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Association Calendar

April 16, 2013 - **Association Meeting**
June 7, 2013 - Articles Due
 July 16, 2013 - Association Meeting

Update from the Editor

So many wonderful things happening in the best neighborhood in Dallas! Send me any news you want to share with your neighborhood! Thanks,

Maeleska

LFHNA General Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 7:00 pm White Rock United Methodist Church 1450 Old Gate Lane

We look forward to seeing you at our next LFHNA General Meeting. We have invited the following speaker:

Bonnie Bradshaw of 911 Wildlife

Bonnie has presented at our General Meeting previously and we are looking forward to hearing about the raccoon distemper outbreak and other urban wildlife issues.

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

Please bring your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to Little Forest Hills.

Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Garden Tour

The White Rock east artisan and garden tour will be here before you know it. It is the largest fund raiser we have for our neighborhood association and we need your involvement. Our beloved friend Vince Montemayor who passed away last summer held the plant sale for us last year and did a great job. If we are going to have another plant sale this year we will need someone to head that up. We can also use gardens to be on the tour. Let me know if you can share your garden with your neighbors and help your association with this important event. We also need other volunteers to help with various duties for the event such as procuring sponsors, volunteering at the gardens during the tour, and helping with the plant sale. Please call me at **214-676-4326** or email me at michael.schmitt@sbcglobal.net to help make this event the success it is known for.

-Mike Schmitt

Newcomers Message

First Quarter 2013 Newcomers Report

Rhonda Camp Warren, Adrienne Barrett, Robin Streff and Marilyn Rynearson welcomed ten new neighbors to our Little Forest Hills community the weekend of January 12, marking the First Quarter of 2013. "Welcome" packets with a dozen home baked cookies were presented with words of encouragement to "get involved".

If you would like to get involved, meet your neighbors and contribute within your own neighborhood by joining the Welcoming Committee let us know. Each quarter volunteers bake cookies and/or get together the weekend prior to the General Neighborhood Association Meeting and hand deliver to our Little Forest Hills newcomers. This tradition represents only one of the many reasons why Little Forest Hills is such a unique and caring community. Come On Down, look behind the curtain and experience it for yourself by becoming a member of The Newcomers Committee.

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or

Marilyn Rynerson
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Garden Gab – Winter 2013

Our neighborhood is so very special. Cruising our neighborhood is a good source of inspiration. Let your imagination fly. There are so many ways that you can express yourself. To name a few;

1. Container gardening
2. Herb beds
3. Fountains and water features
4. Plantings that attract hummingbirds, butterflies and other critters
5. Yard art
6. Vegetables and fruit fresh from your garden
7. Tree planting
8. Or any and all of the above and in any combination thereof

The wonderful thing about where we live is that there are no limits to expressing yourself and conformity is neither expected nor desired.

Spring is such an exciting time for gardeners. Visions of what we want to create are enticing and exciting. However, take a moment and consider some of the suggestions and methods that have been utilized successfully by our neighbors and featured in our previous Garden Gab articles.

1. Xeriscaping
2. Hybridization of xeriscaping and traditional plantings methods
3. Utilizing yard art to both define your beds and express yourself
4. Planting what you love and creating your own unique world

Along the journey of creating your special world, take the time to do the research on how to plant and care for your selections and garden world, and have fun!

Congratulations to Kimberly Vowell and Albert Barbosa

LFH Volunteers of the Year!

Next time you seen them in the 'hood, thank them for all the hours they donated in 2012!



The Presidents' Message

Denise and Max Davis

Ah, Spring is in the air! Trees are budding out and there are lots of activities in-and-around Little Forest Hills.

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 19th. Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda and Forest Hills will each have three gardens on the tour. Contact Mike Schmitt if you can volunteer that day – Michael.schmitt@sbcglobal.net. He would love to hear from you.

The LFH 4th of July Parade is scheduled for July 4th 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 parade coordinators and they are looking for volunteers to assist them with the parade.

More recently, a Funky 4K race and Street Party was held on Saturday, May 26th. A fun time was had by all. See pictures in this newsletter. Thanks to:

- Kim Vowell for coordinating the Street Party
- Frank and Debra Cortese for coordinating the Funky 4K
- Kinder Kritter, Paper Arts, Richardson Bike Mart, Times Ten Cellars, White Rock Dental Group, Mike Schmitt of White Rock Realty, and Brandon Travelstead of Dallas City Center Realtors
- Highland Park Cafeteria, TCBY Lakewood, Verona's, Bella Vista and YMCA for providing food, drinks and the bounce house
- All the volunteers for making this happen

Construction for the new playground equipment at Casa Linda Park will begin this summer. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months.

Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- For the Love of the Lake Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce up – Contact Don & Karin Van Slyke
- Median clean up (intersection of Buckner & Garland) – Contact Mike Schmidt
- Fix-it-Folks – Contact Linda Calvert
- Animal Alert - Contact Maeleska Fletes
- Volunteer in Patrol – Contact Albert Barbosa

We are also starting a new column based on Saul Garza, Fox 4 News story, What's Buggin' You?

Please provide us questions for upcoming Newsletters and/or LFHNA Website.

Max and Denise
LFHNA Co-Presidents 2008-2013



Plans for the 2013 Little Forest Hills Independence Day Parade are underway!

Join your neighbors to celebrate the most American of all holi-days... the 4th of July! The LFH parade is set to roll on Thurs-day, July 4th at 9:00 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 will 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 services again this year. The parade is made possible by volunteers like you!

Volunteer opportunities include selecting a theme, setting up, cleaning up, serving watermelon, advertising the event, solicit-ing sponsors, organizing the parade line-up, painting signs and distributing fliers, publicizing the event, obtaining permits from the city, walking in the parade or watching from the side.

If you feel that you could help in any of these areas, visit the parade website- <http://lfh4thofjulyparade.webstarts.com> or send an email to lfh4thofjulyparade@gmail.com. We will contact you as soon as possible.

Kim and Kevin Vowell
2013 LFH Parade Co-chairs

Yard of the Month – A Winning Combination

by Patricia Morrissey

Rarely can a gardener combine numerous design elements and planting techniques into one garden successfully. The results of the attempts are often “junky rather than funky”. However, utilizing careful planning, **Don** and **Karen VanSlyke** have managed to create a welcoming and attractive gathering place with a distinct sense of style.

Their garden features, to name a few of the elements;

<i>Bold Color</i>	<i>Architectural Details</i>
<i>Found Treasures</i>	<i>Repurposed Materials</i>
<i>Seating Areas</i>	<i>Xeriscaping Techniques</i>
<i>Container Plantings</i>	



9006 Daytonia

Against the background of their stone-covered bungalow with brightly painted trim, stately mature trees such as the Chinese Tallow, stand proudly amidst a large portion of the yard which is completely covered with rainbow pea gravel. A path created by two rows of stepping stones bisects the entire yard creating a traditional-style architectural element.

Interspersed with yard art and planted containers, the highlight of this area is a wonderful gathering place shielded by strategically placed, tall growing grasses featuring several brightly colored Adirondack chairs and a wonder of a wrought-iron fire- pit. While enjoying this cozy area, the VanSlykes have met many of their neighbors who walk and bike through our “wonderful” neighborhood.

Not to be overlooked is the colorful tall bottle garden on the opposite side of the walkway.

To the forefront, are curvilinear raised beds fashioned of concrete “stones,” remnants of their former driveway. Among the many plantings are salvias, nadinass, lavender, cacti, carefully selected trees and more native grasses. The beds are easy to maintain and wonderful to behold.

Together all the efforts have resulted in a winning combination – and one you don't want to miss!

Walton's Garden Center – Gardening Tips

- Loosen compact soil in your planting beds
- Organic fertilizer will keep you beds and lawn strong and lessen the stress on your garden during the upcoming hot months.
- When selecting plants for your garden, do your homework. Consider sun/ shade exposure, watering requirements and bed preparation.
- It is important to properly prepare your beds to receive your new plantings by adding soil amendments (organic mixes are recommended).
- If planting azaleas, gardenias and hydrangeas consider using a soil test kit to determine the type of soil you have and what you need to do to amend the soil to achieve the proper alkaline balance
- Ensure that your plantings will survive by following planting instructions. Make sure that you dig to the correct depth and width and do not tamp down the soil too tightly.
- Follow watering instructions.
- Start preparing for the hot summer months by applying mulch around newly planted perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees. And freshen mulch around plants as they emerge into Spring. Use good organic mulch in recommended applications. Do not mulch close to stems or trunks.

