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## LFHNA General Meeting

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016 @ 7:00pm**

**White Rock United Methodist Church**

**1450 Old Gate Lane**

Little Forest Hills is a great place to live in Dallas! We hope everyone had a great time at the 15th Annual White Rock East Garden Tour and our annual 4th of July Parade. We look forward to seeing you at our next LFHNA General Meeting.

We have invited Kevin Lefebvre from Green Dallas, to come talk with us. Mr. Lefebvre has been corresponding with some concerned LFH residents over the past year regarding the City’s mosquito management process. The mission of Green Dallas is to educate all residents on the efforts they are putting forth as an organization. They will address the City’s message of environmental stewardship and sustainability and will answer questions in accordance with this mission. Green Dallas will have approx. 30 minutes to share important and helpful information to folks who live in our community and then will have approximately another 25 minutes to take questions from our audience.

As always, we encourage you to bring your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to Little Forest Hills

Door prizes and refreshments will be served. Refreshments will be sponsored by Cassandra Spencer from Edward Jones (in Casa Linda). Ms. Spencer will have a table set up at the meeting and will be available to provide information on financial planning and goals such as retirement, sending kids to college, etc., for those folks who may choose to visit with her before and after our general meeting. She offers free consultations at her office on Garland Rd. As the saying goes, “failing to plan is planning to fail.”

## BULKY TRASH SET OUT DAYS:

Pick up starts the following Monday after the first set out day

**July 7th-11th**

**Aug 4th - 8th**

**Sept 8th - Sept 12th**



# The Co-President's Message

From Amy and Vail

During the past few months we have enjoyed an awesome and very successful 15th Annual White Rock East Dallas Garden Tour, six wonderfully festive Wine-o-Group (WOG) neighborhood parties, the ever popular and funky 4th of July Parade, and a very wet LFH Funky Fielders spring softball season. They will return for more fun in the fall. A great big THANKS to ALL the volunteers who help make these events so successful. :)

Other upcoming events include more Wine-o-Groups (WOG), Fall Funky Fielder Coed Softball (September), the East Dallas Artists Tour (October) and neighborhood night-out meet-n-greet events (still in the planning stage).

In order to provide these activities, we NEED your support. Volunteer today by contacting the Committee Chairs on the back of this newsletter. We currently have 1 open Committee Chair Position: the Adopt-A-Shoreline(3-Chair team) . The Animal Alert group also needs a new Committee Chairperson(s) and more volunteers, and the VIP Patrol Committee and 4th of July Parade committees also need more volunteers.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or a Committee Chairperson, please contact any Board officer. Chris or Amanda Davidson(amandadavidson@ebby.com), Mike Schmitt (Michael.schmitt@sbcglobal.net), Crispin Reedy (crispin.reedy@yahoo.com), Susan Remele (skrem8615@sbcglobal.net), Max or Denise Davis(maxdavis@gmail.com, denise2389@gmail.com), Rebecca McKinney(rebecca@rambs.com) or Amy and Vail (lfhneighborhood@swbell.net). Our contact info and phone numbers are also located on the back of the newsletter.

Volunteer - It feels good!  
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# 14th Annual 4th of July Parade-SUCCESS!

## FAMILY FUN AND INDEPENDENCE

By Sarah Aston

The rain didn't ruin our parade this Fourth of July! The Little Forest Hills 14th Annual Independence Day Parade was all we could hope for, despite the puddles on the street. The weather was nice and spirits were high from both participants and spectators alike.

This year's parade was lead by a fire truck from the Promise of Peace Garden, through the neighborhood, all the way to Casa Linda Park. Following behind the big red truck we had spirited bikers, festive walkers, decorated dogs, a few antique cars, the Trash Queens and Rocky the Duck from For The Love of the Lake, a 6-foot unicycle with a very talented rider, and a pool party going on in the bed of the truck. Needless to say, everyone was decked out in red, white, and blue, and waving American flags along the way.

The post-parade event at the park included delicious BBQ sliders, watermelon slices, and good old-fashioned apple pie. While music filled the background, everyone got a chance to reconnect with their neighbors. The kids and dogs ran around the park, enjoying the cool weather. It was stars, stripes, and smiles all around.

