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APRIL NEWSLETTER

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LFHNA General Meeting

Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 @ 7:00pm Parlor Room

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Little Forest Hills is off and running with our second meeting of the year. We will now be meeting in The Parlor! Please join us at the LFHNA General Meeting for the following important event.

We are excited and pleased to have Dallas County Master Gardener and recycle artist Sharon Zigrossi, come speak with us. Sharon loves to recreate using found objects especially to add a bit of whimsy and fun to the garden. She will provide ideas to inspire your creativity. Being creative and encouraging others to think outside the box is one of her favorite speaking topics. Come learn how to recreate your gardening and landscape projects using repurposed and unusual materials in new and original ways. Neighbors will have an opportunity to ask questions after Sharon finishes speaking.

We will also be promoting and recruiting for our VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) program. Its time to put some skin in the game!

Lastly, we will be discussing our biggest, fantabulous fundraiser, the East Dallas Garden Tour, which is fast approaching.

LFH is full of talented, energetic and friendly folks, and we want to reach out to as many of you folks as possible.

Attendance at this General meeting will gain you a raffle ticket for an opportunity to win a nice and cool door gift!

Please bring your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to Little Forest Hills. **Refreshments will be served.**



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The Co-Presidents' Message

Warm greetings neighbors and friends! Well Spring arrived early this year and LFH is looking awesome! The air is sweet with all the blooming trees!

This is our 4th year as Co-presidents of this wonderfully eclectic, engaged, friendly, forested and funky neighborhood. Elections will be held this October for LFHNA Board positions. We are looking for an energetic person(s), who play(s) well with others and has a willingness to serve to step up for the President/Co-President position. It is a 2-year commitment. We would ideally like to mentor that person this year as a President-Elect to ensure a smooth transition. Please contact us, if you or y'all are interested in this leadership position. East Dallas is really hopping this year.

Here are a few of the upcoming activities:

Elections for Dallas City Council will be on May 6th 2017. Two candidates are running for District 9, which includes Little Forest Hills and the White Rock Lake area. Mark Clayton, our current city councilman, is one of the candidates running for this position.

The Little Forest Hills Funky Fielders have started their spring league and will be playing coed softball at Keist Park on Sunday afternoons.

The East Dallas Garden Tour is scheduled to take place on May 21st, and as always, Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda and Forest Hills will each have 3 gardens on the tour. Please volunteer to assist with this very worthwhile event by contacting **Denise Davis at denise2389@gmail.com** and Max Davis at maxdavis1950@gmail.com .

The LFH 4th of July Parade is scheduled for July 4th beginning at 9:00am. This is a fun time for both

children and adults. For more information please go to www.littleforesthills.com or send an email to denise2389@gmail.com. Kevin and Kim Vowell and Denise Davis are our parade coordinators and they are looking for volunteers to assist with the many fun jobs required to make this funky parade a reality.

Your participation in neighborhood events, such as the East Dallas Garden Tour and the LFH Garage Sale allow the association to sponsor the annual "National Night Out" event and the traditional "Fourth of July Parade" through Little Forest Hills.

Thanks to the LFHNA Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and all the volunteers that make these events possible. These are your friends and neighbors, volunteering their time and energy, and making a difference in East Dallas. We are looking very forward to another successful year for LFHNA, where neighbors connect, engage, volunteer and have fun.

Keep up with all the events and activities in LFH via the new updated website at: www.littleforesthills.com

We are Little Forest Hills and we are Funky!

Amy and Vail
LFHNA Co-Presidents 2014-2017

www.littleforesthills.com/calendar

Association Calendar Spring 2017	
April, 18 2017	General Neighborhood Meeting
May 21st 2017	Garden Tour
June 5th 2017	Newsletter Articles DUE!!
July 4th 2017	July 4th Parade and Afterparty
June 13th 2017	LFHNA Board Meeting
July 18th 2017	General Neighborhood Meeting

BULKY TRASH SET OUT DAYS:

Pick-up starts the following Monday after the last set-out day.

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Aug 3rd- 4th

May 4th-7th

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June 8th-11th

July 6th - 9th

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-Lady Bird Johnson

Summers at the Dallas Arboretum

Extended hours, scuplting, art, and more!

