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Association Calendar

- April 17, 2012 - Association Meeting
- June 11, 2012 - Articles Due
- July 17, 2012 - Association Meeting

Update from the Editor

It has always been a pleasure being a part of Little Forest Hills and the newsletter. Thank you for the opportunity. Please send those articles! Thanks,

Maeleska

LFHNA General Meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:00 pm White Rock United Methodist Church 1450 Old Gate Lane

Why not join us for the next LFHNA General Meeting? We have invited the following speakers:

- Leslie Halleck - Northaven Gardens and former LFH resident
- John Stanley - Edward Jones Financial Advisor
- Darrell Wood - Volunteer In Patrol (VIP) in East Dallas

Leslie Halleck will be sharing gardening ideas and planting tips for the upcoming months. She will also discuss their new Garden Coach program.

John Stanley will be providing us an economic update with his presentation entitled "Investment Perspective."

Darrell Wood has been involved in the Volunteer In Patrol (VIP) program in East Dallas and would like to share some of their success stories.

Local Committee Chairs will provide an update on recent and upcoming events.

In addition, come learn about the planned improvements for Casa Linda Park.

We really need your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to our Neighborhood. Are there additional activities you would like to see? Perhaps a group that checks out new dining venues in East Dallas, or a kick-ball league?

Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

2012 White Rock Home Tour Benefitting Hexter Elementary

The 7th annual White Rock Home Tour is a two-day fundraiser that will be held April 21 and 22. This home tour is the area's only local one to feature modern architecture. One of our very own Little Forest Hills homes will be featured on the tour this year. The White Rock Home Tour is run entirely by volunteers and all proceeds benefit Hexter Elementary, a DISD school. Tickets to the tour can be purchased in advance at The Green Spot, White Rock Coffee and neighborhood Tom Thumb stores. For more information, please visit www.whiterockhometour.org.

Newcomers Message

The weekend of January 14 and 15 marked the beginning of 2012 distribution of neighborhood information packets packed with homemade cookies for our new neighbors who recently moved to Little Forest Hills

Kim Vowell, Susan Remele, Robin Gay, Marilyn Rynearson, Delta Shuman, and Minok Suh answered the call for action by personally making the "welcome to neighborhood" distribution of goodies or baking cookies. There were sixteen packets delivered which seems to be the average per quarter of newcomers to our area. As a point of interest, we have noticed the demographics of Little Forest Hills seems to be changing to young families and/or first home owners. These demographics have been consistent for the last few quarters.

Plans are underway for the second quarter distribution which will take place in April. Volunteers are always welcomed. Each quarter throughout the year committee members bake cookies which are delivered with "Welcome to the Neighborhood" packets to new residents (home owners and renters). It offers an opportunity to personally greet and visit with new residents and inform them of the many events Little Forest Hills offers and how they can get involved. If you have a new neighbor or would like to get involved by volunteering for this committee please give us a call or email with information to:

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The Presidents' Message

Denise and Max Davis

Spring is FINALLY here (we hope)! East Dallas is really hopping this year. Here are a few upcoming activities:

The Little Forest Hills Funky Fielders have started their spring league and will be playing coed softball at Fair Oaks Park on Sunday afternoons. Check the LFH website for dates and times.

The East Dallas Garden Tour is scheduled to take place on May 20 and as always, Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda and Forest Hills will each have three gardens on the tour. Please volunteer to assist with this very worthwhile event by contacting Mike Schmitt at: Michael.schmitt@sbcglobal.net.

The LFH 4th of July Parade is scheduled for June 30th beginning at 10:00 am! This is a fun time for both children and adults. For more information, go to: <http://lfh4thofjulyparade.webstarts.com> or send an email to lfh4thofjulyparade@gmail.com. Kevin and Kim Vowell are our new parade coordinators and they are looking for volunteers to assist them with the parade.