As is tradition, The Dallas Tap Dazzlers were planning on attending. However, due to the weather, they were unable to join us this year. But don't worry! They plan to come back next year for another amazing performance. They're sure to add a little extra sparkle.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for helping make this years celebration a success: Albertsons, Barbec's, Chef's Produce, Councilman Mark Clayton, the Dallas Police Department, Minuteman Press, Promise of Peace Garden, Smoky Rose Barbecue, and White Rock United Methodist Church. Your contributions helped us tremendously!

A huge thank you to the LFH Neighborhood Association's Fourth of July Parade Committee and volunteers for all of your hard work in planning and executing this wonderful event! None of this would be possible without all your planning and dedication.

It's safe to say our Independence Day was a success. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, but it's neighbors like you that make life sparkle.

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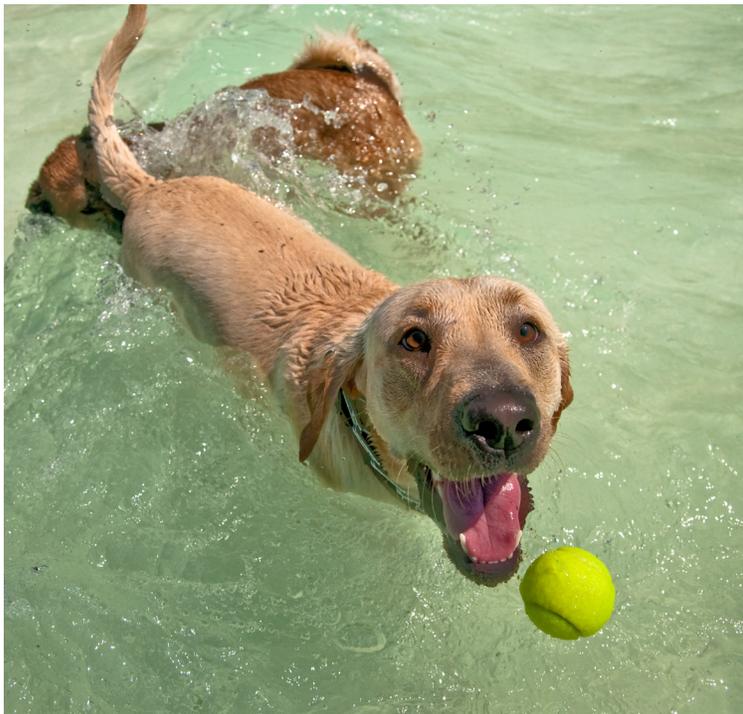
By Becky Toomay

The Newcomers' Committee is really stepping up to the challenge of the influx of new people into our beloved neighborhood. We are averaging over twenty move-ins every quarter. We depend on our trusty bakers to provide delicious treats to add to the welcome bags of helpful information about local events and services. In April Liz Knight, Laurie McClurg, Cheryl Axley, Rhonda Warren, and Minok Merrick baked for the cause. Thank you ladies.

We are so lucky to have you. Our next delivery will be in mid-July. If you have some culinary talents you'd like to share, we'd be delighted to accept your creations. We also welcome anyone who'd like to join Erica, John and Becky when we distribute the welcome gifts. It's fun to meet the new neighbors and to talk to established neighbors who are out and about as we make our rounds.

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# LFH

## Yard of the month-June 2016!

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## Animal Alert:Animals in Need!

By Maeleska Fletes

Animal Alert always needs your help. Volunteers are needed to help with Facebook and Nextdoor. Maeleska is again running the program all alone and she needs your help. First she just does not have the time to post lost and found pets on Facebook. If someone would step up and as the AA notifications are sent out they could post on Facebook. Secondly as the notifications are sent out a volunteer could post on Nextdoor but also as lost and found pets are posted on Nextdoor they could be sent to Animal Alert. As you know Maeleska no longer lives in LFH so she is unable to utilize Nextdoor in LFH. Each of these volunteer positions can be done from your phone or computer but should be monitored often. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Now the AA funds are getting low again. These funds are used for the website, phone and an occasional vet bill. The phone bill is \$72.00 a month. Should you want to donate to these funds please send a check to LFHAA at 2707 Rickenbacker Dr. Dallas, 75228.