By Denise Davis

By the time you read this, Dallas Blooms at the Arboretum will be over. Hopefully, you were able to see all the splendid bulbs and color that make the Arboretum a jewel of East Dallas.

Here are a couple of items that are coming up soon:

Arboretum After Hours:

Every Wednesday, from March 1 to October 25 (excluding March 22), the main garden at the Arboretum will extend its hours until 8:00 pm. Pack a picnic dinner, bring a favorite book and have a mid-week escape from your busy schedule. Check the website regularly for scheduled Wednesday evening activities. Buy one, get one free general admission, is available at the ticket booth only, with a limit of one purchase per person.

ZimSculpt – April 15-July 31

ZimSculpt will feature exquisite sculptures of several dozen contemporary Zimbabwean artists, displayed throughout the Garden. Known as Shona sculpture, these contemporary pieces can be as large as seven feet tall and are hand carved from stone, as hard as granite. They are also carved from various types of serpentine and semi-precious stone, often weighing tons. Sculptors will demonstrate their artistry by carving statues live in the Pecan Grove, using chisels, hammers, files and sandpaper to create these works, while guests watch and learn about this art.

Visitors may purchase all the sculptures on display, as well as the ones created by the onsite artists. These hand-held to medium-sized sculptures will be sold at the Marketplace in the Pecan Grove. Don't see anything you like? You can also commission a special piece, just for you.

Guided Zimsculpt Garden Tours will be available on:

- Thursdays, April 20 – July 27 from 10-11 am, and
- Saturday & Sunday, April 15-July 30 at 10 am and 1 pm

Tours begin in the Entry Plaza and end in Rosine Hall. For more upcoming events, log in to www.dallasarboretum.org for more information.

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“We don’t inherit the earth from our ancestors we borrow it from our children”

-Native American Proverb

LFH Summer Activities

4th of July Fife Drum Corps

By Robinson Tryon

At the 2017 Fourth of July celebrations we’re going to have a Funky LFH Fife & Drum Corps and a Picnic Performance of patriotic & historical music. When was the last time you saw a band marching down the street in Little Forest Hills? What, never? Hardly ever? Well we’re going to change that come July! We’ll be fabricating field drums and fashioning tricorn hats for the Corps and recruiting percussion and woodwind musicians from Eustis all the way to Garland Rd. to assemble and march in our 4th of July parade.

DONATIONS:

If you happen to have any of the following supplies gathering dust at your house, we would love to have donations of:

- 5 gallon plastic buckets (especially black, brown, or green)
- Nylon, cotton, or dacron rope (5/16” - 1/2” in diameter)
- Nylon webbing (1” - 3” width)
- Over-the-shoulder luggage straps (like <http://amzn.to/2nORbWI>)
- Wide-brimmed hats (especially dark colors)
- Feathers

JOINING the CORPS:

* Do you play the flute? The fife? Penny whistle? How about a recorder? As long as it sounds roughly like a fife and can play in the key of C, then you’re hired! Do you like to drum? Do you often fidget with your pen, tapping it on your desk at work or school? Can you follow a steady tempo? If so, you’re just the person we need!

Musicians of Little Forest Hills: We’re going to have a small concert at the 4th of July picnic featuring patriotic songs and music of the American Revolution. We’d love to have you share your instrumental and vocal talents with the neighborhood and all our guests.

If you’re not sure what to perform, here are some of the songs on my shortlist:

- Yankee Privateer
- Free America (tune: British Grenadiers)
- To Anacreon in Heaven / Star Spangled Banner medley
- William Billings’ “Chester”
- Ballad of the Green Mountain Boys
- America The Beautiful

Please email me (bishop.robinson@gmail.com) if you’re interested in performing a solo piece or in an ensemble. Let’s fill Casa Linda Park with beautiful harmony!



April

Gardeners To Do List For April

Planting

Plant ground covers and warm season annuals and perennials as soil temperatures warm and the danger of frost has passed, such as cannas and gladiolus corms. It's best to wait until next month to plant hot weather annuals such as caladiums, elephant ears, periwinkles, and zinnias.

Plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine and Zoysia) starting in mid April. Plant Bermuda grass seed only when nighttime temperatures average 65 degrees.

Early April plant: tomatoes, snap beans, radishes, cucumbers, corn, lima beans, mustard, peppers and squash. Late April plant: watermelon, southern peas, okra, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, eggplant, and pumpkin.

Pruning

Prune spring blooming shrubs and vines after they finish flowering.

Allow foliage on spring bulbs to die back and dry before removing, so it can store food for next year. Shade trees may be pruned. However, do not prune live oaks and red oaks between Feb. 15 and June 30.

Plant Care

Fertilize azaleas according to soil test recommendations after they finish blooming.

Check roses, ornamentals, and vegetables for powdery mildew, prevalent in mild, moist spring weather.

Check new growth on ornamental plants weekly for aphids and scale insects and treat if necessary.

Apply first fertilizer treatment to established warm season turf grasses (first to mid April). Use a fertilizer based on a soil test (which may cost as little as \$10) and follow recommendations. "Weed & Feed" products are not recommended.

Mow established warm season turf grasses weekly or as needed.

Use broad-leafed weed control products to eliminate spring weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed. Some types can damage St. Augustine. Always read and follow label directions. ~Begin harvesting cool season vegetables.

Water all your plants when they're dry, but be particularly diligent with new plantings that can quickly dry out in our persistent spring winds. Use 3 - 4 inches of mulch on all flower, shrub and vegetable beds.

May

Gardeners To Do List For May

Planting

Plant caladiums and elephant ears as night temperatures reach 70 degrees.

Plant ground covers and hot weather annuals such as periwinkles, portulaca, salvia, zinnias, and coleus.

Continue to plant warm season turf grasses.

Finish planting black-eyed peas, cantaloupe, cucumber, eggplant, green beans (pole or bush type), lima beans, okra, peppers, pumpkin, sweet corn, sweet potato, squash and watermelon. Plant perennial herbs in prepared soil or containers.

Plant hardy varieties of palms during the warm season from now to August.

Tropical color plants including hibiscus, Allamanda, bougainvillea and mandevilla may be planted now.

Pruning

Prune spring blooming shrubs such as forsythia and Indian hawthorn after they finish flowering.

Prune climbing roses after their blooms fade.

Snip off the dried foliage of early spring bulbs such as daffodils and the faded flower stalks of irises.

Do not prune live oaks and red oaks between Feb. 15 and June 30.

Plant Care

Check roses, ornamentals, and vegetables for aphids and powdery mildew.

Continue Homeowner's Fruit and Nut Spray Schedule.

Check roses for black spot and apply fungicide as necessary according to label directions.

Watch for bagworms on junipers and other conifers, treat as required.

Inspect broadleaf evergreen shrubs such as euonymus and hollies for scale insects, and treat as necessary.

Check ornamentals, flowers, and vegetables for spider mites, which begin to appear with hot weather.

Continue regular mowing of warm season turf grasses every 5 to 7 days.

Mow Bermuda, maintained at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches, and St. Augustine maintained at 2 1/2 inches in full sun to 3 to 3 1/2 inches in moderate shade.

Check for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns (late May to Sept). Also watch for gray leaf spot fungal disease.

Mulch planting beds to conserve moisture, deter weeds and keep soil cool.

Be attentive to the water needs of new plantings.



Controlling Feral Cats



By Linda Calvert

I've recently stumbled upon one of our residents taking on the responsibility of catching & neutering feral cats that have been living under his house. Ever since one of those tactile superior raccoons removed wood from a small lattice section he's been housing unwanted animals. This tiny change to his property allowed every congenial animal that needed a dry place to live to take possession. Once that was happening the home owner knew it was time to do something serious about intruders,, so he got busy.

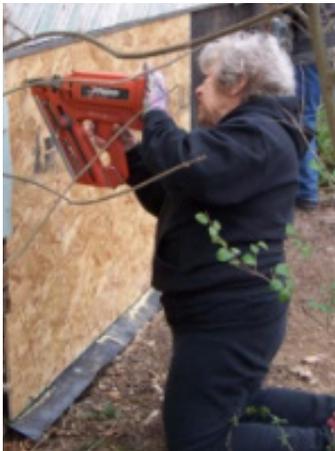
Fix-it-Folks help again!

