



# TURN THE PAGE

Welcome to the grand return of the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association (LFHNA) newsletter! Drumroll, please! After a little hiatus during the COVID chaos, we're bursting back onto the scene with a newsletter that's better than ever, jam-packed with awesome articles and all sorts of ways to plug into your community!

Oh, how we've missed those days of mingling with our pals, hanging out with family, and soaking up the neighborhood vibes. It's like our social batteries have been on low-power mode for too long. But fear not, because LFHNA is here to kickstart the fun and get everyone back into the swing of things!

This newsletter isn't just a dull read—it's your passport to a world of excitement. We're talking must-attend events that'll have you marking your calendar with stars, and don't even think about skipping out on our general meetings—where the news flows as freely as the refreshments, and we've got speakers that'll knock your socks off!

And hey, if you've ever wanted to be in the know about who's who in LFHNA, now's your chance! We've got all the info on our board members, committee chairs, and block captains right here. Need info? Want to volunteer for something cool? Just fancy a chat? They're all just a message away.

Let's not forget what makes Little Forest Hills so darn special—it's you, our amazing community! We're all about those quirky vibes and the fascinating folks that call this place home. LFHNA? It's powered by your awesomeness!

So, in 2024, let's make a pact—join LFHNA, dive headfirst into the fun, and together, let's make Little Forest Hills THE place to be in Dallas. Remember, it's all about LFH: Let Fun Happen!

## LFHNA GENERAL MEETING

**April 16th** 7:00 p.m. White Rock UMC (1450 Old Gate Ln). Along with Guest Speaker from the East Dallas Veterinary Clinic and Door Prizes

**July 23rd** 7:00 p.m. Fraternal Order of the Eagles (8500 Arturo Dr). Along with Guest Speakers and Social Hour

**Oct 15th** 7:00 p.m. White Rock UMC (1450 Old Gate Ln). Along with Guest Speakers and Door Prizes

## SAVE THE DATE - 2024

**April 20th**

2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. - Trailer Trash Art Show & Wine Walk

**April 30th**

5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. Casa Linda Park - Security Program Q&A with Dallas PD

**May 4th**

7:00p.m. - 11:00p.m. - Cinco de Cuatro WOG (see page 4)

**May 11th**

8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. - Funky Junky Garage Sale

**May 19th**

10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. - White Rock East Garden Tour (See page 2)

**July 3rd**

4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. - 4th of July Bike Decorating; Decorations will be provided!

**July 4th**

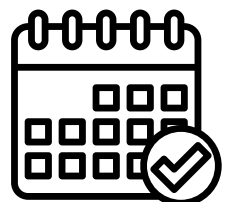
9:00a.m. - 4th of July Parade & Party (see page 6)

**Oct 1st**

5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. - National Night Out

**Oct 26th**

4:00p.m. - Funky 4K; costume contests, prizes & Fun



# NOTES FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome, new members of the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association! I'm Allan Lakey, co-president alongside Sue Myers. Looking forward to meeting you all! Our focus is on sound financial decisions and fostering community through recreational and social activities. Our new motto? LFH... Let Fun Happen! We're revamping our events this year with exciting additions like the Trailer Trash Art Show, Funky Junky Sale, and Kids Market Day. We're also relaunching our newsletter with more content and less ads, printed on recycled paper. If you'd like to help with the newsletter, reach out! Last year, we donated over \$5,000 to local charities, and we're initiating a scholarship program for LFH kids heading to college. Join or renew your membership to support our efforts and spread the word to your neighbors. Together, we can make a difference!

Allan Lakey  
Allan.lfh@att.net

When I moved to Little Forest Hills, I dove into the community headfirst! Joining the Funky Fielders, I rediscovered my softball skills, enjoying the diverse range of ages and talents. Whether at the WOGs, Garden Tour, or Fourth of July Parade, LFH's unique charm captivated me. Every stroll down the street became a chance to connect with neighbors, pet their pups, and revel in nature's beauty, making it hard to imagine me living anywhere else.