Casa Linda Park Playground Renovation Update

by Kimberly Vowell

Bids were opened for the Casa Linda Playground last month. Henneberger Construction was selected for the project. The construction should begin in late June of this year and will take approximately three months to complete. Dwight Henneberger has built numerous playgrounds for the City of Dallas over the years and his great attention to detail will be an asset. Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda Estates, Friends of Casa Linda Park and the neighborhood children especially are looking forward to seeing this project brought to life.



Trashtalkers

Can you believe that it's spring already? Somehow, it catches us by surprise every year. The dedicated team of Trash Talkers has been dutifully cleaning our portion of the White Rock Lake shoreline, doing our little part to make this amazing neighborhood a better place - and actually having fun while we do it! Have you thought about joining us? Spring is a time of renewal, so make this YOUR time to get involved, make some friends, and talk some trash with us. And yes, we do talk trash! If you are interested in becoming a valued volunteer, email **Karin** at lfhtrashtalkers@gmail.com.

We would like to thank our recent volunteers:

October: *Marilyn Ryneerson and Susan Remele*

December: *Becky Toomay, Les Bewley, and Audrey and Debra Griffin*

January: *David and Debbie Self, Mike Schmitt*

February: *Les Bewley, Denise and Max Davis*

March: *Kristin Laminack, Kay McKinney, Tracie McKenzie and Robert Slaton*

Littlest Forest Hills Residents

A group of Little Forest Hills moms have joined together to entertain their little ones, exchange parenting ideas and provide support to each other. The group usually meets once a week in the neighborhood, takes outings to the Arboretum or visits the local library for story time. This time together has proven to be beneficial to the adults and kids alike. If you are interested in connecting with other moms and introducing your child to some new playmates, send an email to littlestforesthills@gmail.com. We will be sure to include you in the festivities.



Fix It Folk's Most Valuable Player

by Pam Proctor

Mark Davis, a Fix It Folks volunteer, was recognized as our team's Most Valuable Player in 2012.



The Fix It Folks is a Little Forest Hills all volunteer group offering free minor home repair services to those in need among the elderly and disabled within our unique community.

Mark's grandparents, Sam and Dorothy Holloway, moved to Little Forest Hills in 1951. Although Mark lived and was raised in the Lake Highlands area he was a frequent visitor to his grandparents' home in LFH, and after his grandparents' passing in 1986, he relocated to their home and became one of our valued community members.

His involvement grew after retiring from Southwest Airlines in 2010. While riding his bike near his home he came across a group of folks working on exterior repairs. Stopping to ask who and what they were doing he learned of the Fix It Folks volunteers and their mission. He immediately recalled fond memories of the many times he would accompany his father as a child to a neighbor's home to lend assistance for this or that. Without hesitation Mark asked if he could lend a hand and has been lending a hand to our residents ever since.

"The rewards of volunteering within your own neighborhood", said Mark "is to actually see the results of your efforts and to feel a sense of accomplishment".

Congratulations Mark. There's a lot to see, you surely must have a strong sense of accomplishment as you continued to ride your bike in the neighborhood and give a nod to all the many Fix It Folks home projects you have been involved with these days. We proudly salute you and your generous contribution of your time and skills.



Arboretum Update on Children's Adventure Garden

by Scot Williams

I guess everyone saw the article in the paper about the opening of Children's Adventure Garden being delayed until Fall. It was originally planned to open in May, but weather has delayed construction completion to the point that it'd be in the middle of summer (Ugh)! They allotted 35 days of bad weather but got 61 instead; and with rain and ice, a day of bad weather takes 2 days for everything to dry out and for conditions to be safe again for workers. Also, when construction is complete, they need to test the exhibits and make sure everything is durable enough to withstand the heat, wind, rain, as well as, high-spirited children!


There will be an opportunity for 200 member families to test the Children's Adventure Garden. These names will be randomly chosen from the list of Arboretum Members when the garden is complete. Become an Arboretum Member if you're interested (membership has a lot of other benefits, as well).

In case you haven't seen it, there's a video about the amazing learning environment of the Children's Adventure Garden at the link below. Wait until it's a grey day or you feel truly blue to watch this. I think it's incredibly inspiring, showing

the deep thought they've put into making the exhibits a truly captivating and adaptable learning environment. It left me feeling, "Wow, the world really is a place with such hopeful possibilities for the future. Our children and Grandchildren will be true environmentalists." Watch the video:

<http://www.dallasarboretum.org/RoryMeyers/Index.htm>

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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.