# HOW to...

## HOW KEEP PETS SAFE FROM THE HEAT

From the Humane Society of the United States

The summer months can be uncomfortable—even dangerous—for pets and people. It's difficult enough simply to cope with rising temperatures, let alone thick humidity, but things really get tough in areas that are hit with the double blow of intense heat and storm-caused power outages, sometimes with tragic results.

We can help you keep your pets safe and cool this summer. Follow our tips for helping everyone in your family stay healthy and comfortable when the heat is on (and even if the power isn't).

### **NO PARKED CARS**

**Never leave your pets in a parked car.**

Not even for a minute. Not even with the car running and air conditioner on. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die.

### **WATCH HUMIDITY**

It's important to remember that it's not just the ambient temperature but also the humidity that can affect your pet," says Dr. Barry Kellogg, VMD, of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association. "Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly." Taking a dog's temperature will quickly tell you if there is a serious problem. Dog's temperatures should not be allowed to get over 104 degrees.

### **LIMIT EXERCISE**

Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating.

### **DON'T RELY ON FANS**

Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don't cool off pets as effectively as they do people.

### **PROVIDE SHADE & WATER**

Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse.

Keep your pet from overheating indoors or out with a cooling body wrap, vest, or mat (such as the Keep Cool Mat). Soak these products in cool water, and they'll stay cool (but usually dry) for up to three days. If your dog doesn't find baths stressful, see if she enjoys a cooling soak.

### **WATCH FOR HEATSTROKE**

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness.

### **TREAT HEATSTROKES**

Move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to her head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over her. Let her drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take her directly to a veterinarian.



# Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members

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All other requests can be submitted online at the following website.

<http://dallascityhall.com/services/services.html>

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## Little Forest Hills Wine-O-Group (WOG)

By Danise Davis

Interested in participating in the almost monthly Wine-O-Group? Here is how the process works. Someone volunteers their home to host the event. The host selects the date and the theme. Participants bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer. Everyone has a good time!

If you want to receive an invitation or you wish to host a WOG, please contact us at:

Max Davis – (214) 404-6892 – [maxdavis1950@gmail.com](mailto:maxdavis1950@gmail.com)

Denise Davis – (713) 894-6340 – [denise2389@gmail.com](mailto:denise2389@gmail.com)

## LFH NA Website Sponsorship Opportunity

By Vail

We are excited to announce that beginning August 1st, 2016, we will start accepting sponsorships for our website. If you already have an ad in the newsletter, you can add a sponsorship ad to the website for an additional \$50 per calendar year.\* Yearly rate to be prorated to \$25 for Aug-Dec

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## Save the Date!-Garage Sale!

By Michelle Sosnoski

Save The Date! The Little Forest Hills Sometimes Annual Funky Junky Sale has a spot on the calendar - October 22 9am-3pm

This is the time of the year when we donate all of our good Junque and buy up all of our neighbor's good Junque.

It's our favorite event of the year, but it doesnt just put itself on ... We need donators and shoppers of course... But we also need people to pick up donations, set up the sale, work at the sale and clean up the mess afterwards. Kids are good candidates for all of these spots because we pay handsomely (in community service hours!).

So put the Funky Junky Sale on your calendar and start gathering up all the stuff that is annoying you, so that we can sell it to your neighbors and have it annoy them! Lots of fun and all the proceeds go to the LFH Neighborhood Fund to do Good in the Hood:)

Questions? Call or text Michell Sosnoskie at 214.415.5868 or email [Msosnoskie@yahoo.com](mailto:Msosnoskie@yahoo.com)



# Dallas Arboretum Upcoming Events

## LEARN ABOUT FAMOUS HISTORY THROUGH SCULPTURES & FLOWERS

By Denise Davis



**“We are not makers  
of history. We are  
made by history.”**

*-Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr.*

Have you ever wanted to sit down and talk to Mark Twain or paint with Monet? Now through November 27, join us at the Dallas Arboretum to view 8 bronze sculptures by Gary Lee Price. Many of the sculptures are on park benches or in a garden setting.