By Linda Calvert

Winter usually means The Fix It Folks are snuggled-in under warm blankets and planning on future projects only, but with this year's incredible weather we bundled up, got out, and went to work then found ourselves peeling off clothing and gasping for cooler air within a few hours. Warming weather and a fire to warm our feet meant we were able to "rock on" and accomplish something in a surprising February -- giving us the feeling we're ahead of the curve for this year.

Our team continues to serve as volunteers taking on minor home repair projects for elderly, sick, and handicapped residents that for whatever reason cannot handle repairs necessary for them to stay in a safe & comfortable home. If you would like to join us for these fun-loving and heart-swelling experiences please contact me at lcalver1@swbell.net or 214-327-5508.

Nothing can make you feel richer than receiving the many "thank you's" we hear anytime we do a project!



LFH resident Paul Heinemann went searching for ways to deal with the cats since they were the most populated specie living under his porch. He researched articles on the subject and learned that according to the ASPCA, 1.4 million cats are euthanized each year in the US and 1.2 million dogs are put to sleep. Those figures made him decide to take-up the challenge and develop a system to capture those feral cats and get them spayed & released. What a great idea-Do something!!!

Since our neighborhood has it's issues with ferals it would be a good idea for some of us to also consider helping with this problem by letting Paul give us some direction on how to set-up a similar system in our yards. He will be happy to show you how he makes insulated cat dwellings out of Tote Boxes, PVC pipe, & straw in very compact areas that will take-up very little space in our yards. His success boasts of capturing & spaying 6 cats in a short amount of time, which benefits not only the cats themselves, but also helps the city with those ugly euthanized numbers that none of us like to think about.

He will help anyone set-up traps, cages, and crafted houses to help reduce the amount of unwanted cats born and provide those neutered cats a safe place to sleep in the meantime. If you have the time, desire, and love in your heart for kittens please join Paul in this endeavor. He can be reached at pheinemann86@gmail.com

And I repeat.....What a great idea – Do Something !!!



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Newcomers' Committee

By Becky Toomay

Lots of activity here in the 'hood: houses being refreshed...new construction. And best of all lots of new families! We have become a very popular location. So every quarter our committee of faithful volunteers bake treats to include in a welcome packet to deliver to all the new members of Little Forest Hills.

In mid January we delivered close to 18 bags overflowing with delicious goodies and valuable information. Our new neighbors are not only surprised by our efforts but genuinely appreciative. I suspect it is the creativity and generosity of our bakers that impresses them the most. For the January contributions we thank Rhonda Warren, Liz Knight, Cheryl Axley, and Susan Thompson. You really outdid yourselves.

We welcome all volunteers. Our next delivery is scheduled for mid April. If you aren't a baker, come along as we distribute the goods. We meet a lot of people and have fun.

John Olson and Becky Toomay



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“Sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast”

-Lewis Carroll



Catch that Pig! Register your Dog! Animal Alert!

Interview with Animal Alert Founder

By Robinson Tryon

It sometimes seems like half of the posts on NextDoor are about missing dogs or pigs running free. Y’all remember Hogdini, the pig with Houdini-level escape skills? Some Pig, I’d say!

As much fun as it would be to have a few cute pot-bellied pigs roaming around Little Forest Hills serving as ambassadors (am-bacon-adores?) to all those who visit, the reality is that loose animals should get home to their owners as quickly and safely as possible.

A couple of weeks ago I had a great idea: What if we had a registry of all the pets & livestock in the neighborhood? All the information would be confidential, and a couple of ‘Critter Captains’ could serve as coordinators to help people identify found animals and search for missing ones. Brilliant!

It turns out that just such an organization *already exists*! It’s called “Animal Alert,” it deals with animals in both Little and Big Forest Hills and is lead by Maeleska Fletes.

WANT TO HELP?

