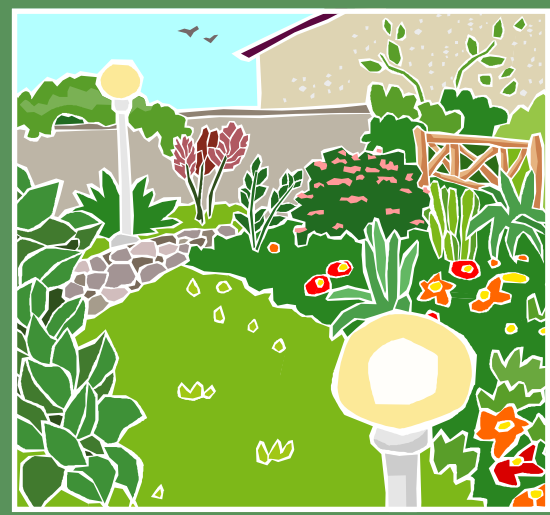




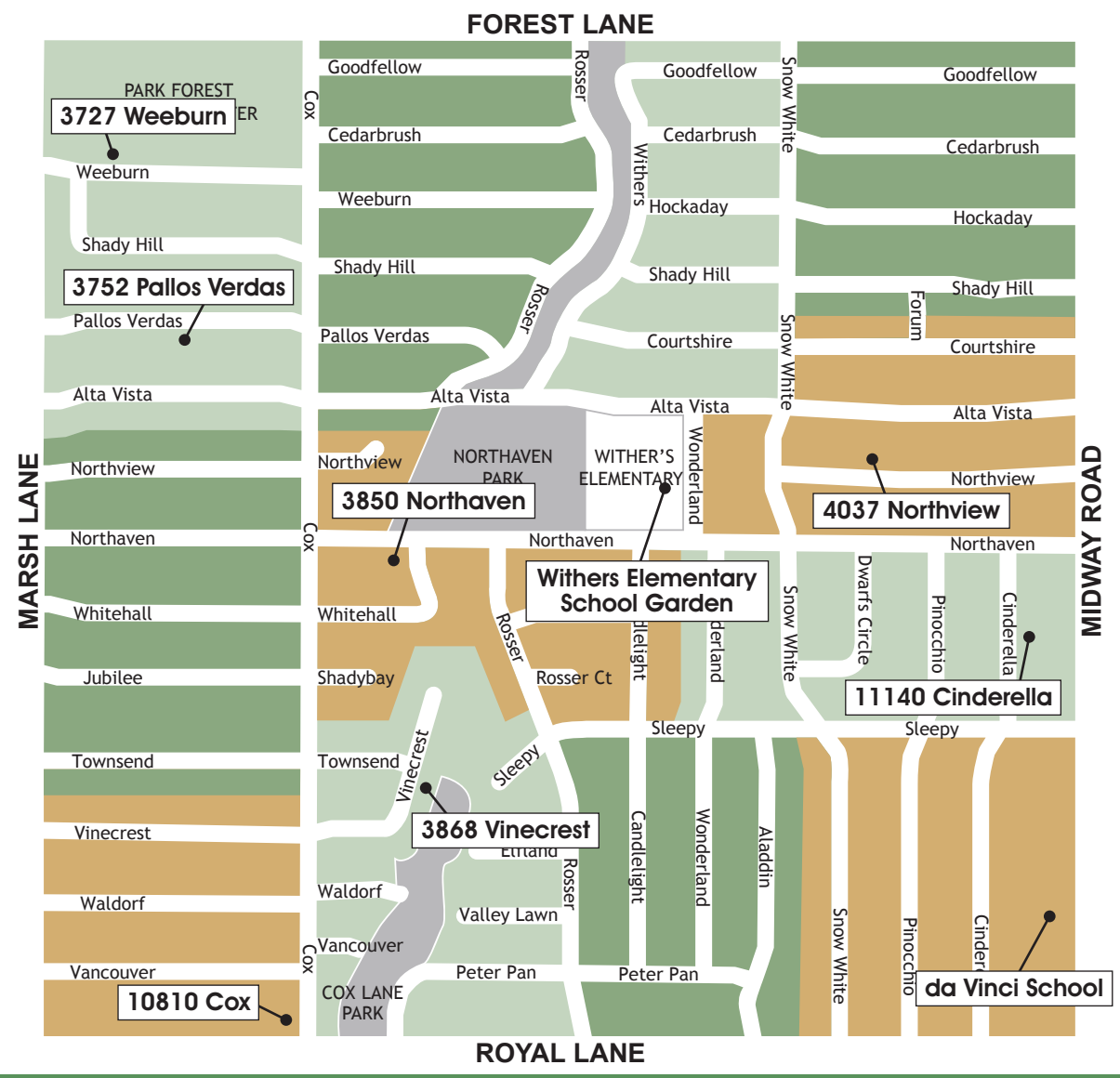
Annual Neighborhood Backyard Garden Tour



Saturday, April 12, 2014
9 a.m. – 12 noon

Open to all Northaven Park
residents and friends

Visitor #



We hope you enjoyed the tour and welcome any and all comments to beautification@npna.org. Thank you for being involved in your community.

