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# Little Forest Hills NEWS

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## Association Calendar

April 17, 2012 - Association Meeting

June 10, 2012 - Articles Due

July 16, 2012 - Association Meeting

## Update from the Editor

This year is flying by! Thank you all for submitting articles. We have lot's of neighborhood news! Best neighborhood is East Dallas. Thanks,

*Maeleska*

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

The LFHNA General Meeting is focusing on "Education" this quarter. We have invited the following speakers:

- Dan Micciche – Dallas School Board
- Jason Sellers - Alex Sanger Representative
- Sandra King – White Rock Hills Library – Branch Manager

Dan is new to the Dallas School Board, but has a great vision for all the schools in the city of Dallas. Dan is the board member from District 3, which includes Alex Sanger and many other neighborhood schools. Don't miss his presentation.

Jason Sellers is a representative from Alex Sanger Elementary School. He will provide an update on the many changes taking place at our local elementary school.

Sandra King is the newly assigned Branch Manager for the new White Rocks Hills library on Ferguson Road . (near Buckner). Sandra will be talking about the new library and all the activities, including the Grand Opening that occurred on June 16th.

Local Committee Chairs will provide an update on recent and upcoming events, including the Garden Tour (May) and Fourth of July Parade.

We really need your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to our neighborhood.

Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

### 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](mailto:ClareSn@tx.rr.com).

## Newcomers Message

The weekend of April 14 and 15 marked the second quarter distribution of cookies and neighborhood information packets to our NEWCOMERS, who have recently joined our precious Little Forest Hills community.

First, a big SHOUT OUT to the wonderful volunteers on the Newcomers Committee who took the time and shared their culinary skills by baking cookies and that would be; Robin Streff, Amy Galley, Delta Shuman, Adrienne Barrett, Minok Suh, Jennifer Holmes, Liz Knight, Rhonda Warren and Laurie Gatlast. A special thanks to Marilyn Rynearson and Jennifer Holmes who made the distribution of packets and cookies.

Each quarter the Newcomer Committee receives information from neighbors and realtor listings of addresses with new occupants (renters & buyers) to Little Forest Hills. Volunteers on the committee bake cookies that are included with information packets then delivered personally to the addresses with a warm "Howdy" and "Welcome". If you would like to get involved and participate contact either:

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

### AUGUST

Aug 9th Put out Bulky Trash

### SEPTEMBER

Sep 6th Put out Bulky Trash

Sep 18th LFH Board meeting

### OCTOBER

Oct 4th Put out Bulky Trash

Oct 16th LFH Association meeting

### NOVEMBER

Nov 8th Put out Bulky Trash

### DECEMBER

Dec 6th Put out Bulky Trash

### JANUARY

Jan 10th Put out Bulky Trash

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## The Presidents' Message

Denise and Max Davis

Summer is a very busy time in Little Forest Hills. The Garden Tour in May led us right into the Fourth of July Parade. Articles on both of these activities are included in this month's edition.

The LFH Funky Fielders completed another season. We had several new team members in the 2012 Spring League. Everyone had a great time, even when the temperatures were near 100 degrees. After taking the summer off, the team will return for the 2012 Fall league, later in the year.

The LFH Fix-It-Folks will be very busy, thanks to a generous donation from the estate of Thelma and Bill Walker. If you are interested in joining the Fix-It-Folks, contact Linda Calvert. Her contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

Renowned artist Dale Chihuly brings his dramatic sculptures and installations to the Dallas Arboretum. The exhibits will be on display through November 5, 2012, with limited showing in the evening. Check out their website for details at [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

With summer, comes a potential increase in criminal activity. Keep an eye out for unfamiliar vehicles or persons in the neighborhood. Lock your home and car doors. Watch out for any suspicious activity at your neighbor's home. Stay safe.

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.

Keep up to date on the activities in Little Forest Hills, at the website:  
*[www.littleforesthills.com](http://www.littleforesthills.com)*.