On June 16th the White Rock Hills Library will hold a grand opening and will have a parade starting at 10:00 am at 9150 Ferguson Road (staging area will be at the White Rock Church of Christ parking lot). With the theme of "Dreams Come True," children are encouraged to dress in Disney-type-character costumes. We are looking for volunteers to help with this fun event. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies, supervise a bounce house, or help with set up or clean up. If you are interested, please contact us at (214) 404-6892 or maxdavis1950@gmail.com or denise2389@gmail.com.

Have you wanted to get more involved in our neighborhood? If so, please consider volunteering for one of the many committees listed in this newsletter or one of the upcoming events listed in this article.

Little Forest Hills has a new website located at: www.littleforesthills.com. Thanks to Susan Remele for creating this website.

Enjoy the spring weather and the many upcoming events!

Max and Denise
LFHNA Co-Presidents 2008-2013



LFHNA has a Google Group!

Group Name: *Dallas_LittleForestHills*

Want to Join? Send an email to:

lfhmembership@gmail.com

Patty Mance - VP Membership

Please include the following:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

New to LFH?

What is a Google Group?

A Google Group is a central message posting center that automatically sends out messages/posts to the members of the group.

An email address is required and membership in the group is restricted to LFH Residents.

Stay up to date with LFHNA news
in between newsletters!

Walking is a great way to start your day and a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors!

Some Little Forest Hills residents have started a friendly and convivial walking group. They meet each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at 5:45 a.m. at the corner of San Benito Way and Tavaros.

Walks consist of a 45-minute trip throughout the Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates neighborhoods. However, the group also welcomes individuals who are only able to walk for thirty minutes.

Anyone interested in participating is welcome to contact **Clare Snow** at **214.327.8127** or at ClareSn@tx.rr.com.

Little Forest Hills ANIMAL ALERT

Pet Registration Form

☐ Cat ☐ Dog ☐ Other

Date: _____

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Address: _____

Phones: H - _____ W - _____ C - _____

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Pet Descriptions

Animal's Name: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Age: _____

Breed: _____ Color: _____

Size/Weight: _____ Identifying Marks: _____

Wears a Collar? ☐ Yes ☐ No Description of Collar: _____

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Is animal Registered? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes - What City? _____

Microchip? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Temperament: _____

Should strangers show extra caution in approaching your animal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes - why?: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Location: _____ Phone: _____

If animal is injured - will you accept responsibility for veterinary charges? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your signature: _____

Any known medical problems? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is your pet on any medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes - what? _____

return form to: Maeleska Fletes, 8726 Santa Clara Dr., Dallas, TX 75218

CASA LINDA: The Better Park Project

by Kim Vowell

In 2005, the original Casa Linda Park Committee, a group dedicated to the enhancement and beautification of the park, wrote and applied for project assistance through the City of Dallas to upgrade our park. The committee, headed by the Little Forest Hills Park Liaison, Susan Remele, developed a proposed plan of improvements such as new playground equipment, jogging trails, a new pavilion, landscaping, water fountains, and signage for the 7 acre park. By working with the city, the committee succeeded in obtaining new landscaping, new signs, water fountains and improved basketball courts.

Unfortunately as of October 2011 the playground area at Casa Linda Park has been condemned.

Initiated at the last LFHNA meeting and prompted by four months of having chain link fence around the playground, a renewed interest in park improvements has brought together several residents of LFH and Casa Linda Estates. Their desire is to work together, work with our community and work with the city to revitalize the park.

With this increased interest a new organization, Friends of Casa Linda Park, was formed with a plan of picking up where the Casa Linda Park committee left off and a desire to fulfill the ideas envisioned years ago.

Most recently, representatives of Friends of Casa Linda Park attended a city council meeting on Thursday, March 1st with District 9 council representative Sheffie Kadane. The goal was to gain improvements on the outdated playground equipment. The committee succeeded in persuading the city to reallocate the 2006 Bond Money for new playground equipment that was scheduled to go towards other improvements in the park.