Becoming Co-President was a natural choice given my love for this vibrant community. Throughout this newsletter, you'll find details about the exciting events planned for the year, catering to families, empty nesters, and everyone in between. We invite you to join LFHNA, contributing \$25 per household or \$5 for seniors, ensuring we can continue offering these fantastic events and fostering community spirit.

Volunteering is another fantastic way to engage with LFH's cool vibe. Countless volunteers have poured their hearts into making our neighborhood what it is today, forming lasting friendships along the way.

Thank you for entrusting me with the role of Co-President. Allan and I are thrilled by the overwhelming support and can't wait to make 2024 a year filled with fun and community spirit. Let's make fun happen together!

Sue Myers  
suemyers.lfh@gmail.com

## EVENT - GARDEN TOUR

Get ready to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature at the annual White Rock East Dallas Garden Tour! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, as we explore the enchanting landscapes of Casa Linda Estates, Forest Hills, and Little Forest Hills.

In Little Forest Hills, we're thrilled to showcase three exquisite gardens:

- Paul & Monique Van Grieken at 8650 Diceman Drive
- Bil & Kathy Arscott at 8711 Eustis Ave
- Trent Cantrell & Susan Diane McIntyre at 8903 San Leandro Drive



A heartfelt thank you to these gracious homeowners for opening their gardens to the public. We truly appreciate their generosity and the effort they've put into preparing their homes for this event.

As always, the Garden Tour will feature local artisans displaying their artwork, creating an Artists Alcove you won't want to miss. Plus, don't forget to browse the Plant Sale at Casa Linda Park, running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. With live music adding to the ambiance along the tour route, it promises to be a delightful day for all.

We are excited to announce "For the Love of the Lake" as a beneficiary of the 2024 Garden Tour.

For the Love of the Lake is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of White Rock Lake Park as an urban oasis and to ensure those who enjoy White Rock Lake Park actively engage in service to maintain the environment for future generations. Our donation will be directed to their ADA project with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department that includes the installation and/or upgrades of designated picnic areas in White Rock Lake Park to make them accessible to all.

Join us and soak in the splendor of these remarkable gardens. It's sure to be a memorable experience for everyone involved!

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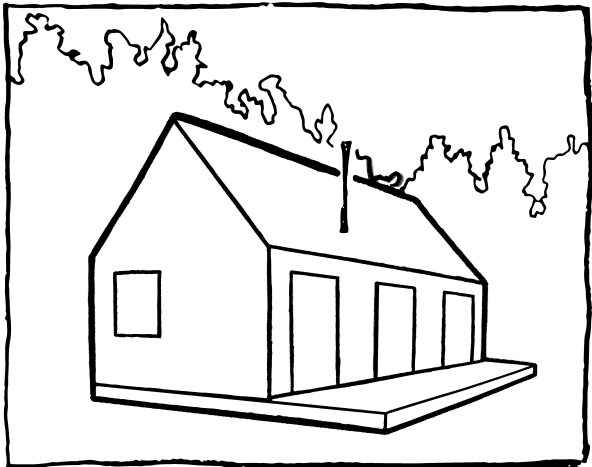
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## GARDEN HOUSE STUDIOS



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## GARDENING TIPS - APRIL-JUNE

APRIL (Happy Arbor Day 4/26)

- Plant Summer Annuals, Lantana/Penta/Begonia
- Plant New Perennials
- Mulch Mulch Mulch
- Continue Planting New Trees/Shrubs
- Plant Summer Vegetables
- Trim Back Perennials

MAY (Happy Mother's Day 5/12)

- Little Forest Hills Garden Tour - Sunday, May 19th!
- Replace cool season veggies with summer veggies
- Watch tomato foliage for signs of disease. Remove all diseased leaves, helps reduce need for fungicides
- Complete all major plantings before heat sets in
- Treat worm and caterpillar damage with BT/Bacillus thuringiensis

JUNE (Happy Father's Day 6/16)

- Harvest Tomatoes/Garlic/Onions
- As blooms fade on perennials, trim plants, and fertilize to gain and stimulate new growth for a spectacular fall show of blooms

## WINE-O GROUP (WOG)



Are you passionate about wine? Do you enjoy socializing with fellow wine enthusiasts? Then the Wine-O Group (WOG) is the perfect community for you!

