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Association Calendar

Oct. 16, 2012 - **Association Meeting**
 Dec. 1, 2012 - **Articles Due**
 Jan. 15, 2013 - Association Meeting

Update from the Editor

I want to thank all the neighbors for being a part of the best neighborhood in Dallas! Keep those articles coming!

Thanks,

Maeshea

LFHNA General Meeting Tuesday, October 16, 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:

- Trey Tucker – Local business owner
- Mary Vickers – Service Area Coordinator for the City of Dallas

Trey Tucker, Blue Ribbon Heat and Air, will discuss steps to take to prepare our homes for winter.

Mary Vickers, our Service Area Coordinator for the City of Dallas will give us an update on upcoming fall activities in East Dallas.

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

Please, please, please, give us your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to our Neighborhood. Because we genuinely care about each other in Little Forest Hills, please let us know if assistance is needed – whether it be prayers, meals or home assistance. We cannot assist if we are not aware of the need.

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.

Newcomers Message

The 3rd Quarter Newcomer distribution of cookies and information packets to our new neighbors took place the weekend of July 14. Thanks to Robin Streff, Diane Evans, Rhonda Camp Warren, Adrienne Barrett, Delta Schuman, Laurie McClurg, Marilyn Rynerson, Pam Proctor and Jennifer Holmes we once again surprised and delighted the newcomers with a LFH welcome. There's always a stunned and "what the heck is going on" look as the door opens but quickly turns into a smile and extended hand once we go into our Little Forest Hills welcome to the neighborhood remarks. If you enjoy shocking and surprising complete strangers... in a good way, join our gang by contacting:

Pam Proctor
pamp1706@aol.com
 or
 Marilyn Rynerson
mtwinone@aol.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

OCTOBER

- Oct 4th Put out Bulky Trash
- Oct 16th LFH Association meeting
- Oct 18th Sanger Day at Monster Yogurt

NOVEMBER

- Nov 8th Put out Bulky Trash
- Nov 15th Sanger Day at Monster Yogurt

DECEMBER

- Dec 6th Put out Bulky Trash
- Dec 20th Sanger Day at Monster Yogurt

JANUARY

- Jan 10th Put out Bulky Trash

Trash Talkers

As we write this, the Texas summer has finally (we hope) given us its worst. And so far, the dedicated team of Trash Talking volunteers has been at the lake every month, without fail. This year, we've had people who bundled up in the cold and those who sweated through their July and August shifts. We even decorated a truck into the trashiest float in the 4th of July parade!



Many of our reliable volunteers have already recommitted to help keep the lake clean in 2013, but we need more people. You only have to commit to two shifts annually, and we're finished in

less than an hour and a half. We can't think of a better way to keep "our" shoreline clean and make some new friends along the way. So as the holidays quickly approach and the days get shorter, think about how you can personally make a difference next year. Email us at lfhtrashtalkers@gmail.com for more information.

We'd like to thank our amazing volunteers. July: Max and Denise Davis and Mike Schmitt. August: David and Debbie Self and Albert Barbosa. September: Debra Cortese, Tracie McKenzie and Robert Slaton.

Keepin' it clean,
 Don and Karin VanSlyke



The Presidents' Message

Denise and Max Davis

Fall is in the air! It's hard to believe that another year is almost over.

Do you like being an idea person and generate new events or programs? Or do you like to implement ideas that someone else has generated? Either way, we NEED you. What would you like to see in Little Forest Hills?

So far this year, your Neighborhood Association has generated the following activities and benefits:

- 4th of July Parade
- East Dallas Garden Tour
- Security Patrol - Volunteer in Patrol (VIP)
- Communication on criminal activity in the 'hood.
- Financial donation to a needy family for school supplies / clothes
- It's My Park Day – painted the pavilion in Casa Linda Park
- Little Forest Hills Funky Fielders – coed softball team
- Establishing a Friends of Casa Linda Park that will enable us to upgrade playground equipment and other park amenities
- Fix It Folks – assisting elderly and needy neighbors in providing a safe and secure home
- Trash Talkers – Participating in 2nd Saturday Shoreline Spruce up at White Rock Lake
- Selected a "Yard of the Month" from the 900+ homes in the neighborhood
- Median clean up at Buckner and Garland intersection
- Welcome baskets to newcomers
- Communication on topics that pertain to the neighborhood
- Publish quarterly newsletter
- Informative speakers at quarterly general meetings
- Supported the Little Forest Hills Animal Alert program
- Facebook page and website that provide up-to-date information on the neighborhood (www.littleforesthills.com)
- Affordable membership dues (\$15 / household or \$5 / seniors)

If you were to add value to the neighborhood, what would YOU include?
Feel free to contact us at maxdavis1950@gmail.com or (214) 404-6892.

