

Winter 2025

Forest Hills News

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Calendar of Events

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Saturday, February 8th - 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
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Saturday, February 22nd - 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Spring Fling and Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 13, 12-2 p.m.18

White Rock East Garden Tour
Sunday, May 420

Warren Ferris Cemetery Volunteer Days
First Saturdays – Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Street and Alley Clean-up (SAC)
Fourth Saturdays – Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22
10 a.m.

Bulky Trash

January – Set out Jan. 9
Collection Jan. 13 - 17

February – Set out Feb. 6
Collection Feb. 10 - 14

March – Set out Mar. 6
Collection Mar. 10 - 14

Please place all brush and trash on your own property according to the City of Dallas guidelines. Do not place debris on medians or common areas.

Spring 2025 newsletter articles and ads are due Saturday, March 1

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Hello Dumpling



June and her husband Tom have lived in the neighborhood since 2012

June Chow, the heart and soul of Hello Dumpling in East Dallas, has created more than just a restaurant—she’s built a gathering spot that also shares the richness of Chinese cuisine with its diners. Located at 1146 Peavy Road, Hello Dumpling is part of the vibrant Peavy/Garland Road intersection, which has become a thriving hub for food options.

Known for her warmth and community spirit, Chow is a friendly face in Forest Hills. She recently donated hundreds of her famous dumplings to the Centennial Celebration and personally served them, a testament to her dedication to our community. She is often found working behind the counter, greeting guests and ensuring each meal is crafted with care.



The modern space feels bright yet cozy, with a central communal table and thoughtful details that invite diners to relax. It’s the kind of place where families, friends and solo diners can feel at home, whether stopping in for a quick bite or settling in for a longer meal.

What sets Hello Dumpling apart is the labor-intensive, handmade care that goes into every dish. The dumplings

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NOTICE

**Don't Miss the Spring
Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, April 29
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Times Ten Cellars**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank You for Supporting Forest Hills—Stay Connected in 2025

As we start 2025, I want to say thank you to all who supported Forest Hills in 2024 through your membership dues and volunteer efforts. Your support allows us to hold fantastic events such as our Centennial Celebration and our Annual Tree Lighting. Additionally, it ensures we keep our neighborhood looking beautiful and keep you informed about all the things happening both in Forest Hills and the surrounding East Dallas area.

We love that you have chosen Forest Hills as your home and hope you take advantage of opportunities to engage with the FHNA and your neighbors. While we know everyone has busy schedules, we encourage you to read the newsletter, attend the neighborhood meetings and participate in events. Not only are they ways to keep informed and have fun, but they encourage connection among neighbors.

We also still have a few open board positions for Secretary, Membership and Communications. If you're interested in volunteering and making a meaningful impact, we'd love to have you join the team.