The sculptures include:

- Abraham Lincoln
- Claude Monet
- Mark Twain
- Albert Einstein
- George Washington
- Benjamin Franklin
- William Shakespeare
- The Wright Brothers

What a great photo opportunity!

Did you know that on Wednesday nights, the Arboretum is open until 8:00 pm for Wednesday Nature Nights? Now through October 19, the Arboretum will have a food or dessert truck on hand and a sculpture scavenger hunt for the kids.

Friday evenings in July will bring Garden Gigs, featuring local artists throughout the Garden. These events will be from 7:30 - 9:30 Friday evenings in July.

Don't forget that August features Dollar Days at the Arboretum. If you are not a member, what a great opportunity to visit the Garden for only \$1! For an additional \$1, you and your friends can visit the amazing Children's Garden. Parking is also reduced to \$5.

**Visit [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) to see other upcoming activities.**



## Association Calendar

January 19, 2016 7:00 PM General Neighborhood Meeting

March 7, 2016 Newsletter Articles /Committee Reports Due

March 15, 2016 LFHNA Board Meeting

April 23, 2016 It's My Park Day

April 19, 2015 7:00 PM General Neighborhood Meeting

May 15, 2016 15 th Annual White Rock East Garden Tour

June 9, 2016 Newsletter Articles/Committee Reports Due

June 14, 2016 LFHNA Board Meeting

July 4, 2016 LFHNA 4 th of July Parade

July 19, 2016 7:00 PM General Neighborhood Meeting

September 8, 2016 Newsletter Articles Committee Reports Due

September 20, 2016 LFHNA Board Meeting

October 4, 2016 National Night Out

October 18, 2016 7:00 PM General Neighborhood Meeting

Fall Festival-Funky 4K Run October 26th

LFHNA Garage Sale October 2016



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## GEEZ LOUISE FREE TREES!

By Vail Fassett

Mature trees help conserve soil and water and decrease erosion. Their dense foliage absorbs sound and provides privacy as well as visual buffers to unattractive views. Evergreens can block strong winter winds. Trees beautify our neighborhoods through foliage, flowers and form, clean the air by removing CO2 emissions, make our streets and yards cooler in the summer, and enhance property values. So it would be prudent to avoid cutting down your mature trees, but if you must do so, please consider planting a new tree. The City of Dallas provides free trees for neighborhood residents through their Reforestation Program. The trees can be planted only in the parkway (between sidewalk and the curb for a few of our blocks) or at the end of the front yard and on the rights of way. The resident must provide watering, mulching, etc., for 2 years.

Large canopy trees, including maple, ash, oak and elm, are available, along with small trees such as redbud, crape myrtle, and persimmon. The trees are generally between 4' and 7' tall. Requests can come from individuals or neighborhood groups. Applications for trees must be made **between April and October** and **trees are planted between November and March**. The application process is complex, so LFH neighbors can start planning now for making application for April-October.

Contact City of Dallas Chief Arborist Phil Erwin at 214.948.4117 for questions.

For a package with details, forms, available trees, etc., contact Francisco Pataro at: [fpataro@live.com](mailto:fpataro@live.com)



# LFH Funky Fielders 2016

## FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN THE FUN AND PLAY SOFTBALL!

By Max Davis

Your neighborhood coed softball team finished the 2016 Spring Season with a three and five record. The games were played at the Kiest Park Complex in Oak Cliff. With plenty of room for improvement, the team will return in the Fall 2016.



**“You may swing and miss but the love of the game shall stay the same.”**

*-Anonymous*

Players in the photo from left to right:

Front Row –

Lottie Minick (BatGirl), Amy Ewell, Sarah Donahue, Sue Myers, Martha Humphries

Back Row-

John Olson, Max Davis (Coach), Denise Davis, Cynthia Daniel, Mike Schmitt (Sponsor), Tony Mendina, Roger Miles, Samad Ahmadian (Assistant Coach), Fred Gleber

Other team members-

Jeff Hubbard, Bailey Hubbard, Kristen Martin, and Lauren Yuhas.