Here's how it works: a host graciously opens their home on a Saturday night from 7p.m. to 11p.m. for a themed wine event. Hosts have the freedom to choose creative themes for the evening. Candice, our dedicated WOG coordinator, will handle the Evite invitations and provide support both before and during the event. Guests are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer or dessert to share. The host typically provides paper goods, and we now have a communal set of wine glasses for WOG events.

If you're interested in hosting a WOG gathering or joining our invite list, please reach out to Candice!

Our upcoming WOG event will celebrate Cinco (Cuatro) de Mayo on May 4th at 7p.m., located at 9014 Eustis Ave. Join us for an evening of delightful wine and camaraderie!



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## CITY OF DALLAS

LFH Construction along Old Gate has caused quite a stir lately! Over the past months, Atmos has been busy with utility work along Old Gate and the surrounding alleys from Garland Road to Santa Clara. Unfortunately, their efforts have left much to be desired, with temporary patches on sidewalks, streets, and alleys deteriorating, especially with the recent rains. However, the City of Dallas, Dept. of Public Works has assured us that the contractor will be addressing these issues in the coming weeks to restore everything to its original condition.

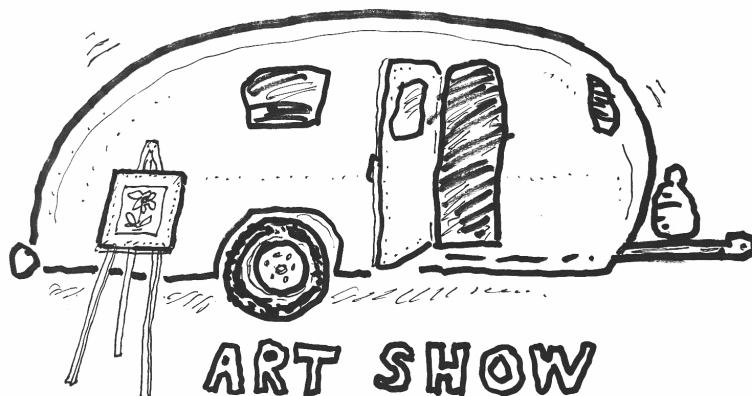
In other news, the upcoming Dallas Bond Program election on May 4th holds significant importance for LFH, particularly regarding funding for the future White Rock Hill Recreation Center on Highland Rd. Remember to cast your vote and have your say in shaping our community's future! For more information, visit:

[dallascityhall.com/departments/bond-construction-management](http://dallascityhall.com/departments/bond-construction-management)

Additionally, the city, in collaboration with TXDoT, has installed temporary white plastic water-filled barriers along Garland Road at the lake to safeguard the trail. Rest assured, plans are underway for a more aesthetically pleasing long-term solution—a low wall that harmonizes with other lake structures, potentially mirroring the entry at East Lawther Drive.

# FUNKY

## LITTLE FOREST HILLS TRAILER TRASH



### ART SHOW and SALE

### LET FUN HAPPEN

Come enjoy some chili, art, and friends. Saturday, April 20th from 2:00p.m. to 5:00p.m.  
At Old Gate & Diceman  
(Right after the Farmers Market at the White Rock United Methodist Church Parking lot)

Contact: Allan Lahey - [allan.lfh@att.net](mailto:allan.lfh@att.net) or 817-253-1745

# WELCOME TO LFH

Cindy and I have embarked on a heartwarming mission, traversing a few streets to extend a warm LFHNA welcome. Each doorstep graced with a welcoming card and a potted rosemary plant, a symbol of new beginnings and enduring friendships.