We are accepting your 2013 dues (\$15 per household or \$5 for senior-citizens), and would like to invite you to renew your membership or join as a new member! Please send your check to:

LFHNA
C/O Todd Ramsey
8915 San Benito Way

Dallas, TX 75218

The expenses/income incurred since January 1, 2013, as well as our annual budget, 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!

Proud 2013 Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members
(as of March 3, 2013)

	Jan 1 - Mar 3, '13	Budget
Income		
Committee Income		
Advertising	0.00	2,000.00
Four K Run	900.00	500.00
Garden Tour	0.00	5,000.00
Membership	1,200.00	2,000.00
Total Committee Income	2,100.00	9,500.00
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Expense		
Administrative		
Presidents Fund	0.00	0.00
Meeting Expense		
WRUMC Facility Rental	0.00	400.00
Door Prizes	0.00	100.00
Total Meeting Expense	0.00	500.00
Charity/Donations		
Holiday Charity Giving	0.00	1,850.00
Animal Alert	0.00	1,000.00
Ferguson Road Initiative	0.00	500.00
Alex Sanger	0.00	500.00
Benevolent Fund	0.00	250.00
Total Charity/Donations	0.00	4,100.00
Appreciation Dinner	0.00	250.00
Total Administrative	0.00	4,850.00
Committee Expenses		
Fix It Folks	67.32	500.00
Membership Expenses	0.00	100.00
Website	120.00	120.00
4th Parade Expense	0.00	1,000.00
Adopt-a-Shoreline	0.00	150.00
Casa Linda Park Dev.	0.00	2,000.00
Crime Watch / VIP	0.00	100.00
Four K Run	0.00	300.00
Median Adoption	43.28	
Newcomers	0.00	100.00
Newsletter Distribution	55.15	40.00
Newsletter Printing	1,056.00	3,500.00
Storage Unit Rent	0.00	418.00
VIP	119.06	
Volunteer of the Year	0.00	50.00
Total Committee Expenses	1,460.81	6,378.00
Total Expense	1,460.81	13,228.00
Net Income	639.19	3,272.00

Are you a member?

Alan & Verena Lage
Alan and Pam Hoffmann
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Beverly Edwards
Billie Freeman
Brad Fenn
Bret and Jillian Turner
Carla Martin
Carolyn Lacy

Cathryn Hopkins
Cathy Reeves
Cheryl Axley
Chris Conway & Desiree Henderson
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Colleen Sims
Constance Chantilis
Crispin Reedy
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David and Debbie Self
Donna Nuernberg
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Frank & Debra Cortese
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Jill Donovan
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Joe Beaudette
John Dreiling
Karin Fox
Karla Marie
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Laurie McClurg
Lawrence Urban
Lelan & Rhonda Warren
Lightning Rasmussen
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 Dwayne King and Amy Bynum
 Eric Bell & Sarah Smaardyk
 Frank & Debra Cortese
 Fred Gleber

LOVE OF READING



You may see more little displays like this springing up in Little Forest Hills. Don't confuse it with a creative mailbox, but instead, look inside for a variety of books. This is part of a nationwide program promoting literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. Kim and Kevin Vowell were one of the first in Little Forest Hill to design and build their own library. Feel free to stop by and check out a book from their library.



April 20-21 White Rock Home Tour

MCM, new modern, and sustainable architecture is the focus of this tour of five Dallas homes around the White Rock Lake area. All proceeds benefit Hexter Elementary.

www.whiterockhometour.org

Adoptable Pets of Little Forest Hills

Animal Alert's "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.

Send them to

lfhnewsletter@gmail.com

Thanks ~maeleska~



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A Fed Raccoon is a Dead Raccoon.

Since mid-December, more than 300 raccoons with distemper have been found dead or dying in the neighborhoods surrounding White Rock Lake. Symptoms exhibited by the sick raccoons include lethargy, facial spasms and seizures. The disease affects the raccoon's brain causing the normally nocturnal animal to appear in broad daylight and act tame. Distemper is not contagious to humans; however, it can be transmitted to unvaccinated cats and dogs. To reduce the spread of the disease, residents are strongly discouraged from putting cat food outside at night. The disease spreads rapidly among raccoons that eat in one spot. Anyone seeing a sick raccoon should call 311.