Enjoy the Summer,

Max and Denise  
LFHNA Co-Presidents 2008-2011



## 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 Fourth 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 or \$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:

If you have any questions or concerns, I welcome your feedback and can be reached at [todd.ramsey@me.com](mailto: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!

expense	
Administrative	
Presidents Fund	65.00
Meeting Expense	
WRUMC Facility Rental	400.00
Total Meeting Expense	400.00
Charity/Donations	
Animal Alert	350.00
Total Charity/Donations	350.00
Appreciation Dinner	235.71
Answering Service	33.09
Total Administrative	1,083.80
Committee Expenses	
Website	120.00
4th Parade Expense	404.18
Casa Linda Park Dev.	132.00
Fix It Folks	369.64
Four K Run	150.00
Newcomers	24.89
Newsletter Distribution	89.40
Newsletter Printing	1,664.14
Treasurer	206.23
Total Committee Expenses	3,150.47
Total Expenditure	4,334.27

**Proud 2012 Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members**  
(as of June 7, 2012)

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Billie Freeman  
Carl McFarland  
Carla Martin  
Carlos Capistran and Victoria Kean  
Carmen Wright  
Cathryn Hopkins  
Cathy Reeves  
Charles and Susan Thompson  
Charlotte Kleinfelder  
Cherry Harrison  
Cheryl Axley  
Christina Ahumada  
Colleen Sims  
Constance Chantilis  
Crispin Reedy  
Cyrus Zafrani  
D. K. Russell McClelland  
Damon and Debra Griffin  
Dana Bergman  
Daniel and E. Jane Guajardo  
Daniel Gearner  
David and Brenna Smith  
David and Debbie Self  
Dejan and Angela Perge  
Dick and Dorothy Philbrick  
Don and Karen Van Slyke  
Doug and Gail Smith  
Drew Stewart  
Dwayne King and Amy Bynum  
Dylan and Jessica Malek  
Esteban and Jesse Davila  
Eva Linda Cooper

Frank and Debra Cortese  
Fred Gleber  
Gabe & Piper Duarte  
Gary & Dawn Shuman  
Gary Sinclair  
George Hunter  
Jackie Wiley  
James and Sarah Kuchera  
James and Susan Folger  
Jan Bates  
Jan Carter  
Janet Jardin  
Jason and Alandra Adams  
Jeffrey Abrams  
Jeffrey and Natalee Morse  
Jennifer Adams  
Jerry and Denice Elliott  
Jim and Donna Mason  
Jo Fetterman  
John and Janet Kote  
John Dreiling  
Jose and Mrs. Cabrero  
Judy Mongello  
Karen Fox  
Karla Marie  
Kathryn Hurn  
Kathryn Knickerbocker  
Kay McKinney  
Kim and Kevin Vowell  
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 Michael and Paula Schmitt  
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 Patricia Parrish  
 Patty-Joan Hines  
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 Penny Sondecker  
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 Randall McGee  
 Richard and Leslie Casey  
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**LFHNA has a  
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## 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 LF-HNA news  
in between newsletters!

## Little Forest Hills Resident Brews Award Winning Beer

*by Karin VanSlyke*

Little Forest Hills resident Don VanSlyke can now call himself an award-winning brewer. On March 24, he attended the 2012 Bluebonnet Brew-Off, the largest single site homebrew competition in the country. Home brewers from across the United States submitted over 1800 beers in 44 categories.

Don always figured that he brewed some pretty good beers, judging by the positive feedback he received from friends and neighbors who had sampled his concoctions over the previous months. He had to pick his jaw off the floor, however, when his name was called several times during the award ceremony. Don's beer won first place in the Kolsch category, second place in the Pilsner category, and first place in the New Entrant category.

Don started brewing beer just a little over two years ago, after a trip to Germany left him craving the fresh quality of the beer he tasted there. He learned quickly and is always striving to improve on his recipes. Brewing beer appeals to Don because the process allows him to integrate chemistry and culinary skills, and of course, to enjoy the results with friends!





## So Long Sweet Bill

by Linda Calvert

As many of you know the Fix It Folks lost one of its biggest volunteers, Bill Walker, last April. At the age of 82 he stayed involved in our activities and remained a valued contributor to our efforts constantly.

We will miss him miserably as time passes because it was always a lift in everyone's spirits to see Bill saunter out of his car toward our job site and come slowly walking up to us to start the day's work with a hug. A hug that could last for several minutes and rock from side to side with a verbal song to accompany the experience. Now I have to say those were saved for the girls mostly, and I suspect that we women knew that all along, but coming from that sweet loving man we gladly succumbed to the magnet this man possessed. That is a hug that will indeed be missed and remembered.