Happy New Year and all the best to you and your families!
Kathleen Davis

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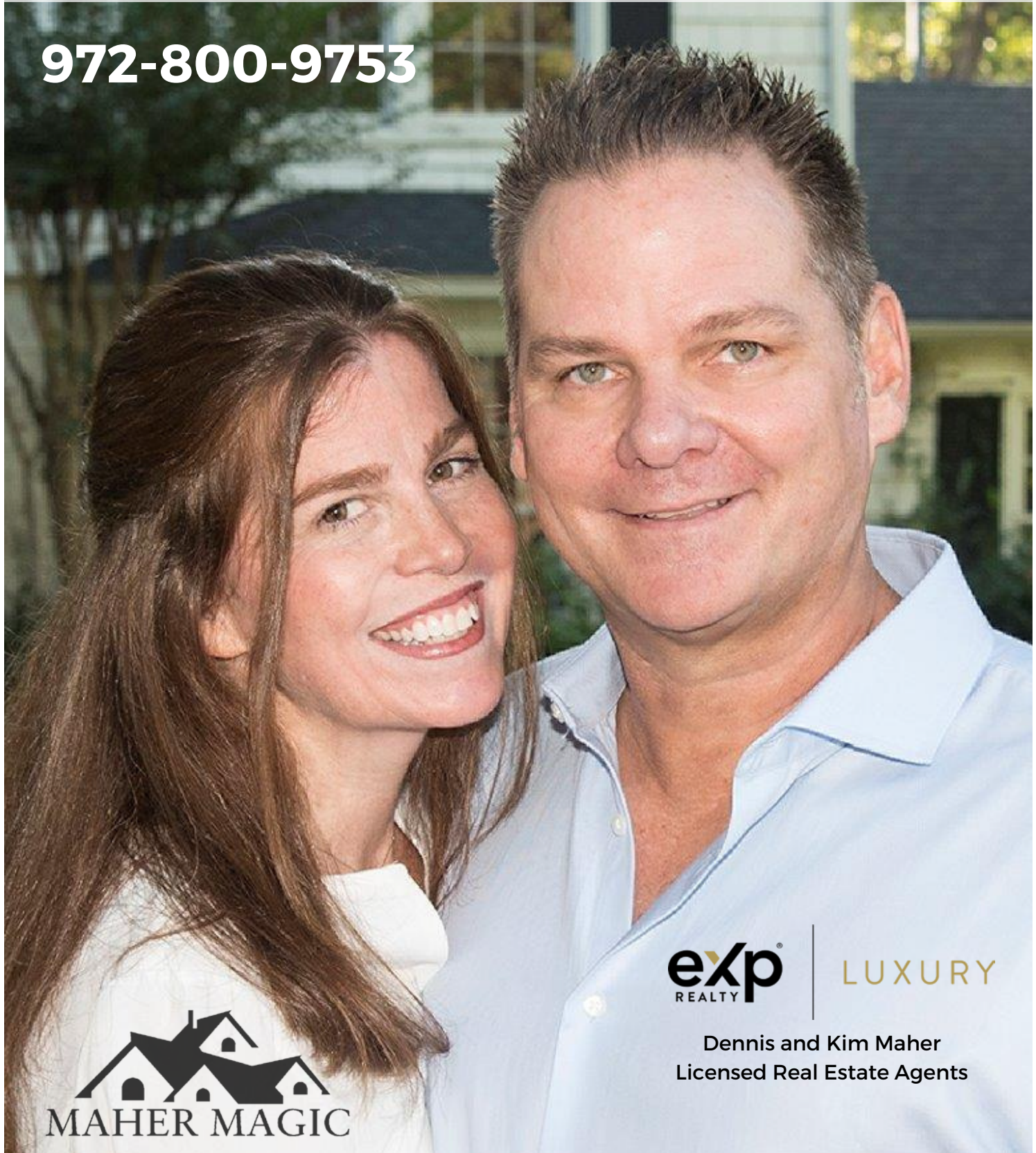
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2025 FHNA Membership Letter

From one celebration to the next

Pay your membership dues by Mardi Gras for a chance to win.

Dear Forest Hills Neighbors –

The celebration of the Forest Hills Centennial gave us all a chance to appreciate the rich history, beautiful architecture and wonderful neighbors that Forest Hills has had over the last 100 years. As we all embark on creating history for the next 100 years, I would like to reflect on the importance of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association.

The Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA) was established to promote the social welfare of the community. Although FHNA dues are voluntary, we still hope that individuals will choose to pay because they understand the value the association brings to the neighborhood. The payment of dues also grants individuals access to our online directory making it possible to easily connect with neighbors.

Please consider showing your support of our neighborhood association by paying your 2025 dues. While participation at any time is always appreciated, contributing at the beginning of the year allows us to best plan for the upcoming year. To encourage early participation, we will hold a \$100 drawing to a local restaurant for all who contribute by March 1st, 2025.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making this such a wonderful place to live.

Warmest regards,
Kathleen Davis

To pay your 2025 FHNA dues

Annual Dues - \$75

Over 65 Household Annual Dues - \$45



Or you can mail your check (payable to FHNA) to:
Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
PO Box 180897, Dallas, TX 75218
Dues are not tax-deductible

THANK YOU 2024 Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members!

Thank you to all the wonderful and generous neighbors who showed their support of the neighborhood by paying their 2024 FHNA membership dues. To express our gratitude, we will have special events for those households who have paid their dues including a Thank You event for those who paid in 2024. We could not do this without you.

Below is a list that reflects payments between January 1st and December 1st, 2024. If your name doesn't appear as you'd like it to, or has been incorrectly omitted, please let us know by emailing fhnadallas@gmail.com.

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Linda & Rob Westerberg
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Melodie Young
Meredith & Ian Zapata



Fall Meeting and Election Results

Our Fall Neighborhood Meeting took place on Tuesday, October 8th, hosted at Times Ten Cellars. The main event of the evening was the annual election followed by updates and catching up with neighbors over good food and wine.

We are thrilled to introduce the newly elected officials: Kathleen Davis, who has served in various board positions, as President; new board member Mark Fulmer as Vice President; former Vice President Alicia Alvarez as co-Social Chair along with new board member Meg Lohr and Larry Heller as Treasurer.