Anyone interested in playing this Fall, can contact Max Davis, at [maxdavis1950@gmail.com](mailto:maxdavis1950@gmail.com), or (214) 404-6892.





policy or proposed course of action such as a zoning change, variance change, replatting, new business development, etc.

**>>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.

**ABOUT ZONING**

Zoning regulation and replatting determines what gets built where, how big it can be, and what it can be used for. The Plan Commission’s job is to make recommendations to the city council on each and every zoning and replatting case. The plan commissioner for our District 9, is P. Michael Jung.

**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](mailto:bd2rader@sbcglobal.net)

**P.Michael Jung District 9  
 Planning Commissioner  
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 214.651.4724**

Residents can track local building permits at the following webpage: <https://developdallas.dallascityhall.com/Home.aspx>

Look under searches and click on addresses

**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. Why write? To explain to your elected official(s) how an issue affects you and your community and to express support or oppose a

**ABOUT VARIANCES**

Variations are different than zoning/replatting, and are addressed through the Board of Adjustments. (214-670-4209) An example of a variance would be a request by a developer to build a new structure/house closer to the edge of the yard and street vs keeping the new structure in line with the other existing houses or within the current allowed distance of about 25 ft.

**HOW TO SPEAK UP:**

Residents speaking in one voice can have a significant impact on these most fundamental of city regulations. Stay informed. Get engaged. Voice your will to the city.





# Friendly Dog Collars: Color Coded Dog Awareness

## PUTTING MEANING IN DOG COLLARS



“Keep a green tree  
in your heart and  
perhaps a singing  
bird will come.”

*-Chinese Proverb*

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.

These collars can provide an extra safeguard against incidents and attacks but most importantly, they can help other dog owners realize that though their dog may be (in their eyes) a social butterfly who loves everyone, it is irresponsible to let them run around uncontrolled.

Visit [friendlydogcollars.info](http://friendlydogcollars.info) for more information on how to get yours!



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**Visit the Number One Website for White Rock Lake Real Estate at  
WhiteRockLakeProperties.com**



A week ago this home at 8813 Diceman Drive, was just a dream to Douglas Jackson, left. . . . Saturday, with the help of Contractor Trigg Bell, right, he moved in his furniture.

## Built-in Plumber

# House Completed in 5 Days

Last Sunday Douglas R. Jackson, who was going to be homeless in a week, got the notion to build himself a five-room frame house.

He called up his contractor friend, Trigg Bell.

"I'll need the house by next Saturday, Trigg," he explained. "I got a lot."

"OK. Can do," said Bell. "It's nice you don't have to buy a lot before we get started."

On Monday the concrete foundations were poured, very heavy foundations for a small house.

Under Bell's urgings the carpenters began to work so swiftly that, in their enthusiasm, they sealed in a plumber under the kitchen floor. Unorthodox Co-ordination.

Sometimes a score of workmen swarmed over the 900 square feet of floor space. The carpenters often had to pound nails with an abbreviated hammer stroke to keep from hitting an electrician, plumber or painter.

The inside wall boarding was hung before the roof was up.

Electricians started work before the ceiling joints were put on.

All very unorthodox—but with

good teamwork. And the whole crew ran up only twenty hours' overtime.

Carpenters, plumbers, painters, floormen, electricians, trimmers and cleanup squads completed the job Saturday morning.

All utilities were installed. A telephone was put in. And Jackson and his family moved in Saturday afternoon at their new address, 8813 Diceman.

**Other Home Sold.**

Jackson, a cigarette machine company owner, had been living in a house which he'd sold a month or so before. He had promised to move Saturday. But he couldn't

find an apartment or house for rent. But he owned the vacant lot next door, and five days before his dead line arrived he got the house-building idea.

Bell believes this was the fastest dwelling construction job ever completed under FHA specifications here. The cost, not counting the lot, around \$6,000.

He was asked about the plumber who was sealed in under the kitchen floor. Did he ever get out?

"Yes," said Bell, "we tore up the floor and let him out. The plumber got a little sore and quit. Said: 'You fellows are in too big a hurry for me.'"