The current goal is to update the original park master plan to fit the changing needs of our growing and diverse community. This process will build upon existing ideas for park improvements and generate new ideas to revitalize the park and strengthen it as an asset to the community. The original 2005 plan has been uploaded to www.littleforesthills.com for you to view.

At this point the obstacles we face are purely financial. The City of Dallas would consider matching funds towards our park endeavors with a future bond program, but money still remains a threat. Your support is critical to the success of this project. If you are interested in joining this committee and participating in the process, please register at our website <http://friendsofcasalindapark.com>.

Whether your looking to jog around the park, work from the pavilion with access to WiFi, interact with a fellow neighbor or entertain your grandchildren at the playground, it is time for us to all come together and give Little Forest Hills and the surrounding neighborhoods the park it deserves. We look forward to working with you and making our dream a reality.

4th of July Parade 2012!

Plans for the 2012 Little Forest Hills Independence Day Parade and Picnic are underway!

Let's join together to celebrate the most American of holidays.... the 4th of July! The LFH parade is set to roll on June 30 at 10:00 a.m.

This event is always a fun time for both participants and spectators. Although it is geared toward children, we all know the adults and animals have just as much fun!

Thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors who have helped to make this event a success in the past. We look forward to using your service again this year. As we already know the parade is made possible by Volunteers like you!

For questions, comments, and volunteer opportunities, visit the parade website at <http://lfh4thofjulyparade.webstarts.com> or send an email to lfh4thofjulyparade@gmail.com. We will contact you as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you!

Thank you,

Kim and Kevin Vowell
2012 LFH Parade Co-chairs



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GARDEN TOUR 2012!!

The time is coming soon for the annual White Rock Lake Garden and Artisan's Tour in May of 2012. We need 2 volunteers to agree to have their yard on tour this coming year. If you don't think you are ready yet, you probably are pretty close and we have some wonderful volunteers that can help you get ready. If you have a neighbor who you think would be a good yard for the tour, please call or email me and I will be glad to approach them. We will also need to depend upon other Little Forest Hills residents to volunteer as yard-sitters, ticket-sellers, plant sale volunteers, plant sale growers, as well as other needs. Please send me an email or call if you'd like to volunteer to help with any of these duties. This is our biggest and most fun fundraising event of the year!

Mike Schmitt
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VOLUNTEERS of the YEAR

In 2009 we selected our first Volunteers of the Year. We continued that tradition in 2010 and 2011.

The 2011 results are **Pam Proctor** and **Mike Schmitt**.

Pam chairs the Newcomer Committee and works with the Fix-It-Folks, among all her other volunteer duties.

Mike is a Past President of the LFHNA. He has been the Arboretum Liaison, the Lakeshore cleanup chair, manages the distribution of the LFH newsletter and headed up the 2012 officer nomination committee.



Gardening Tips - Walton's Garden Center

- If you haven't already done so, now is a good time to prune trees, shrubs and other perennials.
- Consider container gardening. Many artful and creative containers planted with annuals and trailing vines can create a visual stunning effect in your garden. Some suggestions for containers are ceramic urns, wrought iron planters and galvanized tubs, depending on your style.
- Consider a water feature, using ceramic urns. Walton's can offer many helpful suggestions along these lines.
- Good organic mulch and recommended applications of organic fertilizer will keep you beds and lawn strong and lessen the stress on your garden during the upcoming hot months.

Have you seen a car, with a flashing light, driving slowly around Little Forest Hills? Maybe a magnetic sign on the side of the car?

It could be our "**Volunteers In Patrol**" (VIP). These are trained individuals, patrolling through the neighborhood looking for suspicious activity.

They may take photos of suspicious cars or persons, and then call 911. They may try to contact you if they find your garage door open or your car trunk open.

They are helping keep crime out of Little Forest Hills.

If you would like to participate in the VIP Program, or would like more information, please contact our LFH VIP Coordinator:

Albert Barbosa
barbosa_albert@yahoo.com
214-893-9188



Treasury Report

Neighbors: As you know, the neighborhood association relies heavily on the voluntary payment of dues to finance the activities and donations that benefit the neighborhood as a whole. Without such, there would be no Forth of July parade, no Funky 4-K race, no contributions to our neighborhood park, no funds to be able to do the activities that our neighborhood prides itself on.