The temptation to feed raccoons and other wild animals can be hard to resist. What begins as an innocent, kind-hearted gesture often creates serious negative consequences for the animals. Countless urban animal lovers feed raccoons on their back porches every night completely unaware they're creating death traps for the animals.

Diseases: Feeding greatly increases the spread of two diseases fatal to raccoons: distemper and parvovirus. Solitary animals that forage for food over a large territory are much less likely to be exposed to these diseases. As a result, distemper and parvo are rare among raccoons in wilderness areas. In contrast, they're two of the most

common causes of death for urban raccoons because so many raccoons congregate in groups to eat in the same locations every night.

Loss of Natural Behavior: Fed raccoons lose their natural fear of humans. Every year in urban areas, thousands of "nuisance raccoons" are trapped and euthanized after complaints from citizens.

Overpopulation: Raccoons eating natural food sources usually give birth to four offspring per litter. Raccoons eating concentrated, high calorie pet food and table scraps often produce litters of six or more. As a result, feeding raccoons quickly can get out of control. When one or two animals become a dozen or more, a myriad of problems occur. Neighbors often end up calling animal control or hiring a wildlife control company to trap and euthanize the raccoons.

Robbed of a Beneficial Role: Raccoons can find plentiful natural sources of food in urban areas, including insects and mice. When they are eating those food sources, raccoons play a beneficial role in the urban ecosystem because they provide excellent, FREE pest control service. When pet food and table scraps are placed outside for them, raccoons cease eating insects and mice.

For a positive way to interact with wildlife, consider becoming a DFW Wildlife Coalition volunteer. For info about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.dfwwildlife.org

Meet Ellie Mae. She is a 4 month old Chihuahua/Terrier mix. Ellie is housebroken and crate trained. She was left at Dallas Animal Services and was saved by DFW Furgotten Friends. Contact Maeleska at 214-766-3577 if you are interested in meeting her.



A new season for the LFH Funky 4K

On Saturday, March 16th 60 runners came out to participate in the 4th Annual Little Forest Hills Funky 4K Fun Run! The race formerly held in the fall moved to spring and it was a beautiful day for a run. We had repeat runners, babies in strollers, kids on scooters and lots of pets running along! All finishers were given a medal as they crossed the finish line along with cheers from the crowd. Runners were fed pizza and TCBY yogurt from our generous sponsors.

2013 Winners:

Female

1st Jillian Toomay
2nd Jane Griffin
3rd Kim Vowell

Male

1st Matthias Galley
2nd Michael Beaudoin
3rd Esteban Davilla

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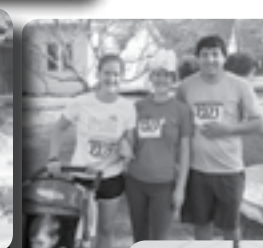
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Thank you to all the participants who came out to support the run. Hope to see you next March!

What a privilege it is to live in this wonderful neighborhood,
Debra & Frank Cortese



The Promise of Peace Community Garden is celebrating Spring!



Emily and John Ramos with Elizabeth Dry
Emily and Elizabeth are POP Board members

Saturday mornings with a communal harvesting section for a small donation. We will be announcing gardening classes and cooking classes at the Eco Fest on April 6th - our mission is to bring the community together with healthy and happy experiences. Come, Learn, Grow!



Emily and John Ramos with Elizabeth Dry - Emily and Elizabeth are POP Board members

After such a successful 'All You Need Is Love' benefit dinner, we want to thank everyone who had a hand in making it so special.

We hope that you will come out to see what is growing and to enjoy the fun inside the Garden this month! We will also have a photo exhibit by Alison McLean our volunteer photographer from the evening during the first week of April at Hotel Palomar! Check our web site promiseofpeace.us for the date of special viewing and wine happy hour. We hope to see you there

and at the following events this spring. The Promise of Peace garden is always open on Saturday mornings with a communal harvesting section for a small donation. We will be announcing gardening classes and cooking classes at the Eco Fest on April 6th - our mission is to bring the community together with healthy and happy experiences. Come, Learn, Grow!