Thank you to returning board members and community liaisons. These roles are time-consuming and beneficial to all who live in Forest Hills. Because of these volunteers our streets are more beautiful, cleaner, safer and friendlier.

Membership, Secretary and Communications positions are still open. If you're interested in joining our team, please reach out to any current board member. Join us in serving our neighborhood.

Two Groups, Two Goals One Neighborhood



Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA)

foresthillsdallas.org

PURPOSE: Enhances the community spirit through neighborhood beautification, social events and ongoing communication.

- Plans neighborhood social events
- Disseminates neighborhood information through print and electronic communications
- Manages beautification projects
- Provides neighborhood and community updates regarding construction, planning and zoning

Voluntary Household Dues

January sign-up - Annual

\$75

\$45 (65 and over senior discount)

501(c)(4) non-profit, non-tax deductible contributions

Board of Directors bi-monthly meetings

Semi-annual neighborhood meetings



Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP)

foresthillssecurity.org

PURPOSE: Provides education and security supporting personal safety and crime prevention.

- Enlists off-duty uniformed officers to patrol 65 hours/week in DPD vehicles.
- Provides Home Watch for current members while they are away.
- Monitors/tracks crime stats and trends to schedule patrols.
- Educates and informs via newsletter, signage, website, eblasts and social media.

Voluntary Dues Contribution

January 23 sign up - Annual

(1-23 IN campaign) - Multiple levels

Ring of Honor: **\$1,000** Platinum: **\$750**

Gold: **\$500** Silver: **\$300**

501(c)(3) Non-profit (EIN# 75-3123662)

Board of Directors quarterly meetings

Support both neighborhood organizations.



**Pay FHNA
Dues**



**Donate to
FHSP**



FOREST HILLS CENTENNIAL PARADE AND FAIR A ROARING SUCCESS



By Susan Bailey

Originally planned for the spring but rescheduled due to weather, the Centennial Parade and Fair landed on the perfect day, October 26, with beautiful skies and mild temperatures.

Nearly 500 neighbors came together for a gorgeous day of celebration that felt like a step back in time to the era of jazz, flappers and old-time fun.

The day kicked off with a fantastic parade of vintage cars, kids and characters, thanks to Denny and Lori Hunt rallying our own Car Club. Becky Bordelon created a billowing sea of green and white decorations that set the festive mood, while Anna Allegro Helms wowed with a scrumptious cupcake display shaped like our iconic Forest Hills tree.

The kids were busy with the Midway games and carousel, and the aroma of popcorn and cotton candy filled the air as neighbors enjoyed old-time carnival games. The leisurely mingling of neighbors added to the nostalgia of a different time.

Over at the Speakeasy, a cozy tented 1924 lounge, vintage vibes were in full swing with Bees Knees, Mojitos, Iced Irish Coffee and beer from Wim Bens' Lakewood Brewing Co. Katie Cutri entertained the crowd with her lively Charleston lesson for a group of enthusiastic beginners while the Singapore Slingers transported us back in time with swinging jazz.

Judy Whalen and Preservation Dallas shared a beautiful and fascinating display of Forest Hills history, while Charlotte Golden-Barbera shared her costuming expertise with attendees for fun photo opportunities. Karl Chiao read the mayor's commemorative proclamation and Forest Hills teen Lila Matthiesen belted out the Star-Spangled Banner to appreciative applause.

The food was just as memorable. June Chow's Hello Dumplings was a crowd favorite, and Elizabeth Descarpentries with Waste Warriors led a stellar waste-reduction effort. The day ended with only 1½ trash bins of compostable paper and two recycling bins of aluminum cans. By using 5-gallon water kegs instead of bottles and reusable signature cups, single-use plastic waste was significantly reduced.

This incredible event would not have been possible without the hard work of more than 30 volunteers and numerous generous sponsors. Special thanks to Kathleen Davis, Rakhi Patel and Diana Nelson, who spent over a year brainstorming, planning, managing communication and building our Centennial Store. It was an absolute pleasure to serve as the event chair.

Prizes were won, smiles were abundant and our beloved community was celebrated in grand style. Imagine how proud our neighbors from 100 years ago would be to see our celebration of this beloved community!





Celebrating Neighborhood Support

A special Member Appreciation Event was held at Lounge Here on Garland Road for all neighbors who paid their 2023 association dues. The event brought together over 65 neighbors who enjoyed delicious food, refreshing cocktails and wonderful company.