*Show us your History!*

We love learning about East Dallas History  
send your old articles or pictures to:  
[lfhnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lfhnewsletter@gmail.com)



# Master Gardener To-Do List

ADAPTED FROM [dallascountymastergardeners.org](http://dallascountymastergardeners.org)

## July to-do's

### PLANTING

- Continue to plant warm season turf grasses (Bermuda, St. Augustine, and Zoysia).
- Continue to plant ground covers, tropical and warm season annuals.

### PRUNING

- Prune out any dead or broken branches of woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs), but avoid major pruning during the heat of summer.
- Cut back spent flowers of annuals and perennials to encourage new blooms.

### PLANT CARE

- Pay attention to the water needs of lawns, ornamental plants, and vegetables in the typically hot dry days of mid-summer, being attentive particularly to new plants with undeveloped root systems and to outdoor potted plants, which can dry out quickly. Water in the early morning hours (3 AM to 8 AM) to minimize fungal problems and evaporation.
- Continue to check crape myrtles for aphids.
- Continue to check ornamentals, flowers, and vegetables for spider mites.
- Inspect broadleaf evergreen shrubs such as euonymus and hollies for scale insects, and treat as necessary.
- Watch for lace bugs on azaleas, pyracantha, cotoneaster, and lantana.
- Fertilize chrysanthemums if needed.
- Mow turf grasses every 5 to 7 days, maintain Bermuda at 1 to 1 ½ inches and St. Augustine at 2 ½ in full sun and 3 to 3 ½ in semi-shade.
- Continue to check for chinch bugs and gray leaf spot fungus in St. Augustine lawns.
- Check lawn for grub worms by digging in several places. Grub treatments, if needed, are recommended if you find more than four grubs per square foot.
- Fertilize hanging baskets and other container plants regularly if needed.
- Harvest vegetables as they ripen.
- To reduce mosquito pests, check house gutters and any containers for standing water. For mosquito larva control, use Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis, israelensis*) as a larvicide.

## August to-do's

### PLANTING

- Complete installation of warm season turf grasses by late August to mid September to ensure they're established before the first fall freeze.
- Plant ground covers and tropical and warm season annuals.
- Plant fall flowering perennials such as asters, Mexican mint marigold, Mexican bush sage (*salvia leucantha*), rain lilies, and garden chrysanthemums.
- Plant snap beans, lima beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, eggplant, kohlrabi, okra, onion, parsley, Irish potatoes, squash, and watermelon for the fall.

### PRUNING

- Prune out any dead or broken branches of woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs) but avoid major pruning until the dormant season.
- Pinch off spent crape myrtle seeds to encourage new blooms and prune basal shoots to keep plant in tree form. This is necessary all season long.
- Prune bush roses, and fertilize all roses according to soil test recommendation for fall blooming.
- Remove spent flowers of some perennials to encourage new blooms.
- Trim back leggy spring-planted annuals and fertilize if needed to encourage new growth and continued flowering.
- Stop pinching back chrysanthemums and Mexican mint marigold to ensure good bud development for fall blooms.

### PLANT CARE

- Watch for powdery mildew on cedar elms, crape myrtles and euonymus, and treat with fungicide, if necessary.
- Check pecan trees for aphids, shuck worms, webworms, and foliage diseases.
- Protect ornamental and peach trees from borers by applying a labeled borer preventive to the trunks in late August according to label directions.
- Be on alert for chinch bugs in St. Augustine lawns which will appear near paved surfaces and other hot spots in the yard.
- Watch susceptible ornamental plants for iron deficiency (yellowed leaves with darker green veins), aggravated by the hot dry weather, and treat with chelated iron if needed. Drench plants and avoid contact with hard surfaces that will stain.
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# OPPORTUNITY:

## Little Forest Hills is Looking for a New Adopt-A-Shoreline Team! 3 Chairs at the For The Love of The Lake. (FTLOTL)

Want to get more involved in your community? Looking for a new volunteer project? Here is a great opportunity. It is a great way to get to know more of your neighbors in East Dallas and help keep our Urban Oasis clean, through monthly shoreline spruce-ups at White Rock Lake.