I can't say enough good things about the gentle man I got to know after his house fire and continually stayed in contact with until the very end. Bill and I spent countless hours driving the streets of LFH doing the "B-Team" work for the Fix It Folks laughing & playing like children as we went about our work. When the "small stuff" came around Bill and I loved the excuse to get together, get out our tools & supplies, and pretend we were the one's destined to correct a windows' sill see page or a door knobs tightening. We also imagined the reason we got along so well was that our birthdays were just 2 days apart and therefore, the zodiac signs surly had an impact on the fun we could find to get into.

He was a dedicated supporter of the 4th of July parade and spent days getting ready for the fun event that offered him another chance to ride one of his recycled bicycles around, and once we were formed Bill began brandishing a Fix It Folks sign on the back.

His love of Little Forest Hills was evident in his willingness to show-up for every event and that love spilled over to the Fix It Folks when it came time to leave us. Bill left all contents of his home, plus his car to The Fix It Folks, and as many of you know by now, we have just finished the estate sale that was more lucrative than any of us could have ever imagined. We owe a depth of gratitude to Bill for this support & unexpected gift that will help sustain us and possibly allow for growth in the future. We will remain dedicated to his memory and utilize his monetary support to help others as he dreamed we would.

I'm truly happy to say Billy Fred Walker was a valued and loved friend of mine that I will miss every day. The entire team of the Fix It Folks is saddened by the void left by the passing of this gentle, smiling soul that deeply touched every one of our hearts.



## Selling is the Theme

by Linda Calvert

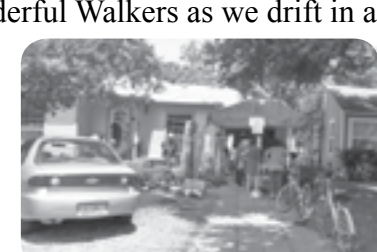
June 8th thru 10th the Fix It Folks hosted the Thelma & Bill Walker Estate Sale at their home on San Benito. Named a "Whale of a Sale" once the styrofoam whales were found in the garage. From that point it took on that name and a momentum that never slowed down.

A hardy round of BRAVO to workers **Connie Powell, Marilyn Rynearson, Mike Schmitt, Joe Beaudette, Mark Davis, Pam Proctor, Susan Folger, Michael Chappell, Max & Denise Davis, Sandra Mitchell, Vince Montemayor, Ann Albers, Minok Suh, Julie Bangle, Connie Stokes, Karla Marie, Kris Hundt, & Wendi Powell.**

All proceeds were a gift to the LFHNA Fix It Folks to help in the funding of projects.

A special thanks to everyone that purchased, worked, or just stopped by to view the fun and the action.

Although it will be hard to imagine anyone else residing in this famous house with such a special history attached to it, it will soon be sold and we will have new neighbors to meet and welcome into our midst. A sweet goodbye to the wonderful Walkers as we drift in a new direction.



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# DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM

IT IS WITH SINCERE PLEASURE AND GREAT PRIDE THAT HOMES FOR DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM (H4DOF) ANNOUNCES THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW HOMES IN LITTLE FOREST HILLS.

DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM (DOF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that was formed to support our troops that serve so honorably protecting The United States of America. The primary focus has been support to those on the battlefield, emergency aid when they come home, and help them to adjust to civilian life. In this email I have included the web site for DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM.

HOMES FOR DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM (H4DOF) is a natural outgrowth of supporting the soldiers on the battlefield and now at home where they get very little help from our government. Together all of us can do something very special and very much needed. Our intention is to build homes for our Heroes now and into the foreseeable future. We really believe in this opportunity to help these special individuals one on one.

The homes will be built for severely wounded and disabled veterans, who served honorably in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their families. The homes are given mortgage free.. A committee selects the Hero and his or her family from an unfortunately long list of individuals, who have sacrificed so much for our country. The homes will be built with donated funds and in kind gifts of labor and materials.

Our first two homes will be built side by side in Little Forest Hills at 8714 and 8718 Diceman. One home will be approximately 1850 sq feet and the other home will be approx 2030 sq ft. Both will be modified to accommodate the specific needs of the recipient and his or her family.

