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Association Calendar

October 17, 2013 - **Association Meeting**

December 3, 2013 - **Articles Due**

January 14, 2014 - **Association Meeting**

Update from the Editor

Well here we are again at another year end. Thank you all for the articles and support! Remember send those articles in! Thank you,

Maelska

LFHNA General Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 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 Diane Maguire and Julie Krawczyk of Senior Source to come talk with us.

Senior Source is a non-profit organization that was organized in 1961. The mission of the Senior Source is to improve the quality of life of older adults in the greater Dallas area through protection, eldercare, advocacy, volunteerism and employment services. Diane and Julie will be discussing services provided, volunteer opportunities and their association with the neighborhood Fix-it Folks.

Our October General Meeting is also when we elect Officers for the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (LFHNA) 2014-15 term. Only members in good standing (have paid their dues) are eligible to vote. Local Committee Chairs will also 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.

The Median Magicians strike again

On August 18th at 7:00 am the Median Magicians worked their magic at our Casa Linda median at the intersection of Garland Road and Buckner. They spread ½ yard of cedar mulch and pulled Nutsedge and picked up litter along with some tree and plant trimming. We have had a little trouble with the shopping center keeping the irrigation going for our median, but finally got that straightened out and now have water at 1:00 am on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. I have really noticed a difference on plant happiness now that they have consistent water. Our hard working participants on the 18th were Janet Azhadi, Max and Denise Davis, Kay McKinney, and Karla Marie. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile endeavor to help beautify our neighborhood, call or email me to join us. Mike Schmitt 214-676-4326. Mike@WhiteRockMike.com

The Presidents' Message

Denise and Max Davis

For the past few years, we have been working toward establishing the neighborhood association as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

What does this mean for the neighborhood? Monies donated to the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (LFHNA) can be included as a deduction on their income tax return (excluding dues).

SMU Small Business Clinic has provided free support in revising our bylaws and establishing the 501(c)(3). Through their guidance, they provided us direction on which path to take.

Thanks to the LFHNA Board and SMU Clinic for their support.

Not only is LFHNA changing, but so is the surrounding area. Plans are evolving regarding Arboretum Village. Tenants include Fresh Market, Ace Hardware and Luke's Locker. Casa Linda Plaza recently added Nothing Bundt Cakes, Pei Wei construction is underway and a potential restaurant in the old Chevron location. The Children's Garden at the Dallas Arboretum is now open and offers a fun learning experience for both children and adults. The new Arboretum Parking Garage will begin to take shape in the coming months, with completion expected in late 2014.

Whether the change is within Little Forest Hills or the surrounding area, your help and support is needed.

Volunteer, it feels good!

Max and Denise
LFHNA Co-Presidents 2008-2013

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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.



Newcomers Message

Although it was a bit overcast and a shower now and then, we spread a lot of sunshine into the day of our neighborhood newcomers for the third quarter the weekend of July 13/14. This was perhaps the most successful of all quarters and the most newcomers to date. Out of 18 new neighbors only 2 were not at home to receive the welcome packets filled with neighborhood information along with home baked cookies and some very lucky newcomers received home made jam. Deep appreciation goes out to Robin Streff, Adrienne Barrett, Kim Vowell, Rhonda Warren, KrisHundt and one of our new members Desirre Henderson.

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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Defenders of Freedom Home for Veteran and his Family

by Linda Calvert

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For more information or to make a donation to Defenders of Freedom, please go their website:
<http://defendersoffreedom.us>



The Fix It Folks Receive Accolades

by Linda Calvert

We've recently had an opportunity here in our neighborhood to help some residents that experienced an emergency in their home and I was one of the lucky



Suzie Garland of Highland Park visits again for a work day.

ones that got to witness an outpouring of kindness and empathy by so many residents of our community. As the story of the bad luck experienced spread more and more throughout our boundaries someone saw a lack of adequate air conditioning in this home, went out and purchased one, and donated it to The Fix It Folks so we could be certain these residents weren't suffering miserably. Remaining anonymous was a caveat of this particular transaction, and others as well began donating countless gifts choosing to remain in the background without praise. Such a warm feeling to watch just how easily folks with oversized hearts sprang into action the minute the need for help was announced. The outpouring of assistance was like watching water seep out of a hole-ridden plastic bag----it came rushing from all directions.

Nothing has ever fit the description of our neighborhood quite like "Funky" but after this month's experience I think we could also brag that "Little Forest Hills is the giving neighborhood".



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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! All funds received before December 31,2013 will be applied toward this year’s membership, and membership dues are not tax deductible.

LFHNA
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The expenses/income incurred since January 1, 2013, are as follows:

Jan - Dec '13			
Income		Committee Expenses	
Committee Income		4th Parade Expense	786.46
Advertising	1,175.00	Fix It Folks	318.87
Four K Run	1,819.00	Membership Expenses	0.00
Garden Tour	7,460.60	Website	120.00
Membership	1,770.00	Adopt-a-Shoreline	0.00
Total Committee Income	12,224.60	Casa Linda Park Dev.	0.00
Total Income	12,224.60	Crime Watch / VIP	0.00
Expense		Four K Run	1,627.64
Neighbors in Need	-25.00	Median Adoption	96.68
Administrative		Newcomers	24.42
Presidents Fund	250.00	Newsletter Distribution	136.39
Meeting Expense		Newsletter Printing	2,944.07
WRUMC Facility Rental	400.00	Storage Unit Rent	592.54
Door Prizes	0.00	VIP	119.06
Total Meeting Expense	400.00	Volunteer of the Year	0.00
Charity/Donations		Total Committee Expenses	6,766.13
Holiday Charity Giving	0.00	Total Expense	8,141.13
Animal Alert	750.00	Net Income	4,083.47
Ferguson Road Initiative	0.00		
Alex Sanger	0.00		
Benevelant Fund	0.00		
Total Charity/Donations	750.00		
Appreciation Dinner	0.00		
Total Administrative	1,400.00		

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 September 28, 2013)

Are you a member?