This gathering is a heartfelt way to recognize and thank those who generously contribute to the neighborhood's success through their financial support.

Neighbors who have paid their 2024 dues will receive an invitation to the next appreciation event later this year. Be sure to pay 2025 to receive an invitation to future member events.



Caught Doing Good

Judy Myers was spotted at North Park Center ringing the bell. She's such a kind and friendly neighbor, it's no surprise she's an ambassador for the Salvation Army.

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Sewer Bypass Remains Stopped



The project to bypass a section of City sewer under Garland Road by creating a 4,300 ft. by 30” diameter sewer pipe loop under San Fernando Way from Garland Road/ St. Francis Avenue to Garland Road/ San Rafael Dr. remains stopped. The project began in May of 2022, excavating a series of 40- foot deep shafts by 24 feet in diameter to allow a horizontal tunnel to be excavated between them and a new sewer pipe installed.

The project has been plagued with work stoppages and delays mostly attributable to conflicts related to meeting project specifications and delay of payments between the principal contractor and its sub-contractor, who was actually doing the daily work. The project was stopped in early 2023 and was resumed in September of 2023.

Work stopped again in February of this year.

There has been an attempt to resolve the dispute and stoppages through the City Attorney office and the surety bond

company. At present the work is approximately 60% completed. The City Engineer’s office has re- opened the bid process in hope of finding a new contractor that will complete the project and restore traffic circulation on San Fernando Way. Authorization will be considered at the December 11, 2024 meeting of the City Council. Should this be successful, work is projected to resume in February of 2025 and to be completed in the summer, 2025.

Garland Road Traffic Barrier

Texas Department of Transportation is currently working to replace the temporary water- filled safety barrier between southbound lanes of Garland Road and White Rock Lake Pedestrian Trail with a permanent concrete wall. Work is being performed by IBCTX, Inc. and will cause the closure of the rightmost lane of SB Garland Road. Installation of this wall is the response to safety concerns of users of the trail after two out- of- control vehicles slid off the road surface and crossed the trail in 2022. The project is projected to be completed in March, 2025

For more information, please refer to the online “District 9 Newsletter” that is available for subscription at:

<https://lpconstantcontactpages.com/iCaMblc>



**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

- Garry Brown



Forest Hills Lights Up: Holiday Tree Lighting

This year's Forest Hills Tree Lighting event was truly one for the books! A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all the participants, volunteers, and contributors who made it such a magical celebration. Events like this wouldn't be possible without the incredible efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Their hard work and commitment brought this holiday tradition to life, and we are so grateful for the do-gooders in our amazing neighborhood who made it happen.

The Christmas Bazaar was a standout feature, with talented vendors like Kent Fine Chocolates, Prickly Pear Pantry, Dirt Dog Design, DebArtology, and Seema Christensen Pottery showcasing their unique crafts and goods. Attendees enjoyed delightful hot chocolate and coffee provided by El Porton at Casa Linda Plaza, tasty bites from the Dallas Grilled Cheese Co. food truck, and fun for the kids on the Choo Choo Express of Dallas.

The kids' area was a highlight of the evening, thanks to the help of local Forest Hills Ursuline volunteers.

The Letters to Santa station was particularly popular, and we're happy to report those letters made their way straight to the North Pole!

Special thanks to Regis Hayes, our talented local photographer from Purpose Driven Visuals, for beautifully capturing the spirit of the evening. Keep an eye on your inbox for access to all the photos from the event.

No Forest Hills Tree Lighting would be complete without a visit from Mr. Claus himself, who added an extra dose of cheer to the festivities. Connecting with new neighbors and catching up with familiar faces made the event all the more special.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this year's event a success. Together, we've built a tradition that embodies the warmth and vibrancy of our community. Let's continue this beautiful legacy for years to come. Wishing everyone a safe and joyous holiday season!





Forest Hills Security Meet • Connect • Unite

Report a Crime Or Concern: Suspicious Behavior

You can help protect Forest Hills by learning to recognize and report suspicious activity. Prompt and detailed reporting can help prevent crimes. Suspicious behavior can be any action that is out of place and does not fit into the usual day-to-day activity of our community. For example, you see someone looking into multiple vehicles or homes or testing to see if doors are unlocked. If you witness behavior that concerns you, call 9-1-1.

See Something. Say Something.