How can you stay informed on neighborhood events?

- Provide us your email so that you will receive information on security, events and activities via the Google Group
- Check out our website at www.littleforesthills.com
- Visit our Facebook page

Max and Denise
LFHNA Co-Presidents 2008-2011



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A Gardener's Tribute Vince

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Walton's Garden Center – Gardening Tips

- Plant during or directly after rain for best survival rate for Fall plantings
- Never pack or tamp down the soil when planting anything and do not walk on the soil in your planting beds.-Shredded leaves make nutritious organic mulch. Our soils here are heavy clay with a high pH. The cure to poor soil is to amend with at least 40% organic matter. The best organic material is shredded leaves and rotted compost. Peat moss is not a good amendment material. Do a soil test to determine what nutrients your soil needs. Contact your County Extension Service to get details on a soil test.
- Plant bulbs that bloom in Spring such a daffodils, crocus, and hyacinths. These are some of the bulbs that will naturalize in your garden and require very little care.
- For cheerful Winter color, plant pansies violas and ornamental cabbage.

Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association would like to thank Walton's Garden Center for their continued sponsorship of the Yard of the Month Awards. Each recipient receives a \$50.00 gift certificate to our wonderful neighborhood nursery and garden center.

An Afterglow of Smiles

by Vince's Redondo Family

Little Forest Hills is mourning the loss, yet celebrating the love and life of a great friend, Vince Montemayor who passed away on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 following a short illness. He is remembered for his great friendship to us all, his love for his family, his fantastic sense of humor, his laugh, his wonderful smile, his chickens, birds, rabbits and fish, his wonderful home and gardens, his love of his neighborhood, his street and striving to keep things local and, of course, his parties!

When he contemplated moving away from the neighborhood at one point, his neighbors would have none of that! They would continue to remind him of how important he was to us all, the many relationships he had, his wonderful yard and all the great celebrations. They did this while passing him another beer to help convince him that this is where he belonged. He was the center of many groups and a part of many others. He was involved in the neighborhood Garden Tour, the East Dallas Chicken Coop Tour, he was the Boy Babe in the Barbaree Babes Artist enclave and he helped to organize the LFH GLT group and he and many other families represented in the first 4th of July Parade. He was key in organizing many of the block parties, garage sales, his own backyard art shows and gatherings on his street and became the glue to connect and keep so many of us together...he was our common denominator. He was a good friend whether it was keeping an eye on us as he drove by or rode by smiling on his cruising bike with the basket on the front, being there to help when a beloved pet died or plant sharing or designing a friend's garden. When one of his neighbors was moving away, she said it was important for her to bring "people" with her, so she dug up the plant Vince gave her and it continues to grow with her at her new house. He was also remembered for taking care of a friend's yard while he was away and when he returned, Vince had moved the plants around with a "re-design" of the yard. He loved to invite people into



his beautiful yard and hosted many impromptu gatherings with a cocktail in hand. We all loved his backyard and it served as a community meeting place, an oasis and miniature farm in the hood. One of his chickens was even in a local movie.

He has been described as the Mayor of Little Forest Hills and the

Queen of Redondo Drive! He loved gardening, art and people and we loved him for all of that. Vince had a magical way of being a part of so many people's lives and even though that part may have been small, it was magnified in size by the vast number of people who he touched and, as a result, his life and presence became so much more than just "our friend from down the street." Vince was the friend we all wanted to have, not just because we wanted to be a part of his interesting and eclectic life, but because his collection of friends included members from all walks, ways, stripes, kinds, ideas and ideals and to have a membership in that collective was to have a membership in the greatest show on earth - right on our own block. One of his good friends and neighbor Jean-Marie Roman shared this poem that he wrote the day that Vince passed:

***It rains over Redondo Drive.
It's raining tears from all your neighbors.
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Spotlight on the Neighbor

by Lynn Reagan

Spotlight: Lynn Reagan, you and your sister Elizabeth Bingham participate in the annual White Rock Lake Artists' Studio Tour. This is the tour's 20th anniversary. What can we expect when we visit your Rockin' AB Artists Studio, www.rockinartists.com this special year?

Lynn/Elizabeth: We will be showing our works in progress, finished sculptures and demonstrating mosaic techniques during the tour. Also, we will have some new East Dallas Yard Animals for sale--our hottest sellers.



Spotlight: Wow, sounds like a not to miss studio and a visit with both of you. Tell us about a few shows where your sculpture is accepted. I know you're in the sculpture show at the State Fair of Texas going on right now.