Please let us know if you’d like to help with Animal Alert. We need team members who can respond to lost & found animal inquiries, help get the neighborhood pets registered (once we have that system up and running again), and more! Please contact Maeleska at 214-930-5901 or email <info@lfhanimalalert.org>.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ANIMAL ALERT?

I had an opportunity to talk with Maeleska this week and learn a bit more about the organization.

Read the interview



Robinson: May people text to the AA phone number?

Maeleska: Yes texting is fine. The [AA] phone is very low quality and picture[s] are not good. I do let them text my personal phone if they are unable to email a picture to our email address.

R: May people register livestock? (there are a fair number of pigs, chickens, rabbits, etc.. around here, and they seem to get loose at times!)

M: Yes and no. We [no] longer register pets. I had hoped to do online registration and even had a volunteer to do it but it never happened. At one time I was passing the control of AA to another neighbor and it did not work out...I just try to keep up with everyone via email now.

R: Is there a team of people monitoring the info@lfhanimalalert.com email address?

M: It is just me. I constantly am asking for volunteers but I believe since I no longer live in LFH I miss opportunities to get help. So any help is GREATLY appreciated.

R: How many inquiries do you get a day?

M: Some days none. Some days up to about 4. It seems it's feast or famine.

R: About how fast do you get back to people who've contacted you?

M: I try to get back to folks immediately due to the fact that animals usually don't hang around if they are loose. Sometimes I am unable to due to work or other commitments.

R: How much would it speed up the process to have a few more volunteers on board?

M: Yes it would speed up if I had help.

R: How many pets have you helped get reunited w/their owners?

M: Hundreds possibly thousands.

R: How long have you been doing this?

M: I started LFHAA in 2008.

R: Any amusing stories about lost animals, etc..?

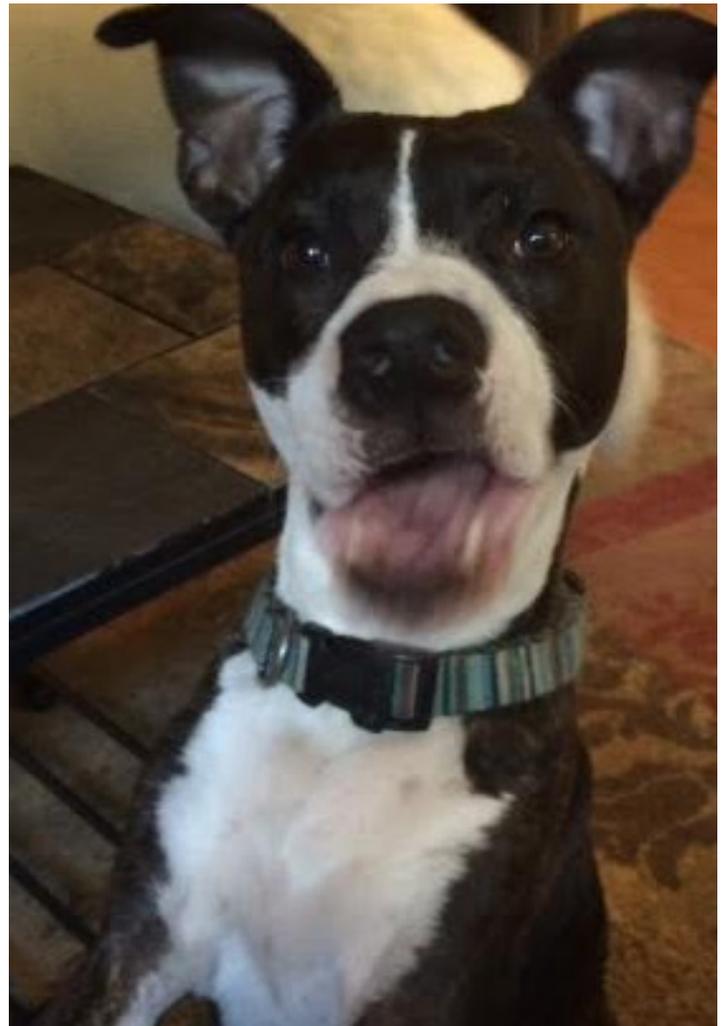
M: There are several amusing stories but the re-homing a chicken was probably the best. A LFH resident had a rooster show up in their yard. There was so many funny comments like "dinner is served". I was able to find a home for him in the country and he was not dinner!