Please express your interest in becoming the next Little Forest Hills Adopt-A-Shoreline Chair to [lfhneighborhood@swbell.net](mailto:lfhneighborhood@swbell.net).

**Volunteer.**  
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Kitchen open daily.  
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[thewhistlingpigdallas.com](http://thewhistlingpigdallas.com)

# Opt-out Mosquito Spray

Even if you opted out of the mosquito spraying last year you will need to submit another application for 2016. You might have received a letter from DCC stating this.



**“Little Forest Hills—  
large enough to meet  
your needs, small  
enough to meet your  
neighbors.”**

*-Little Forest Hills  
Resident*

## Go to DallasCityHall.com

1. Scroll down a little and you will see 311 Services in a blue box.
2. Click on any service
3. Click on Service Type drop down menu. Select Mosquito - Do not Spray and then Go.
4. Key in your address. Put in your full zip code (e.g. 75218-4225). Then next.
5. Put your property description (e.g. residential) in Service Information then Next
6. Fill out contact information (advisable) then Next
7. Step 5 allows comments (e.g. if the spray makes you sick, if you have bees, fish, organic garden etc)
8. Step 6 click Submit
9. Then click Finish...they will give you tracking number.
10. You will also have the option of picking up a no-spray sign.



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# 2016 LFHNA Membership

## EVENTS FOR ALL AGES & FAMILIES



“Little Forest Hills—large enough to meet your needs, small enough to meet your neighbors.”

-Little Forest Hills Resident

Hi Neighbors,

We want to thank you for such a great year so far for LFHNA membership! We have had two successful pick-up events for the LFH reusable grocery bags and yard signs, our 2016 membership perks. If you have paid your 2016 dues and have not yet picked up your bag or sign, please shoot us an e-mail (lfhmembership@gmail.com) or give us a call (214-914-7277) to arrange a time. We love seeing the signs around the neighborhood!

Remember, the membership dues allow us to fund events, committees, and donations that benefit the neighborhood as a whole. With your help, we continue to support important neighborhood fixtures, such as the Fit-It-Folks and crime watch, our neighborhood park, and events like the 4th of July Parade and the Funky 4K. The \$15 membership comes with a reusable LFH grocery bag, and the \$30 membership includes a “Funky Little Forest Hills” yard sign.

You can join online at [www.littleforesthills.com](http://www.littleforesthills.com) or mail in the membership form included in this newsletter. We are looking forward to more great things in Little Forest Hills for 2016!

Thank you for supporting Little Forest Hills!  
Chris and Amanda Davidson

### Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association

#### Profit and Loss

January - June, 2016

	Total
<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	2,550.00
Membership Income	2,000.00
Garden Tour	7,695.14
Other Income	205.08
Donation Income	125.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,575.22</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administrative	2,627.31
Committee Expenses	5,050.74
Credit Card Fees	6.48
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,684.53</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,890.69</b>



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**please return this completed form and payment to:  
LFHNA, c/o Rebecca McKinney, 8810 San Benito Dallas TX 75218**



## 2016 Membership Form

(Annual membership runs January through December)

**Please mail completed forms & payment to 8810 San Benito Way. Or use PayPal at littleforesthills.com**

**CHECK ONE:**

new/Renewal Membership  
\$15 +FREE Tote Bag

Senior Membership  
\$5

Loyalist Membership  
\$30 FREE yard sign

Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Belonging to/Display Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*if member household includes a spouse or partner\*\*

Secondary Member Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Member Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LFHNA.**

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I am interested in volunteering in the following committee(s) or goals:

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**CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES (optional):**

	yes	maybe	no		yes	maybe	no
Spring: Garden Tour:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoreline/Median Cleanup:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer: 4th of July Parade:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crime Watch:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fall: Funky 4k Run:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funky Fielders Softball:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Winter: LFH Holidays:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fix it Folks Crew:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage Sale Planning:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baking and Welcoming:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Night Out:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Distribution:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### Send me more information on:

CHECK BOXE(S) YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

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#### WOG (Wine-O-Group)

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