Lynn/Elizabeth: The Mary Tomas juried CAC, show ends soon. We will be in the Friends of Lottie Sculpture Show at the State Fair of Texas, Henderson Art Project through spring of 2013, James Surls Sculpture Garden exhibition through spring 2013, SoDeVis Texas: Flora, Fauna & Cowboys from Oct 1-31 and the same piece will be shown at the Museum of the Americas in Doral, FL in November.

Spotlight: We can see why the tour needs two days, Saturday and Sunday October 13 and 14th. East Dallas seems to be chocked full of artists and aspiring artists. We understand Rockin' AB Artists Studio offers classes and studio time most Thursday evenings. Will visitors be able to sign up during the tour?

Lynn/Elizabeth: Yes, and we will have students works in progress on display also.

Spotlight: We are ready to sign up.

For more information on the White Rock Lake Artists' Studio Tour October 13 and 14, go to: www.whiterockartists.com. And check out the facebook page for the tour: White Rock Lake Artists' Studio Tour



Upcoming events and ways to support Alex Sanger

by Brandi Bauer

1. The annual Sanger Carnival is rapidly approaching. Friday October 19th from 4 – 8 pm. You can help by Joining the Stampede, helping to sponsor this great event for the kids, donating food, or volunteering your time. Presale wristbands are \$10 for the first and \$5 for each additional wristband. Day of wristbands are \$15 for the first and \$5 for each additional wristband. The wristbands allow kids unlimited play at games, bounce house, and obstacle course. Face painting and pie eating contest additional.

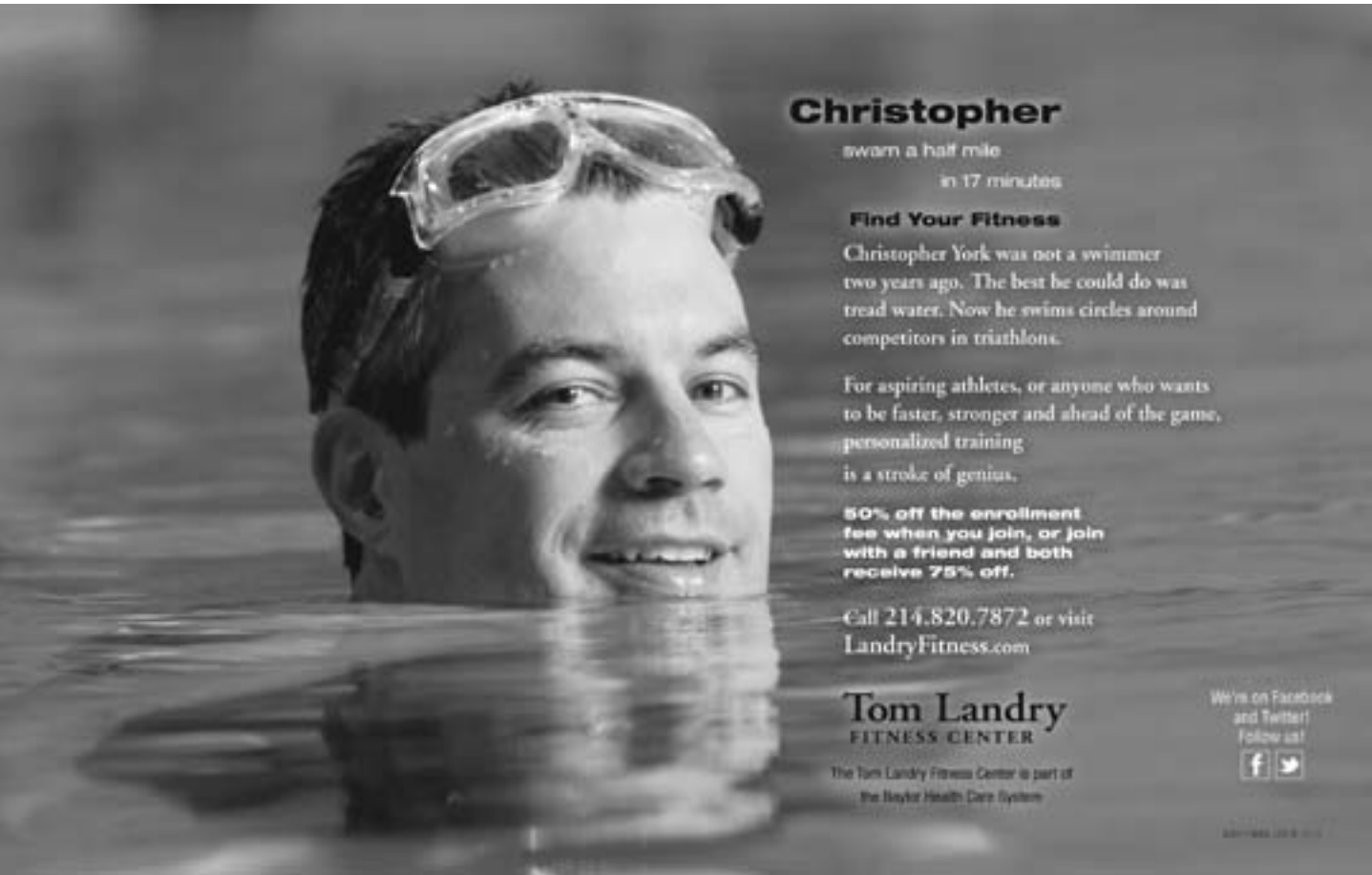
2. Sanger's annual Winter Art Fair will be Dec 8th. If you are interested in having a booth or would like to help sponsor please let us know.