R: What happens if you can't identify an owner for an animal?

M:It happens every so often. If that is the case I do my best to get them into a foster and with a rescue group once it is decided that there is no owner. I just had a wonderful little fellow that no one claimed and I took him here at my house. He finally got adopted to a wonderful family and has a wonderful young girl of his own.

R: What's the best way for people to get in touch with you if they'd like to volunteer?

M: They can call the Animal Alert number 214-930-5901 or email info@lfhanimalalert.org



Yard of the Month! **APRIL**
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WOG: Little Forest Hills wine-o-group

Do you enjoy meeting neighbors? Do you enjoy drinking wine? Do we have a FUN opportunity for YOU!

The WOG is a FUN event where one of Little Forest Hills neighbors volunteers their home for the evening. The homeowner comes up with a date, a time and a theme, and if needed, we do the rest. Invitations are sent out with all the important information and the attendees bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer that fits the theme and plan on a good time!

Here is the information for our next event:

Date: Saturday, April 29
Time: 6:00 – 11:00 pm
Host / Hostess: Mike and Paula Schmitt
Address: 8702 San Benito Way
Theme: Entertainment

All neighbors will be encouraged to sing a song, recite a poem, give a one act play, tell a joke or play an instrument. We will have either a musician to play along, if needed or a karaoke machine, or both. The only rule is everyone will be massively and sincerely applauded.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

By Vail

The destiny of our neighborhood should be determined by those of us, the residents, who actually live here and have the most at stake. A well-written letter or email, describing your observations, concerns and opinions, may be the most effective way to communicate to elected officials and may help persuade an official in your favor.

>>CONTACT MARK CLAYTON

Mark Clayton is our current Dallas City Councilman for our district. His contact info, including email, is found at the back of this newsletter.

EMAIL or CALL:

If you have questions or concerns regarding new construction and building codes, please contact the district manager for the Southeast Office, **Byron Williams @ 214.670.8178**. Concerns about issues or policies in our local parks, including Casa Linda Park and White Rock Lake, can be directed to our local Park Board Representative, Becky Raider. bd2rader@sbcglobal.net

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A LITTLE FOREST HILLS ORIGINAL

From Two Wheels to One Hammer

How a Little Forest Hills Resident
is Preparing to Bike Across
Country for Affordable Housing

By Chris Weachock





I've just gotten off work. Tired and mentally exhausted from the days projects, I'm about to mount my Fuji bike, ride down main street from Deep Ellum, make my way through a fastidious flurry of cars and safely pass onto the Santa Fe trail. I am greeted by pleasantly smoother pavement thankfully, some barking dogs, and I keep a sharp look out for that one loose pitbull I had to outpace last year. Welcome to biking in Dallas. When one thinks of Dallas, they don't think—what a great bike friendly city! In my experience, Dallas is loud, busy, teeming with cars, but full of people with great potential. And as I am about to use my own potential to tell my legs to push forward and carry my tired mind and body I think of a place where I can feel comfort a place called—home.

Out of the 365 days of the year, we live our busy lives day in and day out working, living, breathing and returning to a place of rest we like to call home. It is in this home, whatever form it might take, that we find peace and warmth with ourselves and the people we love. However, many people in the United States don't have the financial ability to rent or own a home. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development or "HUD"

10.3 million individuals or families struggle to rent or own a home

a home is affordable if payments plus taxes and basic utilities do not exceed 30% of a household's gross income. It's also incredibly difficult for extremely low-income families to rent or own a home. Add to that the rising costs of living in the United States, people's lack of education about financing a home and you are

stuck between a rock and a hard place.

But what is the correlation between owning a home and bicycling? Well, having lived in East Dallas for the past three years I have fallen more in love with nature, the outdoors, and naturally—bicycling. I've lived in two different apartment complexes, each with rising rates, and I was lucky enough to rent a small home for a reasonable rate for a limited amount of time. But, I have to leave and it is being sold [at a price that I cannot afford].