If you're eager to join our cause, don't hesitate to reach out! Whether you've lent a hand in the past or are just discovering this initiative, your participation is invaluable. Let's reconnect with recent arrivals and extend our hospitality to those who've recently settled in our midst. And should you happen upon a new neighbor, feel free to drop us a line via email.

Together, let's continue to weave the fabric of our vibrant community, one heartfelt gesture at a time.

Julie & Cindy - The Welcoming Crew  
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Check out the new LFH online store...get your merch today and show your neighborhood spirit!  
<https://www.bonfire.com/store/little-forest-hills-merchandise/>

# REAL ESTATE FLASHBACK

Oh, how times have changed! Remember when snagging one of Dallas' coolest living spaces cost less than \$125,000? Those were the days!



Despite home prices skyrocketing tenfold, one thing remains constant: the heart and soul of our neighborhood. We're still a tight-knit community, bonded by genuine relationships with our neighbors.

Together, we've crafted LFH into more than just an area code – it's a warm and welcoming family you'll always belong to.



**Thought you might like to know...**

Little Forest Hills real estate statistics as of November 10, 1998

	High Sale Price	\$104,900	Forest Hills Blvd.
	Current High List Price	\$119,900	Angora
	Low Sale Price	\$40,000	Daytonia
	Median Sale Price	\$85,500	

Average Days on Market: 62  
Average List to Sale Price: 97.48%

This information is supplied by the North Texas Real Estate Information Systems, Inc. and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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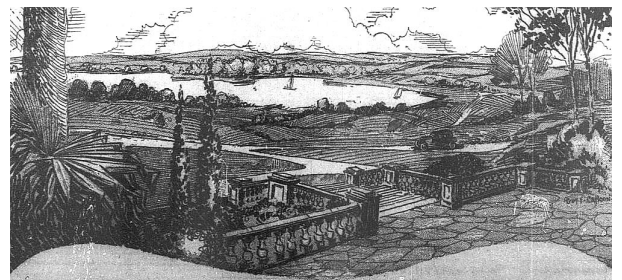
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Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association. ☺

## ? LFH HISTORY

Little Forest Hills started taking shape on the heels of the completion of White Rock Lake in 1910, but it truly came into its own during the bustling 1930s. Amidst the backdrop of that era, what emerged were not just homes, but a testament to a different way of life.

These wood-framed abodes, constructed in the 1930s and 40s, weren't just houses; they were the embodiment of a bygone era's leisure and adventure. Originally serving as recreational lake houses and hunting cabins, they bore witness to a time when this area was considered the outskirts of Dallas. In fact, many original homes still remain in Little Forest Hills today.



The White Rock Lake District: "Where Life Is Worth Living!" - 1926

# WANT TO BECOME A LFHNA MEMBER?

Membership isn't just for homeowners! Like the name says, LFHNA is a Neighborhood Association, which means if you live in the funkier 'hood around, you can join! Membership is what helps pay for our neighborhood events, welcome gifts, donations within the community, and so much more!

Join up for the first time or renew your membership online at the LFH homepage. You can also sign up at any one of the LFH General Meetings.

https://littleforesthills.org/ -- Household Membership is \$25/year -- Senior Membership is \$5/year

There are so many fun volunteer opportunities. If you have an itch to get involved please contact the respective committee chairs to get involved!

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## 4TH OF JULY PARADE

We're counting down and gearing up for our annual funky 4th of July tradition. The 4th is on a Thursday this year so plan accordingly and start thinking about if you want to be in the parade on foot, bike, float, or car, or if you'll join from the sidelines in your most festive clothes.

This neighborhood tradition has been going strong for over 20 years. On the morning of July 4th, participants



gather in the back parking lot of White Rock UMC to line up. At 9am sharp, we parade a short distance (less than a mile) through the neighborhood and

end up at Casa Linda Park for fun and refreshments. It is a friendly, funky event and all are welcome (no commercial or political entries, please). More details coming soon!

