of the Forest Hills History Site is *Notable Neighbors*, where you will find news articles, photos and stories about past and present residents.

Scan the QR code to learn about them as well as the neighbor behind this famous local burger spot.



Did you know?



There are 103 property addresses in the neighborhood database without an e-mail address. Let's get these homes to "SIGN UP" for neighbor E-blasts and keep everyone up to date on events and important neighborhood news.

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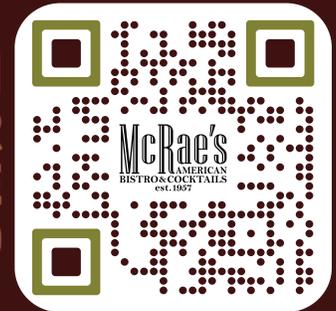
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Last year, I put flyers on everyone's doors looking for donations to support my Eagle Scout Project for Troop 70. I was amazed at the response. Thanks to your generous donations, I assembled and delivered more than 200 hygiene kits to the Austin Street Center. I also had \$850 leftover in cash donations, so I donated that, too.



In May, I was awarded my Eagle rank, and I will graduate from Jesuit this May and head to Colorado School of Mines this fall.

Thanks to all of you for your support!

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Yard of the Month

By Wendy Rettinger

January 2024

1417 San Rafael • Harry Morgan

Glorious

When driving into the neighborhood along San Rafael your eye is easily drawn to this grand and beautiful home. The yard is pure elegance and has an exquisite new brick path leading to the front door. Neatly planted hedges of holly frame each side of the property and there is an enormous Magnolia, quite the stunner, out front. This January's Yard of the Month is on the garden tour Sunday, May 19. Add the date to your calendar so you can see all his glorious gardens and be delighted.



February 2024

8247 San Fernando Way • Jacob and Ashley Moss

Nature's Playground

There is so much to look at and admire in this February Yard of the Month. Numerous garden beds frame this yard, starting at the curb, meandering along the driveway and side yards, and continuing into the lush backyard. A decorative tiled yard sign near the street is surrounded by perennials and bushes. The expansive front lawn makes a great playground for young kids and the chairs out front add a welcoming touch. The blooming Lily of the Valley and Daffodils are sure signs of spring. To discover more about this winner, please be sure to visit it on the garden tour on Sunday, May 19.



March 2024

8171 San Benito Way • Garrett and Valerie Adams

Soaking up the Sun

March's Yard of the Month is the first farmhouse built on the big lots of Forest Hills. Planted among the farmhouse style fence are heavenly bamboo bushes with bright red berries which complement the color of the home. The Tulip Magnolias are in full bloom, soaking up the sun and thriving in the warm, late winter weather. The Lily of the Valley decorates the front yard with charming small white flowers and more perennials are ready to bloom. Be sure to visit this home on the Garden Tour, Sunday, May 19 and see what else is blooming.





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