Enter, Bike and Build

Bike and Build is a national nonprofit based in Philadelphia which empowers young adults through service-oriented cycling trips to benefit affordable housing. Bike and Build envisions future generations who are committed to a lifetime of civic engagement and who inspire individuals and communities to create fair, decent housing for all Americans. Sounds pretty exciting right? Thus, you my dear reader, are the proud recipient of these new and exciting words for this journey that will hopefully inspire you to work within your own community to give back through service oriented cycling and building.

Biking from Florida to California for Affordable Housing

Over the course of the summer I will be biking about 3,965 miles from Jacksonville Florida to Monterey California, helping to rebuild homes and communities in cities along the Gulf of Mexico, Texas, and the West Coast. I will be riding with a group of 30 young adults, pedaling our way through communities from the panhandle of Florida to the streets of New Orleans and deserts of Nevada. It will be hot, it will be sweaty, and it will require about over 7,000 hours of time biking and building.

I'm proud to say having lived in Little Forest Hills has taught me how to be engaged with my community and the people I come into contact with. I encourage you to go out, meet people, get outdoors, and find a connection. It has been so great being your editor for the neighborhood and I hope this story and many more to come will inspire you to be conscious in your own life and help make positive change.

Read more online at classic.bikeandbuild.org/rider/9274

Crime in our Hood!

By Vail

Hello Neighbors. We would like to give everyone an update on what is currently being done/considered about the uptick in neighborhood crime. We have been in contact with our councilman and with our local police, and we should be seeing an increase in police surveillance, especially around Casa Linda Park. However, the increased police presence will most likely be temporary, due to the current limited resources of our DPD.

With this said, we do have options available to us as neighbors in LFH:

1. Get involved, get some skin in the game. Take a class with the VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) Program. The police have repeatedly told us that neighbors are the eyes and ears of the police. We are many and they are few. We do not need to confront suspicious people, only report what we see. The squeaky wheel will get the attention of our local police department.

2. Albert Barbosa is our crime czar. He can be contacted at Barbosa_albert@yahoo.com He is in charge of our VIP Program. Please let him know if you are interested in participating.

3. When a 911 call is made, you should:

- a). State that you see a suspicious person or activity
- b). State that the activity is in progress(if it is so)
- c). And, state that you want to talk to an officer...And Then Follow-Up. Call the Northeast Substation and ask:
- d). Has a report then made of the incident/case?
- e). Who was assigned to the incident/case?
- f). Ask for the name and contact information of the officer who is handling the case.
- g). Contact the officer who is handling case and inquire about the status of the case. Be a pest. Remember, the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Get some skin in the game!

LFH NA Co-presidents



"And they lived happily ever after until they received the property tax bill for their castle."

Native Plants and Prairies day!

By James Folger

The North Texas Master Naturalists are hosting the fifth annual Native Plants & Prairies Day on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10 AM to 3 PM, at the Bath House Cultural Center grounds on White Rock Lake.

If you have a family with children, are grandparents, or simply have an interest in the natural world, you will be excited about attending this FREE family event that is educational and fun!

There will be over 30 demonstration and information outreach booths, 30 minute wildflower and other walks on the prairie, and a series of speakers giving short talks/lectures of 30 minutes each.

Exhibitors will include snakes, raptors, butterflies, mammals and much more. A raffle will be held with gifts provided by our sponsors. There will also be food trucks and for the first time -artists selling their creative works.

The theme of the event this year is climate change, and will feature a special climate ribbon tree that is part of an international project recognizing the impact of changes to our planet.

Please join us as we celebrate Texas flora and fauna, and the use of native plants in home landscapes as disease and drought-resistant alternatives to non-native species.





LFH Trash Talkers

Preserving the Beauty of White Rock Lake

By Robinson Tryon

The LFH Trashtalkers would like to thank all of the volunteers who have participated in our monthly shoreline cleanups. We've been picking up all kinds of trash and recycling in our Adopt-a-Shoreline region located on the banks of beautiful White Rock Lake.

Do you love the beauty of White Rock Lake? COME JOIN US! For The Love of the Lake (FTLOTL) even provides morning snacks and coffee.