- Sergeant Meghan Bailey, #9511

Forest Hills is a beautiful neighborhood filled with wonderful people. Unfortunately, not all of Dallas is like your neighborhood. Potential criminals will always drive through your neighborhood to case houses looking for an easy theft, whether it's stealing lumber from a construction site or a package off a doorstep, or just because it is a quick cut-through. When you see something that just doesn't look right, **PLEASE call 9-1-1. Report it!** I assure you that this is not a "waste of time" or a "silly call."

I'd like you to be reminded of the saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil." Your neighborhood does not have many scheduled police patrols. If you see something suspicious, call 9-1-1. Give the DPD a reason to get a squad car to drive around Forest Hills. Make the wheels squeak a little!

Be safe and have a very happy 2025!
Sgt. Meghan Bailey, #9511



In September 2024, the FHSP delivered keychains to all neighbors to promote National Night Out and to increase awareness about the difference between these two emergency numbers.

- **Call 9-1-1**, if you are reporting a crime occurring in your present location.
- **Call 214-744-4444**, if you are NOT in Dallas County and you are witnessing a crime occurring in Dallas. For example, you are out of town and you see suspicious activity on your home security cameras, or a neighbor has alerted you to suspicious activity on your property.

FOREST HILLS IS BREWING!

SAVE THE DATE
10-17-25
Filter Building
Details to follow.

For more information on reporting crime, please visit our website at: www.foresthillsdallas.org/reporting-crime/.

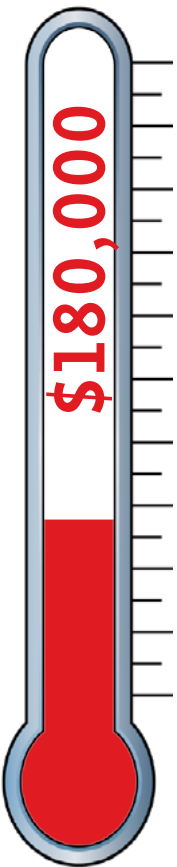


It's As Easy As 1-23!



Help FHSP maximize patrol hours, increase police presence and deter crime in Forest Hills.

Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) is a program authorized by the Dallas Police Department (DPD) in which neighborhood organizations, like the Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP), hire armed, uniformed, off-duty police officers to patrol their neighborhoods. Successful ENPs require a great deal of effort, time and money to operate on an annual basis. **Your contributions to the FHSP 1-23 fundraising campaign directly affects the number Off-Duty DPD Expanded Neighborhood Patrol hours our neighborhood can provide and rely upon in 2025.**



WHY \$180,000 IS OUR GOAL IN 2025

Monthly costs to operate the Forest Hills Security Program 501(C)(3) non-profit organization

- **Current # of patrol hours x cost per patrol hour**
260 monthly average (65/week) x \$50 per hour* = **\$13,000**
 - **Monthly average rental cost of Dallas Police car and gas: \$800**
 - **Other expenses** \$1,000**
- TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$14,800 X 12 MONTHS = \$177,600**

* A 2022 review of 14 surrounding area ENP programs revealed that FHSP competitively compensates its ENP officers.

** Other expenses include Home Watch routing software, tax accounting software, signage (alley & IN!), e-blast subscription, bank processing fees and insurance.

Forest Hills Security Program is a volunteer board that receives zero (0\$) compensation for all time and effort spent operating the Home Watch schedule, developing and executing education programs and communications.

Request a copy of our 2023 Federal Tax Form 990 at support@foresthillssecurity.org.

NEW in 2025

- Minimum dues change from \$240 to \$300....1st increase since 2003!
This equates to paying approximately 82¢ per day for a safer Forest Hills.
- Home Watch Program: All members paying voluntary dues of \$300 or more receive NO LIMITS to either the number of times OR consecutive days that you can request Home Watch benefits.



TO JOIN IN, SCAN ME!

Annual Membership Levels	Ring of Honor...	\$1,000	Check: Forest Hills Security Program (FHSP) P.O. Box 180693 Dallas, TX 75218 Credit Card via PayPal: www.foresthillssecurity.org Payment Inquiry: support@foresthillssecurity.org Home Watch Request: homewatch@foresthillssecurity.org
	Platinum	\$750	
	Gold	\$500	
	Silver.....	\$300	

Tax Deductible - FHSP is a 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Organization. EIN# 75-3123662



Building a Safer Forest Hills

Highlights from National Night Out

Thank you to all who attended National Night Out and the FHSP Security Summit.

The Forest Hills Security team organized another fantastic event to celebrate community and safety on October 1. More than food and fun, this year featured a Security Summit led by FHSP and DPD Officer Gabriel Ortiz.