The market value of each completed home will be between \$300,000 and \$350,000. The wounded veteran and his or her family will receive the home totally free of any cost. It is a “hand up”, not a “hand out”.

We will be building the houses with no additional cost other than the lot, materials, and labor. There shall be no over-head costs, administrative fees, or cost for supervision. 100% of EVERY DOLLAR donated shall go directly towards building these homes. In addition, the builder will be donating significant funds and will absorb all over-head costs, administrative fees, and the cost of a superintendent.

The web site for DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM: [www.defendersoffreedom.net](http://www.defendersoffreedom.net)

I know times are tough; however, any problem we may have can't begin to compare with the issues of a veteran coming home from the battlefield having been severely wounded, and/or disabled and having to rebuild a life that is so different from the one they left on the way to war.

We hope that everybody that lives in the area will become a part of this effort and welcome our Wounded Warriors to the neighborhood. It is a unique opportunity to say thank you to an individual who voluntarily put his life on the line to ensure our freedom and liberty.

Please come by and get involved. We will keep you posted on when actual construction begins. In addition, you will all be invited to a LFH neighborhood party to meet our new families when framing is complete. Finally you will be invited to the ceremony when we all welcome our new neighbors and hand over the keys.

We would appreciate your tax- free donation of, \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50 or any amount you choose. Your check can be sent to HOMES FOR DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM, 706 Stratford Lane, Coppell, Texas 75019, or you may donate on line at [www.defendersoffreedom.net](http://www.defendersoffreedom.net)

I am sure that we who build and provide money, materials and labor for these homes will receive enduring satisfaction from the smiles on the faces of our Deserving Heroes when they move in their new homes.

We will always be grateful for your support, and be assured that these homes will be built with love, respect and gratitude.

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## July 4th Parade

by Kimberly Vowell

Thanks to the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association for sponsoring this year's 4th of July parade. The team from Fire Station 19 lead the parade through the neighborhood before coming to a stop at Casa Linda Park.

Along the way, spectators welcomed the many parade participants by cheering them on and waving American flags. Some of this year's participants included a firetruck, an antique fire truck, an old World War 2 jeep, other antique cars and trucks, a red caboose, a ducky car and a “flying” surrey with airplane wings. The parade was complete with wagons, bikes, strollers and walkers.

Many organizations within Little Forest Hills and the surrounding community were represented. Kids from Alex Sanger showed their Stallion Pride. For the Love of the Lake and the “LFH Trash Talkers” participated in this years festivities. The Fix-It-Folks had a float with a tribute to Bill Walker (1930 - 2012). Miss Texas State Photogenic, Little Miss Victory, Promise of Peace Community Garden and the Woodrow Wilson Drill Team also participated.

The post parade event at the park included a pet, kid and adult friendly affair featuring watermelon, apple pie, icy pops, water, entertainment, music and an awards ceremony.

The Dallas Tap Dazzlers put on an amazing performance following the parade as well as the Drill Team from Woodrow Wilson. Thanks to Hank Black and the other performers for providing live music.

A special thanks to the sponsors for their donations: Albertsons in Casa Linda (Kevin Reagan) – Apple Pies, Watermelon and Ice