3. Get your Albertson's Community Partner card and Target Red Card (this can be attached to your debit card as opposed to a credit card)

Some of our fundraising goals for the 2012/2013 school year include providing new technology for the class rooms such as iPads and Smartboards. Please contact us at fundraising@alexsangerelementary.org

Thanks
Alandra Adams and Brandi Bauer





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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.

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	404.19
Casa Linda Park Dev.	132.06
Fix It Folks	359.56
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 Expense	4,234.27

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. 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!

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(as of September 8, 2012)

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LFHNA has a Google Group!

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Want to Join? Send an email to:

lfhmembership@gmail.com
Patty Mance - VP Membership

Please include the following:

Name:

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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!

HSUS launches “Rescue Central” an online resource for rescue groups

by Rebecca Poling

Last week the Humane Society of the United States launched a brand-new resource, Rescue Central, a division of AnimalSheltering.org. The new site is designed to provide all the information rescue groups need to run the most effective and humane rescue organization possible. Talk about impeccable timing.

Animalsheltering.org website has long been a reliable source for animal shelter staff looking for information on best practices in a variety of areas, and now rescue groups will be able to benefit from HSUS’ expertise as well. From the latest money saving tips to expert advice on recruiting and retaining foster homes, the new Rescue Central section of animalsheltering.org has it all.

To help you navigate this new section, it is divided it into four segments: Business of Saving Lives, Rescuing Done Right, Show Me the Money, and Building Solid Relationships.

To run a successful rescue, you need more than just animal smarts—you need business savvy. Starting off right will help set your organization up for long-term success. In the Business of Saving Lives area you can learn the technicalities of starting and running a rescue: Starting a rescue (includes the legal issues involved), building an effective board, and managing your resources.

Every rescue feels the pressure to do more, but sometimes that can result in providing less than ideal care for the animals you already have. In Rescuing Done Right, you’ll find tools to help ensure your animals are getting the very best care, every single day: Best practices (The Five Freedoms, the ASV Guidelines, hoarding resources and state and local ordinances, as well as volunteer program materials, foster program guidelines and ideas to maximize adoptions.

The love you put into your rescue is free, but everything else costs money! In Show Me the Money, you’ll discover tips on how to attract new dollars and stretch the ones you already have even further, as well as tools to help you keep your group financially stable: fundraising ideas, grant writing, and ways to cut costs on day-to-day operations.

No one can do it alone – rescuing animals takes successful collaboration with other groups – like it or not. Whether it’s using social media or coalition building you need help with, or if you’re just looking for ways to network with other rescuers, the Building Solid Relationships section offers tools you can use to build your network of support for the animals, and find new ways to reach and interact with other rescuers.

Whether you work with rescue partners, volunteer with a rescue, or just want to learn more about rescuing, stop over at Rescue Central and check it out. Don’t have time? Make the time. You’ll be glad you did.

http://www.animalsheltering.org/resources/rescue/rescue_central.html

Adoptable Pets of Little Forest Hills

Animal Alert wants to start “adoptable pets of LFH”. Those of you that are fostering a pet that needs a home of their own can send pictures and a biography of the pet and we can add it to the newsletter. I will start with few of mine. Send them to lfhnewsletter@gmail.com

Thanks ~maleska~

Tommy is a mix breed that was living on the streets. He has many scars from mean dogs but likes other dogs anyway. He needed lots of medical attention and TLC once he was saved. He is just a bit nervous around people but warms up quick! Tommy will need to be in a home with at least one other four -legged brother or sister. He needs the guidance from them since he probably never lived in a home of his own. His new family will need to be patient with him but once you see what a gentle soul he is you will know it is worth the time!! Tommy is available through DFW Rescue Me.
<http://www.dfwrescueme.org/>



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Petey is an adorable Rat Terrier Puppy. He has lots of puppy energy but can be calm too. He needs a home with older children because he is too full of life for a small child. He loves to run and play in the yard and will require lots of exercise (as the breed is known for) Petey was picked up by the Highland Park Animal Control and brought To East Dallas Vet. Instead of going to the Dallas Animal Shelter he is fostered in LFH and is part of the rescue group Cody's Friends. He is available for adoption. He is one of the cutest little guys!!