If you have not paid your 2012 dues (\$15 per household and \$5 for Senior-Citizens), and would like to be a member to help contribute to your neighborhood, please send your check to:

LFHNA
C/O Todd Ramsey
8915 San Benito Way
Dallas, TX 75218

With each new newsletter, I will be disclosing the year-to-date expenses that our neighborhood association incurs in order that you know the benefit of your voluntary dues. The expenses incurred since January 1, 2012 are as follows:

Expense	
Administrative	
Presidents Fund	65.00
Appreciation Dinner	235.71
Answering Service	33.09
Total Administrative	333.80
Committee Expenses	
Website	120.00
Fix It Folks	183.49
Newcomers	24.89
Newsletter Distribution	44.40
Newsletter Printing	832.07
Treasurer	206.23
Total Committee Expenses	1,411.08
Total Expense	1,744.88

If you have any questions or concerns, I welcome your feedback and can be reached at todd.ramsey@me.com. Let us continue to make this neighborhood one of the best places to live in the Dallas Metroplex. Your Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association support is invaluable!

Proud 2012 Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members (as of March 6, 2012)

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Fix It Folks Stay Busy

Since our last newsletter we have taken advantage of this wonderful weather and zipped around the neighborhood taking care of residents with minor home issues. We have cleaned gutters that were overflowing, adjusted locks on doors that wouldn't shut after the latest rain fall, climbed a roof to remove a fallen tree branch, built a walking bridge over a deep ditch, and replaced a dangerous front step that was just waiting to break someone's ankle.



Pam Proctor cleans overhead guttering.




Scot Williams, Jim Folgers, Joe Beaudette, Mark Davis and Marilyn Rynearson brave the cold.

I'm very happy to say our team has grown a bit this year as a result of the LFHNA membership campaign and it's been great fun seeing a new face show-up here and there for a work day. We would love to continue to grow so we can do even more projects so if you have a bit of spare time please come out and join the activities. We would also appreciate any donation you can make by purchasing one of our raffle tickets for \$10 benefiting our materials fund. Our You win, You choose Raffle is coming to a close so you need to purchase soon. And, if you know any elderly or handicapped residents that need our help call me at 214-327-5508.



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I am interested in volunteering for the following committee(s) or goals:

Events:

Ongoing Neighbor Participation:

Spring: Garden Tour Committee _____
Summer: 4th of July Parade Committee _____
Fall: Funky 4k Run Committee _____
Winter: LFH Holidays Committee _____
Garage Sale Committee _____
National Night Out Committee _____

WRL Shoreline Cleanup / Median Cleanup _____
Volunteers In Patrol / Crime Watch _____
LFH Funky Fielders Baseball Team _____
Fix it Folks Volunteer Crew _____
Welcoming Newcomers / Cookie Baking _____
Newsletter Distribution _____

I'd like to help with:

Casa Linda Park ____ Local Artists ____ LFH Animal Alert ____ LFH Website ____ Sanger Elementary ____

THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ALEX SANGER ELEMENTARY

by Kelly Kemp

Alex Sanger Elementary School has been nestled in the heart of the Forest Hills community and surrounded by the beautiful neighborhoods of Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda for over 50 years.

Alex Sanger Elementary School offers: music, art, technology, physical education, TAG testing & programming and a unique Dual Language Immersion program. For the facts on dual language immersion: <http://alexsangerelementary.org/dual-language-immersion-program>



After-school programs include: choir, boys' and girls' soccer and basketball, track and field and math Olympiad as well as on-campus, YMCA after-school care.

The Alex Sanger Choir is preparing to perform at the Sandy Lake competition again this year on May 15th; they are eager to defend their FIRST PLACE win from last year!