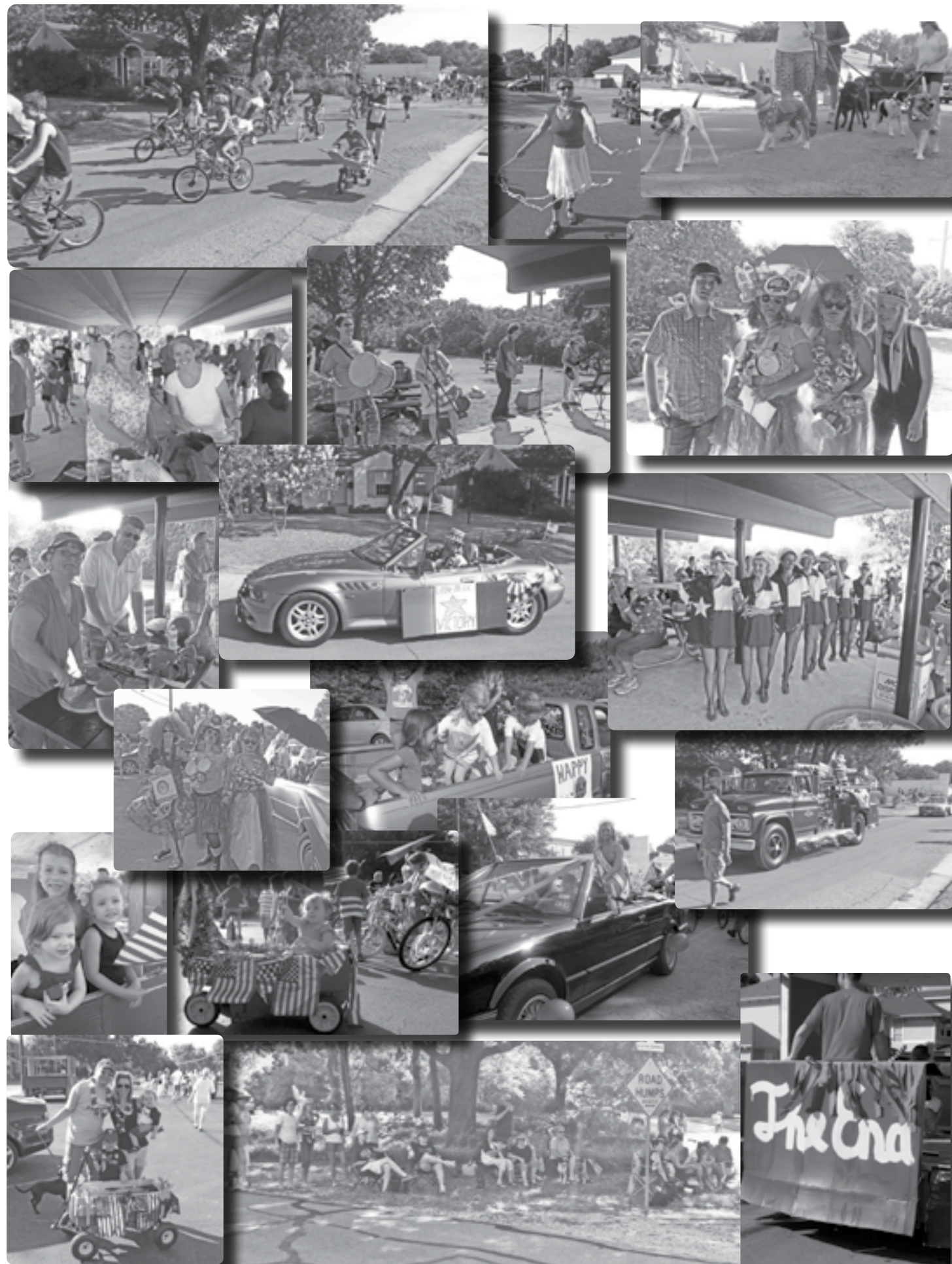
Bella Vista Construction – Bottled Water  
Dr. Michael Sims from East Dallas  
Chiropractic– Bottled water

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the parade participants and spectators. Also thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work - without them, this event would not have been possible.

It was a great morning to be in Little Forest Hills. The amazing community spirit found in our neighborhood was busting at the seams!







## 2012 White Rock East Garden Tour & Artisans

The 11th annual Garden tour was a resounding success thanks to our generous homeowners who worked so hard to get their gardens ready and allowed us to enjoy them. Jan Bates at 9010 San Leandro had such a beautiful garden with a wonderful pond, veggie gardens, & chickens. The Chantillis garden on Daytonia was so beautiful with its wandering pathways leading around the house and through the art studio, and then leading past "Grace" the oldest Catalpa tree in North Texas. Jennifer Pell's garden was the embodiment of a funky, fun, garden that is the hallmark of Little Forest Hills. Each garden experience was delightful. Our many volunteers came out and worked hard to make the garden tour a good experience for the public and help make it the success it was. Susan Remele and my sweet wife, Paula worked hard to organize and set up the volunteers. Our list of volunteers were **Alicia Luna, Dianne Evans, Amy Ewell, Jane Ann McGee, Albert Barbosa, Vail Fassett, Randall McGee, Debbie Ryan, Jim Folger, Crispin Reedy, Carmen Wright, Amy King, Beverly Howard, Max Davis, Kevin Vowell, Marilyn Ryneerson, Susan Thompson, Pam Proctor, Kristin Laminack, Patricia Morrissey, Beda Casstevens, Debra Griffin, Adeena Davidson, Kay McKinney, Piper Younger, Debbie Self, Nancy Whittier, April Cash, David Self, Patty Vaughn, Jenny Hardman, Terry Smart, Dawna Derrick, and BJ Hardman.** Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. In addition, kudos goes out to Vince Montemayor who was the Plant sale Tsar this year. He and his plant selling crew worked very hard to make the plant sale a success and add to our bottom line. And speaking of bottom line, each neighborhood ended up netting around \$4,900. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Garden tour committee for 2013, I promise you it will be a fun experience. Call or email me at 214-676-4326, or [Michael.Schmitt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Michael.Schmitt@sbcglobal.net).