We are also beginning a CSA with fresh organic produce harvested from Texas Daily Harvest in East Texas- the pick up will be on Angora Street - we only have 12 spots available so please email **Elizabeth** at ejdry54@yahoo.com if you are interested . This would be a weekly pick up. Explore their web site for more information.

-March 17th -

Luck of the Locals at Barcadia benefiting the POP garden, great bands and awesome prizes! 12 pm – 6 pm

-March 30th –

Volunteers needed for community wide Easter Egg Hunt- This event is from 12 pm - 1:30 pm and every child will leave with garden seeds!

This event also kicks off our 2013 Spring "City Green" Kids camp 2 pm - 6 pm for 5 consecutive Saturdays for ages 5-12.

Registration is \$75 dollars

Camp will include bee keeping, backyard chickens and a build day at CC Young Retirement Center where we will plant a new garden!

-April 6th-

Our 4th Annual Eco Fest and Community Market – 10 am - 2 pm

Live music on a solar powered stage featuring local bands, Yellow Belly Food Truck and lots of awesome local artists!

-April 20th - Build Day at CC Young Retirement Center

-April 27th-

Last Spring Kids Camp

Peace - Elizabeth Dry
214.240.9220
promiseofpeace.us



Crispen Reedy - little Forest Hills resident

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Hundreds Have Already.



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Love our Native Plants and Prairies Day

by Jim Folger



An exciting, fun, and educational event is coming to the Bath House Cultural Center grounds on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The North Texas Master Naturalists are sponsoring "Love our Native Plants and Prairies Day" from 9 AM to 3 PM.

This will be a family event with activities for the kids (such as making seed balls and cornhusk dolls) around the picnic tables on the north side of the Bath House. Twice Upon a Time storytellers will be there along with Captain Chrysalis in his butterfly costume.

Today there is only a small fraction of Blackland Prairie remnants left in North Texas, and we are lucky enough to have some of those remnants at White Rock Lake. The purpose of this event is to inform and educate the public on the value of native plants and grasses that have been a part of Texas history, and are disease and drought-resistant alternatives to non-native species. Birds, animals and insects all depend on these native plants to survive.

There will be demonstration and information outreach booths, 30 minute plant walks/talks by experts beginning at 9 AM, and then a series of speakers giving short talks/lectures of 20 minutes each on the hour and half hour starting at 10 AM in either the outdoor amphitheater or in the space underneath the Bath House. There will be native plants and chrysalises for sale. There will also be snacks and drinks available in the concession area.

The event will be a collaborative effort of a variety of organizations that have an interest in native plants and prairies. Organizations already committed include:

Native Plant Society of Texas
Native Prairies Association of Texas
Dallas Organic Gardening Club
Texas Discovery Gardens
Trinity River Audubon Center
Nature Conservancy
Sierra Club
Dallas Water Utilities
John Bunker Sands Wetlands

Dallas County Master Gardeners
Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area
Roger Sanderson with Texas snakes
Susan and Brandon Pollard: The Bee People
Dale Clark with Butterflies Unlimited
Friends of the Bath House
For The Love of The lake
George Boyd: flora and fauna photos

As residents of Little Forest Hills, you know that with White Rock Lake and its natural beauty, we have one of the best places to live in Dallas. Please join us for this exciting event.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Its my Park Day on March 2 at Casa Linda Park.



The Park received a spruce up with the planting of many bulbs. Thanks to Elizabeth Dry and the Promise of Peace Garden for supplying the bulbs and to Kim Vowell for organizing the event.



The Park will also be receiving new playground equipment this summer. Stay tuned for information on future Park improvements!



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 www.dallascityhall.com
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Dallas Police Department Neighborhood
 Sex Offender Watch and Update
 http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.
 php?AgencyID=54702&disc=54702

Call 311 to report neighborhood complaints or concerns.

Association Meetings

All Association Meetings are held at:

White Rock United Methodist Church
 1450 Old Gate Lane

If you are interested, you are welcome to attend any board meeting. Contact any board member to find out the location and time.

Please e-mail newsletter info to
Maeleska Fletes by the deadline at
lfhnnewsletter@gmail.com

Churches In The Community

There are four churches representing five denominations in Little Forest Hills. If you don't have a church home, you are welcomed & invited to attend.

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LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
 9150 Garland Road - 214-324-1425

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 1404 Old Gate - 214-321-0454

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