Alex Sanger teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Dry, hosted Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Dallas Mayor Pro

Tem Pauline Medrano and Board of Trustee Bruce Parrott at the Promise of Peace Community Garden as Congresswoman Johnson launched her new healthy food initiative! She brought this important initiative to Sanger with the "Keepn' Our City Green," school-wide celebration which launched with a tree planting ceremony on March 30th.

The students assisted: The Texas Tree Foundation staff, TXU Energy, Keep Dallas Beautiful and representatives for Eddie Bernice Johnsons and Kenneth Sheets in the planting of 4 fruit trees in our school garden. The new garden mural created by local artist Travis Rex and the student Garden Club was unveiled! You MUST stop by and see the garden and inspiring art! THANK YOU TRAVIS, WE LOVE IT!

On another note, after a career that spanned nearly 20 years at Sanger, Principal, Dr. Larry Allen has retired. Per DISD policy, an interview panel comprised of parents, teachers and central staff members is being assembled to select the new leader to begin his/her role as Sanger Principal for the 2012-2013 school year!

If you have any questions regarding Sanger Elementary and all the many other ways you can volunteer your time (Teenagers welcome too!) to our community school please e-mail: sangerart@gmail.com.

LIKE us on Facebook at Alex Sanger ECPTA for all the great updates and pictures of things happening at Sanger!

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Fall Funky 4K Fun Run & Kid's Race

by Frank & Debra Cortese

Attention Walkers & Runners!

The casual run, walk, crawl, stroller pushing, dog/cat/chicken participating, costume wearing event just for the funky fun of it, is coming to the neighborhood once again this fall!

Where: Casa Linda Park

When: A Saturday afternoon in October or November (keep an eye on the website www.LFHfunky4K.com for exact date to be announced!)

Why: To get active & have fun with our neighbors while raising funds for LFHNA and LFH Animal Alert.

What: A 4K fun run open to all levels. After the run, participants enjoy food and live music at the park!

Once again, be sure to check the website www.LFHfunky4K.com for details as they become available and for special group training opportunities for LFH residents from Tri-Now endurance.

If interested in volunteering or serving on race committee, please contact: Debra@Tri-Now.com
See you this fall!

Frank & Debra Cortese



Trash Talkers

by Karin VanSlyke

The Little Forest Hills Trash Talkers has been a busy group the last few months! Thanks to all our great volunteers who have been picking up (and talking) some trash at our adopted shoreline at White Rock Lake. There was even a post pick up

breakfast at Good 2 Go Taco after a very chilly Saturday morning in February.

We appreciate all our Trash Talkers who have helped out so far in 2012. The January Trash Talkers were: Bill Walker, Mike Schmidt, Les Bewley, Jack Bewley, Callie Bewley, and Max and Denise Davis. The February Trash Talkers were Kay McKinney, Susan Remele, and David and Debbie Self.



Are you interested in volunteering? Email lfhtrashtalkers@gmail.com for more information.

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- FACT:** The most popular site to begin that search is Google, followed by Yahoo and then Bing.
- FACT:** The number one site for "White Rock Lake Real Estate" is www.WhiteRockLakeProperties.com on each of the top 3 search engines.
- FACT:** [WhiteRockLakeProperties.com](http://www.WhiteRockLakeProperties.com) is totally geared to White Rock Lake Real Estate, with information on neighborhoods surrounding the lake, a map of the lake, community information and the ability to search the entire MLS system.
- FACT:** [WhiteRockLakeProperties.com](http://www.WhiteRockLakeProperties.com) receives an average of 157 hits per day and has a 30% bounce rate. This means that 70% of visitors stay on the site and look at additional pages other than the home page.
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Garden Gab – Spring 2012

Buds, blooms and new, green growth are a refreshing sight, but who could have expected a display so early in this year?

Spring-blooming Bulbs: Many of our spring blooming bulbs have already come and gone. Do not cut the green growth down to ground level. Let them wither naturally as the bulbs will absorb nutrients as they go dormant. When the majority of the green portion of the plant has turned brown, you can then trim the growth down to ground level.