## 2012 White Rock East Garden Tour & Artisans

Longing for an English-style garden, I dismissed the idea of Xeriscaping as not conducive to that vision. But touring our neighborhood and visiting with fellow gardeners, it is so heartening to know that beautiful, colorful gardens can be achieved by incorporating all or some of the principals of Xeriscaping

Xeriscape landscapes need not be cactus and rock gardens. They can be green, cool landscapes full of beautiful plants maintained with water-efficient practices. The same green Texas-style landscape which we are accustomed to can be achieved and still conserve water.

In urban areas of Texas about 25 percent of the water supply is used for landscape and garden watering. Much of this water is used to maintain traditionally high water-demanding landscapes, or it is simply applied inefficiently.

Xeriscape landscaping incorporates seven basic principles which lead to saving water:

- Planning and design
- Soil analysis
- Practical turf areas
- Appropriate plant selection
- Efficient irrigation
- Use of mulches
- Appropriate maintenance

By incorporating these seven principles, you can help preserve our most precious natural resource - water.

For details of each of the bullet items shown above (including an extensive plant listing), go to the website shown below. (Excerpts from <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/xeriscape/xeriscape.html>)



## THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ALEX SANGER ELEMENTARY

by Alandra Adams

Alex Sanger has been bursting with energy the past couple of years due to the hard work of students, parents, teachers and community members in the surrounding neighborhoods. This upcoming school year is going to be no different. The school welcomes a new principal, Mr. Hector Martinez who shares the excitement and commitment to constantly improving our neighborhood school.

The passionate commitment to our neighborhood school, Alex Sanger has resulted in an annual Winter Art Fair, Family Movie Nights, Family Academic nights, Career Day, Garden Club, Field Day, guest authors, Destination Imagination Competition and Talented and Gifted Project Fair. These events are a collaborative effort of a dedicated group of people committed to making Alex Sanger one of the best neighborhood schools in Dallas.

More student achievements include 2nd place in the Sandy Lake choir competition (this is the second year in a row Alex Sanger choir has placed) and three students bringing home Youth Art Awards competing at a district level, a first in Alex Sanger history!

The community has also partnered with Alex Sanger to get behind its neighborhood school and keep the energy moving forward. Below are some options to help you be a part of this positive movement.

- Shop at our annual Winter Art Fair
- Bring your kids (or someone else's kids) to our annual school carnival.
- Open up a Target Red Card. This is a debit card which allows you to receive 5% off of every purchase and then donates 1% of all card holders purchases back to Alex Sanger.
- Go to Monster Yogurt the 3rd Thursday of every month. Monster Yogurt will donate 10% of total purchases to Alex Sanger.
- Collect Box Tops
- Receive an Albertsons Community Partners keychain card. This is a card that goes on your keychain and is scanned whenever you shop at Albertsons. Albertsons will donate 1% of purchases to Alex Sanger. If you would like a keychain tag please contact [alandra\\_adams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alandra_adams@sbcglobal.net) or [brandi.w.bauer@gmail.com](mailto:brandi.w.bauer@gmail.com)

Community support is vital to the continued success at our neighborhood school Alex Sanger. Even if you do not have children that currently attend Alex Sanger you can still strengthen your neighborhood school. Thank you for your support!

