

# Forest West Newsletter

## President's Letter

*A Message from David Ojeman*

The summer swim season is once again upon us. The pool will be open Memorial Day weekend starting Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May through Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. **Pool hours for Memorial Day weekend only will be 12PM – 8PM.** The pool will be closed Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> for the season. Unless otherwise announced, pool hours will be 2-8 PM Tuesday through Sunday for the entirety of the summer. Pool applications are available online at our website forestwest.com; look under the "Pool" or "Forms" tab to locate the application.

As a reminder, you must be current with your dues in order to utilize the pool. If you are delinquent with your dues, please contact Brent Miller at 713-466-1204 to arrange payment or to be placed on a payment plan.

## Neighborhoods Connect over proposed sale of Pinemont Park & Ride

Residents of several neighborhoods in our area worked together to protest the sale of the Pinemont Park & Ride to the Houston Housing Authority (HHA). The HHA had planned to build a high volume affordable housing unit on the property, and many

residents felt that it was not the best use of the space due to the overwhelming amount of high volume housing in our area. These neighbors worked together to show METRO and the HHA that our neighborhoods should have a say in the development of our areas. Thank you to everyone involved. Please continue to support our efforts to revitalize our area by staying involved in the community! The following is a note from Alicia Nuzzie, President of Central NW Super Neighborhood Council:

"Houston Super Neighborhoods are geographically designated areas, defined by the City of Houston (but not controlled by the City of Houston), where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, respond, and set priorities that address the needs and concerns of the community. Our purpose is to tackle bigger issues that may impact our area and to keep neighborhoods informed of what is happening, not only within each individual

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## Civic Committee News

### Forest West hosts its first Chili Cook-Off

Although the weather was a bit dreary, two of our four cook-off competitors set up and wowed residents with their chili recipes. Winner, David Ojeman, and Runner-Up, Jason Kokes, both sliced and ground fresh ingredients into exquisitely built kettles -- cast iron and ceramic. Our home chefs, Ivey Sauls, Pam Steward & Olga Charles (team), also used fresh ingredients, and they shared their favorite cooking rituals with me when I visited their homes during the cook-off.



I think many agree that these chili recipes were all astounding, and that next year's competition will be even better! Congratulations to our winners, and to our competitors for sharing your excellent chili with us!

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## Neighborhoods Connect (continued)

neighborhood, but with issues that may impact our area on a city, state or national level. We're a one-stop advocacy watch/action umbrella group right in your own backyard!

The Central Northwest Super Neighborhood Council (SN 12) meets the fourth Wednesday of every other month at the Candlelight Community Center, 1520 Candlelight Ln, Houston, TX 77018 at 6:30. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30. Mary Lawler, Executive Director for Ave CDC, (a Houston non-profit which specializes in quality affordable housing), will talk a little about what affordable housing is, the different programs offered, and what makes some properties work and what doesn't. Ave CDC is one of the groups that helped restore the old Jefferson Davis Hospital downtown to provide affordable rentals for artists. Wayne Norden, President/CEO of the Near Northwest Management District, will then talk about all of his work in dealing with rundown apartment complexes in our area.

There truly is strength in numbers, so I would encourage all of you to consider attending our meetings in the future so we can continue to support each other with issues that impact our neighborhoods and area. Hope to see you at the next meeting!" -- Alicia Nuzzie

## Garden Club News

The Forest West Garden Club awarded the Forest West Yard of the Month for April to the Steward Family, 5931 Autumn Forest. The Stewards had a multiplicity of blooms and a positively breathtaking bed of purple iris.

The Reyes Family, who reside at 6003 Rena, won the Forest West Yard of the Month for May; they had outstanding red Knockout roses along the front and side of their home.

The Forest West Garden Club will be taking its annual sabbatical at the end of this month after our annual year-end dinner. So have a great summer and Happy Gardening!

### *April Garden Club Meeting*



**A delightful session on floral arranging**



## Gardening Tips

It's time to plant warm season flowers, caladiums and vegetables. Deadhead flowering plants to extend their blooming periods. Remove thatch from your lawn. Water and mow St. Augustine more often to make it fill in more quickly. Apply mulch to flower and shrub beds. Don't forget to turn your compost pile and add new vegetable matter and manure to your compost piles.

### *April Yard of the Month*



**The Steward Family,  
5931 Autumn Forest**

### *May Yard of the Month*



**The Reyes Family, 6003 Rena**

*Heavy trash pickup (waste + yard) is on May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Heavy trash pickup (yard waste only) is on June 25<sup>th</sup>*

# What do you love most about our neighborhood?

Forest West Neighbors,

Believe it or not, this year is the 50th anniversary since the Forest West Community Improvement Association (FWCIA) was formed. In an effort to promote and market our wonderful neighborhood to new buyers, we are asking you to share your pictures and/or testimonies showing why you love Forest West as a neighborhood. This is a great chance for new and existing community members to learn about the neighborhood. We'd love to hear from you.

Please send your pictures or testimonials to [i.Love.Forestwest@gmail.com](mailto:i.Love.Forestwest@gmail.com)

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