Humans:

=> Interested in joining us on the shoreline for one of our next cleanups? Sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2ivShvQ>

Kayaks:

=> Come help us clean up trash we can't reach from the bank

=> Do you have a kayak but don't use it much? We'd love to borrow it from you!

Email us: lfhtrashtalkers@gmail.com

In January, Lisa Tragemann, Denise Davis, and I combed the grassy areas and removed floating lumber. Styrofoam cups have a bad habit of crumbling into tiny pieces and getting stuck to reeds and sticks.

Albert Barbosa and I cleared dozens of plastic bottles out of the lake in February, filling up multiple recycling bags. Some excavation is required to remove all the man-made materials embedded in the banks!

There are even floating glass bottles in the lake, although we've yet to find a message in any of them! And if you look closely from the bridge in our area, you'll see that out in the water is a sea monster....wait, no, it's a TV!



“Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed individuals to change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”

-Margaret Mead





“A match has been made for me at last; I have fallen in love with a shrub oak”

-Thoreau

LFH East Dallas Garden Tour

Nine Gardens: Sunday May 21st in East Dallas!

By Max Davis

The 2017 Garden Tour will be held on Sunday, May 21st. from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The tour will consist of nine gardens, plus the plant sale at Casa Linda Park.

Three gardens are selected from Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda Estates and Forest Hills. Each garden will have two or three local artists displaying their creations. This is a great opportunity to pick up that special item for your home or garden.

We usually have around 1,000 visitors attend this annual event. Please excuse the extra cars on our small streets. Parking can be an issue, so plan on walking or biking, if possible.

Tour tickets and information will be available online at www.whiterockgardentour.org. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at each garden.

We also have a wonderful “APP” available online for download from the App Store or Google Play. The app will provide a map of the gardens and plant sale, plus information on each garden.

A big thanks to the Garden Tour Committee and all the volunteers & artists helping to make this a great experience.





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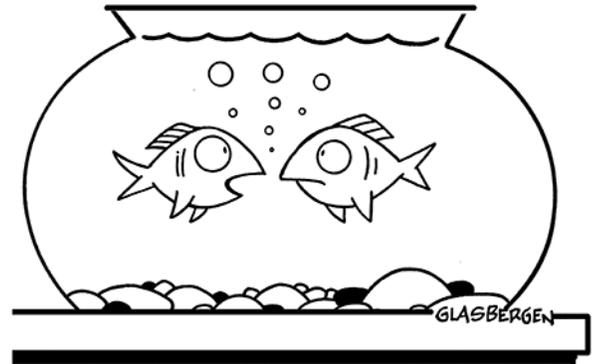


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“Dogs do speak but only to those who know how to listen.”

-Orhan Pamuk, My Name is Red

Friendly Dog Collars: Color Coded Dog Awareness

By Max Davis

How often does it happen that you and your dog are enjoying a nice walk, obeying leash laws and all of the sudden an unleashed dog comes barreling at you out of nowhere? Sometimes it happens to me three or four times per walk depending on the neighborhood we are walking in. Usually, the owner will come ambling along with the old “don’t worry, he’s friendly” explanation and most of the time, nobody gets nippy.

But their dog is only half of the equation isn’t it? Your dog could be a shy dog, an anxious dog, a leash aggressive dog, a blind or deaf dog, or a dog recovering from PTSD. There is nothing wrong with having a dog that possesses any of these traits.

Jessica Dolce, an animal advocate, started a movement called DINOS (Dogs in need of space). She advises owners to tie a yellow ribbon on their dog’s leash and to spread the word so that others may do the same and the meaning would catch on. DINOS are good dogs, they just don’t appreciate other, unknown dogs running up to them for some unsolicited face to face time.

An orange ribbon means that the dog is friendly towards people but not towards other dogs.

A green ribbon means that your dog is very approachable and does not have any anxiety about unsolicited interaction with other people or dogs.

A company called Friendly Dog Collars has taken this idea a step further and made these great harnesses, collars and leashes that clearly spell out your dog’s temperament.



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(Annual membership runs January through December)

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