Annuals and Herbs: Each year I like to remind you that many flowers and plants are actually edible! A few to try as garnishes or as an attractive addition to salads are dill, nasturtiums, calendulas, ornamental cabbage and kale.

Plant parsley! Keep an eye out for hungry caterpillars. Your first thought might be to rid your garden of them. But I recommend that you don't. The rewards of allowing them to feed will be an increased population of butterflies in your yard. I even plant Italian parsley which the fuzzy critters seem to love. They eat it the parsley plants down to nothing, but once the caterpillars have had their fill, the parsley comes back stronger than ever. Keeping a bird bath filled with water will encourage the butterflies to stick around.

Also consider planting rosemary, basil (which come in a wide variety) and other herbs for a tasty, tasteful garden.

Caution: If you use any pest control aids, be sure to wait the prescribed period of time before eating.

Seedlings and Bulbs: April is also the time to plant bulbs and seedlings you started in pots or flats. Be sure to keep them adequately watered, as this month can be rather dry, but who knows this year? Garlic and onions are also a useful and can be artful additions to your garden. Use a good mulch to conserve moisture.

Caladiums add a wonderful spot of color and charm. Daylilies are also a colorful addition; as they mature, they can be separated to expand your display. Many varieties are now offered that continually bloom.

Smart Planting: Consider adding perennial Texas native trees, plants and grasses to your landscape scheme. Salvias come in a variety of colors and adapt easily to our long hot summers.

Texas has one of the largest amounts of native plants that can be used for landscape purposes in the United States. We have vast amounts of plants to choose from, and many landscape styles to choose from. Native is not just cactus and rocks, though that is beautiful as well, it is also layers of green, vibrant flowers, season long blooms and winter evergreens. Soft, lush, vibrant! They are drought tolerant, low maintenance and a good investment as well. Here is just one of many good sites that can serve as a reference, complete with pictures to help you plan: http://wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=TX_central

Things to Do: Unfortunately, warmer weather means an increase in weeds and pests. Keep 3-4 inches of good mulch in your beds. The good news is that mulch means less watering.

Lawn Care: If your lawn becomes too dry this month, by all means begin watering. Fertilization is important this time of year as well, if you are hoping for a truly lush, deep green lawn. Remember to water the fertilizer in well after application. If weeds are a problem, and they usually are here in north Texas, apply a weed and feed weed-control aid or use organic weed control methods. I am the organic weed control at my home: I pull them out. Mowing will become a regular job this month. Make sure your mower blades are sharp, and mow as needed. Consider a mulching mower.

As the weather warms, your plants and lawn will need more frequent watering (less if you mulch). Soaker hoses are good to use where practical. Keep up with regular fertilizing for fabulous color and growth!

Take time to care for your lawn and garden. You will enjoy many months of incredible beauty that adds pleasure to your life and value to your home. We may have to carry on despite street construction and unpredictable weather, but it's worth it.

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2012**

APRIL

Apr 7th Put out Bulky Trash
Apr 14th 8:00 AM 2nd Saturday Shoreline
Cleanup at White Rock Lake
Apr 17th LFH Association meeting

MAY

May 5th Put out Bulky Trash
May 12th 8:00 AM 2nd Saturday Shoreline
Cleanup at White Rock Lake

JUNE

Jun 9th Put out Bulky Trash
Jun 19th LFH Board meeting

JULY

Jul 7th Put out Bulky Trash
Jul 17th LFH Association meeting

AUGUST

Aug 3th Put out Bulky Trash

SEPTEMBER

Sep 8th Put out Bulky Trash
Sep 18th LFH Board meeting

OCTOBER

Oct 6th Put out Bulky Trash
Oct 16th LFH Association meeting

NOVEMBER

Nov 10th Put out Bulky Trash

DECEMBER

Dec 8th Put out Bulky Trash

JANUARY

Jan 5th Put out Bulky Trash

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