The informative security presentation held at Alex Sanger Preparatory School illustrated how to deter crime and to build a safer more alert neighborhood.

National Night Out is more than just “meet your neighbor;” it’s an opportunity to strengthen relationships between residents, local law enforcement and first responders, helping us unite against crime. It’s always a pleasure to meet the dedicated officers who work tirelessly to protect us. Please contribute to FHSP and support the safety of all Forest Hills residents through extended neighborhood patrols.



FRIENDS OF THE
WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY

Constellation of Living Memorials - Winter Update



Friends of the Warren Ferris Cemetery expands its reach through the Constellation of Living Memorials two-year pilot program.

Forgotten cemeteries aren't just neglected spaces—they can become hotspots for drugs, vandalism and environmental issues that degrade property values. The Constellation of Living Memorials (CLM) addresses this issue by reclaiming and transforming these places. Featured in *The New York Times*, CLM models how abandoned cemeteries can reconnect us to our roots and communities, become ecological sanctuaries, enrich local economies, create jobs and attract visitors.

As Garret Boone, co-founder of The Container Store, says, "How exciting for CLM to be at the forefront of this transformational movement!"

Since its launch in November 2023, CLM has added five cemeteries to its initiative, working to turn them into wildlife habitats and community spaces. With support from the Texas Historical Foundation (\$30,000) and Eugene McDermott Foundation (\$50,000), the program is revitalizing Dallas's cultural and natural heritage.

What We Achieved in Year 1

Five Historic Cemeteries Enlisted

CLM's pilot includes Oakland Cemetery, Western Heights Cemetery, Albert Carver Cemetery, Beeman Cemetery and W.W. Glover Cemetery.

Recognition and Awards

CLM was honored with the SMU Texas Impact Enterprise Award and featured on the Texas Impact Map Hub.

Community Partnerships

Collaborations with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension programs brought in Master Naturalists and gardeners to guide conservation efforts and community education.



Halloween at the Ferris Cemetery, kids learn about nature in the Wildlife Sanctuary

Cultural Preservation

A \$30,000 grant helped fund an archaeological report at Western Heights Cemetery and educational programs led by preservation experts.

Citizen Science

Volunteers are gathering cemetery biodiversity data, with findings set to be shared in a 2025 report.

What's Coming in Year 2

Measuring Impact

We're creating a framework to measure CLM's effects on the environment and community. This includes listening circles, biodiversity monitoring and health assessments led by experts like NASA physicist Dr. David Lary.

Youth Native Flora Propagation Program

Local students will help restore native plants, gaining skills in ecology and climate action while contributing to healthier communities.

Public Art

Partnering with local museums and cultural organizations, CLM will showcase history, nature and diversity through public art. The initiative will support local artists and raise awareness about CLM's mission.

A Documentary to Inspire

Building Constellations, a visually stunning documentary, will tell the story of how abandoned cemeteries can become ecological sanctuaries and community treasures. Look for it on EarthX TV.

Join us as we grow this movement.

Contact Julie Fineman for more details. Julie@ConstellationofLivingMemorials.org or 213-700-7481



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Please join us for our annual Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt. Lots of fun for the kids with Easter egg hunts for the younger and older kids. The Easter Bunny may even hop by... More details to come in our monthly eblasts. For questions or to volunteer, please email fhnasocial@gmail.com



Welcome Newcomers!

8300 Block of Santa Clara
Jeffrey Saenz

8500 Block of Santa Clara
Paul & Cindy Sokal

8300 Block of San Cristobal
Sean & Melissa Henry

8100 Block of San Leandro
John & Virginia Clark

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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Love Our Trees? Let's Keep Them Thriving in Forest Hills

Looking down the tree-lined streets of Forest Hills, we can all appreciate what trees do for our neighborhood. From aesthetics to shade, trees offer so many benefits. Sometimes it's easy to forget that just like our homes, trees need regular maintenance and care. Additionally, trees will age and eventually will become diseased or die and will need to be removed. Unless we take an active role in the maintenance and planting of trees, our urban forest will start to disappear.

Tree Maintenance and Care

As homeowners, we know that regular home maintenance helps to prevent larger expenses down the road. An old, leaky roof could lead to water damage and other repairs if not promptly attended to. As much as we don't like to think about these expenses, this is the cost of home ownership. In the same way, trees need regular maintenance and care to help stave off further issues down the road. Engaging a certified arborist who can walk your property and make recommendations on an annual basis can help with maintaining the trees on your property. Additionally, an arborist will know the proper amount to trim your tree, advise on the best time of the year for tree trimming, give guidance on tree nutrition, and make suggestions on types of trees you can plant in your yard based on our climate, placement, and desired size. It's important to engage an expert when trimming trees who really has the health of the tree at heart and knows what improper trimming can do to a tree. We would encourage each of you to take an active role in tree maintenance on your property.