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/TX1568.html>



A view from the Terrace

by Terri Thoman

I tried to sleep and woke with fright
I heard the planes flying at night,
Then thoughts of all we lose at this time
the bugs the birds; we're committing a crime.
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as we discover all that we've done wrong.

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4th Annual Little Forest Hills Fall Funky 4K Fun Run

November 3rd, 2012

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:** Saturday November 3rd, 2012 @ 4PM
- **Why:** To get active & have fun with our neighbors while raising funds for LFHNA and LFH Animal Alert.
- **What:** A grass roots, 4K fun walk/run open to all levels. After the event, participants enjoy food and fun at the park.
- **Cost:** (Registration will be available online and by snail mail) by October 21st - \$14 adults/ \$4 kids after October 21st - \$20 adults/\$4 kids
- **For Details and To Register, please visit: www.LFHFunky4K.com!**
- If you would like to be a part of the race committee or volunteer, please email Debra@Tri-Now.com. Volunteers needed for flyer distribution, sign making, sponsor outreach, race day and more.
- We look forward to seeing you at the race!
- *Frank & Debra Cortese*

Fix It Folks - Working In the Sizzling Heat

by Linda Calvert

Since our last article the Fix It Folks held a blistering workday in this dastardly Texas heat, and although it was a very unpleasant day in all, we accomplished our goal. The members of our "A" team left the project feeling whipped and exhausted, but also feeling good about helping someone with a problem.

We've got a few ideas of future projects that will be coming our way, but if you know of any elderly, handicapped, or ill resident who is in need of help with their home repairs, don't forget to let us know at: 214-327-5508.

Enjoy the fall everyone. Please wave and stop to say hello when you see our team out on a work day.

*Dave handles the outside while
Mark Davis works inside.*



Mike Chappell, Joe & Dave Ramos.



Joe Beaudette starts the carnage.



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- FACT:** Over 88% of home buyers turn to the internet when conducting their home search.
- 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.
- FACT:** If you list your house with Mike Schmitt, your property will be placed as a featured listing on this site along with up to 25 photos and other important information.
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Yard of the Month

by Patricia Morrissey

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

A Beautiful Blend

"To create a harmonious effect or result" is the definition of the end word "blend" and it defines the beautiful garden of Mike Thompsett at 8815 Redondo. Mike has combined the principals of xeriscaping with the lushness of perennial plantings to create a serene and pristine landscape.

Fortunate to be have sidewalks on Redonda, but difficult and time-consuming to maintain the area in front of the curb, Mike solved the problem by utilizing his evolving consciousness to create an ecologically sound solution by planting thorn-less prickly cactus, yucca, and lantana and various other drought resistant plants in this area. He then lined beds with Canadian Rainbow Rock to create a colorful and dramatic effect.

One would think that the lushness of the plantings on either side of his porch (which include azaleas, gardenias and other deep green plantings) would be an abrupt contrast to his curbside plants. But no, Mike has created a serene blend - and a delightful addition to our neighborhood.



8815 Redondo



9002 Groveland

Trolling for Treasures Has Created a Gem

A meticulously groomed garden at 9002 Groveland creates the perfect palette for displaying the creativity of David McIver and Laurie Coe and their commitment to repurposing. Whether it be ideas or objects, their enthusiasm for repurposing has evolved into a feast for the senses and the eyes.

They delight in finding their treasures along the side of the road, or a trash pile; they see the possibilities while other might see junk. Broken or whole, this duo sees a vision in each discarded item. They have

used bowling balls to create edging, a discarded water bottle inserted with lights and placed on a tree stump to create a focal point. Pieces of rusted iron, strung with colorful bottles create a wind chime. Their house numbers address are displayed on an old heater.

The surprising effect of their creativity is the serenity of the environment they have created. Their wonderful cats bask peacefully in the sun and the feeling of peace is pervasive. But wait – it all lights up at night! Chandeliers hanging from the tress; lights are everywhere. It's magical.

Garden Gab – Fall 2012

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 as demonstrated in the garden at 8815 Redondo.

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>)



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