ALEX SANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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## Little Forest Hills Median Volunteers

Sunday June 17th at 6:30 am four brave volunteers gathered to brave the early morning chill and work on our adopted median in Casa Linda shopping center. They pulled weeds, picked up butts and other trash, trimmed the trees, and spread cedar mulch to make our median look its



best. Right now, the median is planted with live oak trees and red salvia. Both are good plants for low water. Next fall we plan to plant some Earth-kind roses for additional beauty and drought tolerance. The volunteers included **Kay McKinney, Karla Marie, and Linda Calvert.** If

you would like to join this elite group, we will meet every few months as needed to take care of our median and show our Little Forest Hills pride. It does involve getting up early and being there at 6:30 am as this is the safest time of day to do the job before traffic gets heavy. Call or email me to put your name on the list.

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## Trash Talkers

Have you ever enjoyed some time at White Rock lake and seen our neighborhood's adopted portion of the shoreline? If you have, I bet you have noticed how clean it is! That's thanks to all of the amazing volunteers who have given their time and come out to pick up some litter, make some friends, and talk a little trash. The Little Forest Hills Trash Talkers have braved the cold, and now the heat... but we always have fun! If you are interested in volunteering, please email [lfhtrashtalkers@gmail.com](mailto:lfhtrashtalkers@gmail.com) to make a difference.



We'd like to thank our volunteers. March: **Debbie Cortese.** April: **Marilyn Rynearson, Bill and Lori Johnson.** May: **Kristin Laminack, Albert Barbosa, Donna Nuernberg, and Mike Schmitt.** June: **John Stanley, Debra and Audrey Griffin, and Alexis Maldonado.**

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## Yard of the Month

by Patricia Morrissey

LFH neighbors have selected the following homes for Yard of the Month awards

Laurie McClurg, a California native who moved to our neighborhood over 30 years ago, has evolved into a prime example of how attractive and practical a Xeriscape yard can be. As the daughter of an avid gardener, Laurie attempted to create a garden that would satisfy the soul and accommodate her schedule at her home she has dubbed "Moon Nest" (her spiritual get-away).

Over time, the constant watering demands, and her ever evolving conservation consciousness led her to this creative solution. Under the tutelage and influence of Jim Folger, Laurie has created a low-maintenance solution that allows her the time to properly care for the trees that abound in her yard.

Highlighted by pea gravel and meandering bricked paths, yard art salvaged from the curb and iron-work from her former neighbors, the Swindles' (who had been in our neighborhood since 1946), Laurie has created a meaningful and attractive solution to water and time conservation.



*A Cottage Delight*  
8617 Santa Clara



*A Meaningful Landscape*  
8653 Redondo

Colleen Spurlock's pristine garden soothingly reflects a tidy and colorful approach to landscaping. At the end of the flagstone path leading to the front door of this delightful cottage-style home are simple planting beds in which are incorporated a colorful selection of predominantly perennial plants (Dahlias, Mums, Blake-eyed Susan's, and Salvias). The side-beds are edged with roses and dotted throughout her yard are Crape Myrtles.

Colleen uses an old-fashioned push mower to maintain her beautifully manicured lawn and fertilizes regularly to keep it lush.

A newcomer to Little Forest Hills who arrived in our neighborhood just a year ago, Colleen is contributing wonderfully to the diversity of our neighborhood and is a very welcome addition.

## Walton's Garden Center – Gardening Tips

With the hot weather comes a host of things for the gardener to consider. Below you will find some of the most important issues you should address during the summer months:

### Water Features

- A water feature is not only soothing but provides habitat to butterflies, bees and birds.

### Lawns

- Water deeply twice a week during specified times rather than sprinkling your lawn for short periods of time
- Set your mower blades higher so your grass remains at least 3 inches high. This will protect the roots and you will not have to water as often.
- Continue with your fertilization schedule. Your lawn will leach minerals with more frequent watering and will need the nutrients.
- Fertilize when the sun is less intense and water in immediately.

### Beware of Mosquitoes

With the West Nile virus reported in several areas, the following is suggested:

- Be sure that you do not leave standing water in your yard.
- Refresh birdbaths often
- Try organic insect sprays and mosquito repellents when working in the garden.

### Texas Native Plants that Survive the Hot Summer Months (to name a few)

Yarrow, Golden Marguerite, Butterfly Weed, Catmint, Coneflower, Baby's-breath, Sunflower, Daylilies, Lavender, Russian sage, Sedum. Thyme, Lamb's Ears, Goldenrod and Yucca and Salvia Greggii which comes in a wide variety of colors.

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