- The Beautification Committee



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NPNA's Beautification Committee Presents:

Welcome to the third annual Northaven Park Neighborhood Backyard Garden Tour! It's been a crazy, extended winter, but 9 of our gracious neighbors have offered to open up their backyard gardens for you to visit, enjoy and experience the beauty that Spring has to offer. As you take in the uniquely creative vision, design and talents of our very own neighbors, please seize the opportunity to socialize and make our community stronger by getting to know a few more of your neighbors ...and/or perhaps find new ideas and inspiration for your own yards. Either way, we want to thank you for being involved in your community. Also we want to graciously thank our incredibly supportive neighbors who are showcasing their beautiful backyards this year. Enjoy the tour!!

– The Beautification Committee of NPNA, Inc.

Please familiarize yourself with our Tour Etiquette:

1. Take care of all bathroom necessities BEFORE entering a yard. The yard, NOT THE HOUSE, is being made assessable to the attendees. This is especially important if there are pets in the home.
2. If you bring small children, HOLD THEIR HAND AT ALL TIMES during the tour and make sure they understand to stay on the path and not wander into flower beds. [This is especially important around water features!] Because an area may seem empty does NOT mean it is a pathway ... seeds may be germinating.
3. The plants and other decorations are for display ONLY, not for picking or taking cuttings!
4. Bring an ample supply of water so that you and your party can remain hydrated.
5. Do not bring glass containers into the yard and deposit any trash in appropriate receptacles.
6. Do not enter a yard after the end time of the tour and make it a point to exit the yard within 15 minutes of the end time. The host might have other obligations.
7. Be sure to park in a "Good Neighbor" manner, like not blocking mail boxes, alleys or driveways and park in the direction of traffic, to prevent possible ticketing by the Police.

Featured Yards

4037 Northview Lane

Explore the many treasures offered by this master gardener's backyard creation. This beautiful space makes room for not just flora and fauna, but acts as the display case for the owners' creative collections. With its long history, it also serves as entertainment central to four generations of the same family.

3727 Weeburn

Big surprises really do come in small packages. See how this owner has taken a somewhat compact space, added varieties of plantings which provide color all year long and has created a perfect sized personal sanctuary.

3752 Pallos Verdas

With a gorgeous cedar pergola wrapped in evergreen wisteria as its anchor, this backyard entertainment space is surrounded by curving bands of blooming azaleas, large oaks trees, crepe myrtles with the gentle sounds of a lovely flowing water fountain.

3868 Vinecrest

This sprawling backyard with its multiple levels, various seating areas, and panoramic views of Joe's Creek, is filled with a variety of gorgeous trees, tons of colorful plantings and specially placed succulents ... all accented by the owners' very special collection of amazing yard art.

3850 Northaven

A backyard oasis showcasing a massive, towering live oak that canopies much of the owners' home and provides the perfect amount of shade for the sparkling pool. The various seating and resting areas, potted plantings and hanging baskets clearly reflect the owners' love of that Sante Fe laid back feeling.

11140 Cinderella Lane

All the planning from the previous owners provides the current owner constant delights from early spring to late summer with budding redbuds, fire red Japanese maples and a variety of perennials providing pops of color and texture at every turn. Follow the flagstone pathways and enjoy all this space has to offer.

10810 Cox Lane

This backyard is the perfect spot for large family gatherings as it offers something for all ages with a party pergola, a kid's play area complete with a play gym, a central fountain resting area, all accented by lovely garden beds filled with eye popping hibiscus, over-spilling bougainvillea, hydrangea plants and more ... plus a few very exotic and unexpected backyard pets.

Harry C Withers Elementary School Garden

Installed in 2010 by grants from REAL School Gardens, Lowe's and North Dallas Early Childhood PTA, the garden features sixth grade-level plots allowing students and teachers to incorporate science and math learning. With a large koi pond full of tadpoles, koi, and the occasional duck family, the garden also feature a rainwater reservoir used for "green gardening." The garden is maintained by the families and staff of Withers Elementary.

da Vinci School

Our very own Gold LEED certified early childhood education facility contains a variety of "green" features including a wild flower meadow, native trees, and a 28,000 gallon rainwater collection system which provides irrigation via a drip line system. Neighbors will be allowed to tour the entire facility during their visit as school representatives will be available to discuss construction features. A listing of flowers and trees planted in the school garden will be provided to visitors.

Donations

Please enjoy your neighborhood backyard tour which is free for all Northaven Park residents, families and friends. The Beautification Committee will have collection jars at all locations and would greatly appreciate any cash donations you may consider. All donations will be applied to the cost of the event (brochure printing, signage, etc.) and to support future events. Thank you for your consideration.