We always love our volunteers who help us set up and take down on the parade day. If you'd like to volunteer please reach out to Lynn at Lbossange@gmail.com

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Did you know that owner Mike McCrae has over 50 years of hospitality experience under his belt? It's no wonder why McRae's has become one of the go to hot spots in our local area.

"McRae's is the culmination of years of ideas that came together with a lot of teamwork, luck, long days and late nights," says Mike, who saw an opportunity to manifest his vision in the unfinished lounge space left by a previous tenant.

"I took it over because this is my neighborhood; it's where McRae's was meant to be. And the best part is having so many guests tell us we're a great addition to the community."



# BLOCK CAPTAINS

Street	8600, 8700, 8800	8900, 9000
Angora	Paul Maynard	PJ Hines
San Fernando	Adam Pusateri	Albert Barbosa
Forest Hills	Candice Ariglio	Patrick Blaydes
Redondo	Carolyn Lacy	Leslie Donovan
Santa Clara	Lou Simmons	Chris Conway & Desiree Henderson
Diceman	Cindy Thompson	Kathryn Martinez
Daytonia	Susan Remele	OPEN
San Benito	Sally Robbins	Max & Denise Davis
San Leandro	OPEN	Kelly Smith & Rob Hines
Groveland	Jill Donovan	Amy & Dwayne King
Eustis	Amy Ewell/Vail Fassett	Julie Whitmire & Mark Martinek
Lakeland	Michell Sosnoskie	

Contact Lou to volunteer for open slots @ [plsiii@gmail.com](mailto:plsiii@gmail.com)

## LFH SPOTLIGHT - MIKE SCHMITT

Mike, affectionately known as White Rock Mike, made Little Forest Hills his home back in 1985, bringing with him a wealth of experience in real estate. His firm, White Rock Lake Real Estate, quickly became a cornerstone of our community, with Mike himself earning accolades for his unwavering commitment to honesty and integrity in every property transaction.



Beyond his professional endeavors, Mike has woven himself into the fabric of our neighborhood. From serving as President of the LFHNA to pioneering our first newsletters and tirelessly capturing the essence of our events through his lens, Mike has left an indelible mark on Little Forest Hills. He's been instrumental in adorning our streets with the iconic Little Forest Hills sign toppers, further solidifying his dedication to our community's identity.

But Mike's contributions extend far beyond real estate and neighborhood activism. A devoted family man, he cherishes his role as a grandfather to three, finding solace and joy in strumming his guitar and harmonica, tending to his cherished chickens and bees, and nurturing his bountiful organic garden. It's no wonder his home has been a highlight of our garden tour on multiple occasions.

As we reflect on the invaluable service and unwavering support Mike has provided over the years, let us extend our heartfelt gratitude to him. Little Forest Hills wouldn't be the same without the steadfast presence and boundless generosity of White Rock Mike.

# CHECK OUT ALL THE FUN



# KIDS

## OR N Z E R

Greetings!  
We're the Davidson crew, a lively bunch of four, proudly residing on Eustis Ave.

You might have caught sight of us zipping around the neighborhood on our bikes, strolling with our beloved pup, Luna, or engaged in spirited games of basketball, flag football, or soccer down at the park. Oh, and if you've ever been on the receiving end of our Halloween doorbell chimes, thank you kindly for the sweet treats!

Our journey to Little Forest Hills began in November 2016, and from day one, we've been embraced by the incredible warmth and generosity of this community. Growing up here has been an absolute joy. Among the many cherished memories, one particular moment shines brightly in our minds. Remember that fierce storm that swept through Dallas a while back? The aftermath left streets strewn with debris and towering tree limbs, but amidst the chaos, something remarkable happened. Neighbors banded together, lending helping hands to clear roads and yards. It wasn't just about the cleanup; it was about forging connections and strengthening bonds. Working side by side with our neighbors gave us a profound appreciation for the essence of community here in Little Forest Hills.

We count ourselves incredibly fortunate to call this neighborhood home, and we eagerly anticipate the countless memories yet to be made. With gratitude and excitement,

-Kellan, Parker, Kase, & Mack Davidson



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