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LITTLEest Forest Hills: A Neighborhood Playgroup

by Kimberly Vowell

The little ones aren't the only ones having fun! The moms have started a quarterly birthday celebration outing. Recently we celebrated the summer birthdays with a visit to the Conduit Gallery for an art opening. Afterwards we enjoyed dinner at Sfuzzis in Uptown. The neighborhood moms have continued to meet at Urban Vines for a monthly Wine and Dine book talk series. A fun clothing swap was held at a fellow neighbor's house and was lots of fun. A few moms participated in the Spa Girl Tri together in Austin last month. It was a fun event for the ladies and their families.



The kids have been busy too. Several events were hosted these past few months. The kids participated in an end of the summer bash and splash playdate, story time and book signing at Gecko Hardware, the Nasher Sculpture Center 1st Saturday event with a scavenger hunt, yoga, storytime and crafts. A tea was held at the Discovery Center and Butterfly Garden. Many moms and kids attend the White Rock Hills Library story time weekly. One last trip to the Sprayground before it closed for the summer was made. As always several play dates were hosted at neighbor's homes.

It's never too late to join in the fun. There are many events scheduled for the upcoming months. Meet us for some Arboretum Fun with KinderMusik, face painting and a petting zoo or plan to attend the Columbus Day Children's Concert at the Concert Lawn in the Arboretum. If you want more action, grab your kids and workout clothes for Stroller Boot Camp at Klyde Warren Park. Join your neighbors for the Greek Food Fest or the Dallas Museum of Art First Tuesday Event. If you'd rather something low key, you can show up at one of the weekly play dates in the neighborhood. Families are excited that construction of the playground at Casa Linda Park is complete. Many came out to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting and National Night Out. A family playdate was held at the park this month too. Family playdates are always fun for the entire family and a great way to meet your neighbors.

Bring your little ones and join us for an event. For more information email littlestforesthills@gmail.com.

Fall Is Here at Imagine Garden!

The Imagine Garden is up and Growing with over 30 gardeners from Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda Estates and beyond. The spirit is strong and the community is amazing as we dig in this newly transformed space.



We are offering classes, kids day camps, tours and we will have a Music Jam every first Saturday. Come enjoy the beauty and get plants and fresh flowers every Saturday that are donated by Trader Joes for a small donation.

Please join us at any or all of the following fall festivities:

October 1st - Music jam with Bob and Sally Ackerman - 10:00 - noon
October 12th , 19th and 26th - "The Eyes of Peace" kids camp- 75 dollars for children to engage in horticulture, photography, nutritious recipes, and art. Children under 6 must be accompanied by parent. 10:00 - noon
November 9th - "Dinner Under the Half Moon" in a beautiful backyard setting across from the garden
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Volunteers In Patrol

by Albert Barbosa

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BURGLARIES:

- Businesses on Garland Rd: 6 (including 1 w/ outside AC unit stolen)
- Homes in the Neighborhood: 8 (including 1 w/ known suspect)
- Garages/Shed: 3 (including 1 w/ known suspect)
- Houses under Construction: 3
- Property Stolen from Front Lawn: 1
- Breaking and Entering (Nothing appears to be missing): 1
- Other Theft (Items taken while suspect in home as a guest): 3

AUTOMOBILES:

- Stolen Vehicles: 9 (including one from 7-Eleven)
- Burglary(BMV): 12 (3 on Garland Rd, 1 runner parked on Garland & 2 contractor trucks in the neighborhood)
- Stolen from Vehicle Exterior: 8 (All four tires: 3, Spare tire: 3, Catalytic converter: 1, Wheel covers: 1)
- Hit and Run: 4 in the neighborhood (Not including Garland Rd*)

OTHER:

- Vandalism: 2 (Including one on church property)
- Drugs Confiscated: 2
- Illegal Dumping: 1 (Resulted in arrest)

PERSONAL:

- Aggravated Assault w/ Motor Vehicle: 1
- Assault: 2
- Attempted Suicide: 1
- Child Abandonment: 1
- Interference w/ Child Custody: 2
- Harassment: 2
- Runaway: 1
- Missing Person: 2
- Unexplained/Natural Death: 1

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- The next VIP training class is a 3 day class on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: October 21, 22 & 24, 7PM-9:30PM.
- The classes will be held at the NE Police Station on NW Hwy.
- The deadline to apply for this class is Wednesday, October 16.
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Click “Pages and Links”. Look under “Crime Prevention & Other Info”

- Then send your application to Officer Joe Schutz, NE Division: joseph.schutz@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us
- When you’ve signed up & when you complete your training, contact me at lfhcrimewatch@gmail.com

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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 _____
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I'd like to help with:

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White Rock United Methodist Church

1450 Old Gate Lane

If you are interested, you are welcome to at-
tend 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
lfhnewsletter@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.

EL DIVINO SALVADOR PRESBYTERIAN

8822 Angora - 214-327-6310

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

9150 Garland Road - 214-324-1425

ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1404 Old Gate - 214-321-0454

WHITE ROCK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1450 Old Gate - 214-324-3661