Tree Planting

Just as important as maintenance, active tree canopy

planning and planting will help ensure that trees that eventually die or are removed will not result in a decrease to our urban forest. It takes time for a tree to grow to a size that makes a noticeable impact to our canopies, therefore, forethought and planning are at the center of tree canopy retention. Did you know the City of Dallas has a reforestation program where it provides trees to be planted on city property? As our neighborhood medians are city property, in the coming months, we will have volunteer days where neighbors can help plant new trees in the medians of Forest Hills. Come join us for this fun event that will make an impact in our neighborhood. Stay tuned for dates as we get closer to spring!

The Neighborhood Forest Overlay Program

The City of Dallas allows neighborhoods to implement Neighborhood Forest Overlay programs which are focused on tree preservation and the maintaining of tree canopies within the neighborhood. It's a useful tool in our efforts to maintain the urban forest in Forest Hills as it encourages thoughtful decision making around the removal of trees. We encourage you to attend one of our upcoming educational sessions so that you may learn about the program and decide if you feel this would be something our neighborhood should implement.

Educational Sessions will be held at the White Rock Hills Library located at 9150 Ferguson Road on the following days/times:

Saturday, February 8th - 10am-12pm

Thursday, February 13th - 6:30-8:00pm

Saturday, February 22nd - 10am-12pm

SAVE THE DATE

White Rock East Garden Tour May 4, 10a-5p

The Garden tour is Forest Hills Neighborhood Association's biggest fundraiser. Be a part of this fun, busy Sunday by volunteering, touring nine beautiful gardens in three distinct neighborhoods or perusing the artwork and treasures of over 60 artisans. The plant sale at the Casa Linda Park returns to inspire and the Warren Ferris Historic Cemetery takes us back to another time right here in Forest Hills.

Sign up to volunteer in March and join us in May. What a fun and easy way to support our neighborhood beautification efforts. For more information visit, www.WhiteRockGardenTour.org

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Community as healer, let your garden grow free, find out how climate change will affect our world



One reflection from me

The ball hit the concrete and bounced funny. Love-15.

This summer, Christophe and I started playing tennis most evenings at St. Francis Park. The tennis courts are surrounded by pecan trees, providing some shade from the Texas sun. We got to appreciate this park as a neighborhood treasure. It is alive with squirrels and birds, soccer practice, pick-up basketball, family cookouts and dog walkers. We had a birthday party there for our 17-year-old son in October, “Picnic and Pickleball in the Park.” Christophe grilled hamburgers and Louis’s friends sat around the picnic table chatting, drinking cokes and eating potato chips until the sun set.

The pecan trees added another element to park life and our tennis games. The squirrels drop nuts all over the courts, which can cause interference with the ball. People come out with shopping bags sifting through the leaves to collect nuts. When Louis requested a pecan pie for Thanksgiving, I knew I would not go to Tom Thumb to buy a package. Instead, Elsie, my old hound, and I walked over to the park one morning and collected a bag full of pecans. It brought back memories of the goal-less collecting of childhood. Hedge apples, buckeyes, acorns and other non-edibles that asked to be collected simply by being there.

I learned from a couple I met on the courts that collecting pecans is a Texas tradition. Now that my eyes are open, I see there are pecans everywhere in Forest Hills in November. What a gift this activity is of hand collecting and cracking nuts.

Take a walk down to St. Francis Park and experience its sublime beauty.

Two Quotes

1. Craig Foster, director of the documentary My Octopus Teacher (on Netflix. Watch it!)

“We all do things that aren’t great for the planet, let’s face it. I’ve never met a single person who doesn’t. So, we kind of need to come together as a community and reconnect with this massive, extraordinary heritage and then uplift so many of our lives. We don’t need so many of the things from the tame world. It’s wonderful to enjoy some of them, but by giving up and sacrificing some of those things, we can actually create a much better life for ourselves in many ways.”

Source: *Tim Ferriss Show*, #735

2. Landscape designer Edwina von Gal on allowing your yard to change and be free.

“Get your landscape out of the Spanx because it’s stuck.”
Source: “*Edwina von Gal on Gardening as Antidote*,” *Time Sensitive with Spencer Bailey*, June 25, 2024, S9E115



Question for you

A small group of Waste Warriors got together in October to learn more about what is ahead as our climate changes at a faster and faster rate. What is really happening? What kind of world will our children and grandchildren be living in? What can we do as individuals to make a difference?

“The Week” is a group experience to get informed about climate change and create more consciousness about our power as people in community to do something about it. Learn more at theweek.com.

Would you like to participate in The Week? I would love to organize another experience for anyone who is interested. Please text me at 505-688-9051 or email me at elizabethlylekinhead@msn.com, if you’d like to join a group in the new year.



Stay Safe: Be Visible While Enjoying an Evening Walk

1. Stick to Sidewalks

They are sporadic but, whenever possible, use sidewalks. If there aren't any, walk or jog as far off the road as you can.

2. Face Oncoming Traffic

Always walk or jog on the left side of the road so you and drivers can see each other clearly.

3. Stay Aware

Avoid distractions like headphones or texting.

4. Make Yourself Easy to Spot

Wear light or reflective clothing, hats or gear to stand out in the dark.

Carry a lantern or flashlight and keep it moving so drivers notice you.

5. Teach Kids to Stay Safe

Help children understand these safety tips and the importance of being visible and alert while walking or jogging, especially during darker hours.

Your Experts *Around the Lake*



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Spreading Cheer

For the fifth year in a row, we came together as a neighborhood community to show our appreciation of the service and dedication our sanitation crews deliver us every single week.

Here's what we did together:

- Gave 50 crew members \$160 Walmart gift cards, candy, personalized notes, and pet supplies
- 122 Forest Hills families participated
- \$8,705 donated

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made it happen!

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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT Hello Dumpling

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and noodles are made from scratch, each one a testament to the love and effort poured into the menu. Diners can choose from a variety of dumpling options (eight to an order), including pork with Napa cabbage, chicken with mushrooms, fish with green onion, beef with carrots and onions, shrimp with zucchini and a vegetarian option. The menu also features delicious noodles, comforting soups, fresh salads and teas. The catering menu is just as broad; especially appealing is the 100-dumpling party pack option.

A second location at 8041 Walnut Hill Lane, offers the same welcoming atmosphere and handcrafted menu that has made it a favorite.

Epitomizing the spirit of a neighborhood eatery: it's affordable, inviting and rooted in the community it serves. Whether you're a regular or a first-time visitor, June Chow's restaurant offers more than just a delicious meal—it's a place to feel connected and experience authentic Chinese cuisine close to home.



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Yard of the Month

By Wendy Rettinger

October 2024

8463 Santa Clara Dr • Tom and Wendy Rettinger

In Full Fall Bloom

Luckily, the scorching Texas heat did not last too long this summer. The cooler fall weather really helped the flower beds in this YOM winner's yard explode with color. The yellow coreopsis, multicolor lantana and purple and white gomphrenas were in full bloom in addition to the sweet alyssum and Angelonia. The bright orange pumpkins leading up the brick stairs and scattered amongst the planter beds add plenty of fall color and spirit. A trio of newly planted Live Oak trees and Magnolias keep this yard colorful throughout the season and a welcoming porch complete with rocking chairs and a porch swing offers the perfect spot to stop by and have a chat; please do!



November 2024

8515 San Benito Way • Brian and Jennifer Mier

Fall Delight

The air is cooler and crisper, the leaves are changing color, and this Yard of the Month winner has a beautiful display of pumpkins, gourds and chrysanthemums to enjoy. Their yard has a relaxing seating area in the front where one can take in all the beauty and especially enjoy the colorful vincas. More festive fall décor and a firepit add the perfect location to hang out with friends and family. There is so much color and delight in this yard and in our neighborhood; make sure you get out and soak it all in.

December 2024

8145 San Benito Way • Tony Miketinac and Luanne McNulty

Haul out the Holly

Sing along: "For we need a little Christmas, right this very minute, candles in the window..." nothing's more satisfying than driving around Forest Hills listening to Christmas music and looking at all the holiday decor. December's YOM has lighted wreaths hanging from the windows, garlands draped around the front porch and an array of lights lining garden beds and wrapped around trees. They also have fantastic landscaping including lambs' ear, asparagus ferns, leopard plants, bears breeches, exceptionally healthy hydrangeas, planters with round boxwood balls, several Japanese yews and a Japanese maple tree. May you experience joy and love this holiday season with friends and family.





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