

FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION

APRIL 1989 UPDATE

Forest Hills Association

Spring Meeting Scheduled for April 20

Thursday, April 20, is the date, and Alex Sanger Elementary is the place for the spring meeting of the Forest Hills Association. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about issues of concern to Forest Hills residents. In addition to an update on the DART proposal, you will hear a report on each committee's progress and plans for 1989. Also, the three candidates for Place Five on the Dallas City Council will speak. The candidates are Scott Chase, Glenn Box and Mary Poss. The political discussion will be held following the regular business meeting, expected to begin at 7:45 p.m. Each of the three candidates for councilperson will be allowed five minutes to explain why we should vote for her or him. The next 20-30 minutes will be for questions and answers. The candidates' answers will be limited to one minute each, and we will rotate which candidate will answer first. Each candidate will then have three minutes to give concluding remarks.

At past meetings, these political discussions have been very informative to the members of the association as well as the candidates. Please plan to attend and become an informed voter.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 6, 1989. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

DART Update

Meeting Held to Discuss DART's Santa Fe Proposal

On Wednesday, March 29, 1989, Forest Hills neighbors attended a presentation by Forest Hills neighbor and DART employee **Lonnie Blaydes** concerning

DART's proposed use of the Santa Fe rail line for light rail rapid transit. Don Heit, member of the Stop DART group and Forest Hills neighbor, presented slides of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system.

The purpose of the meeting, as announced by Forest Hills Association Past President Mickey Ashmore, was to determine the consensus of the neighborhood concerning DART's proposal.

Following his slide presentation, Mr. Blaydes and other members of the DART staff fielded questions and comments from the audience.

Questions and concerns raised by the audience focused on several issues, including:

- Risk of property devaluation
- Noise
- Frequency of trains
- Safety of children at Alex Sanger School and St. Francis park with increased frequency of trains
- Parking for and access to rail line at the proposed Highland Road and Lakeland stations
- Absence of funds for beautification and sound barriers along the rail line in DART's present budget proposal

The DART representatives presented information indicating that the commuter trains would be quieter and significantly shorter than the freight trains now using the Santa Fe line. A few neighbors expressed support for the DART proposal, noting that the DART commuter trains would replace the freight trains and eliminate the risk of a toxic spill.

The vast majority of neighbors attending the meeting, however, were clearly concerned by and opposed to the DART proposal. This was evidenced by a vote taken at the conclusion of the meeting:

Against DART proposal — 54

For DART proposal — 5

Undecided — 10

An ad hoc committee has been appointed by Mickey Ashmore to develop a list of the neighborhood's concerns and objections to the Santa Fe rail line to present to DART.

Kids Committee

Preschool PTA Formed

At last count, the number of 2-year-olds in Forest Hills totaled 24! The 3-year-olds numbered 13; four-year-olds numbered 13; and five-year-olds numbered 12. We are a neighborhood reflecting the baby boomers' baby boom!

Among these many children, several now attend or plan to attend private schools. There is another option which exists in our very own boundaries — Alex Sanger Elementary, a DISD school. A group of 29 interested parents met March 13, 1989, to organize an Alex Sanger Preschool PTA. The purpose of the organization is to learn everything possible about the school before making a decision about public or private schooling.

The idea of a large number of neighborhood children attending their neighborhood school, as a majority of their parents did, is appealing to many residents. What better way to become a close-knit neighborhood than to watch our children riding their bikes to school, learning together, meeting at school carnivals and playing ball games in the schoolyard?

Prior to the organizational meeting of the Preschool PTA, Anne Conner, president of the Lakewood Elementary Preschool PTA, spoke. Ms. Conner told the group that Lakewood had become very cohesive in its efforts at their neighborhood elementary school. Lakewood's academic successes have been well publicized. As property values have shown,

even the residents who have no children at the school have greatly benefited from a strong neighborhood school.

Our Preschool PTA is just beginning. Come learn the facts about Alex Sanger by participating in the PTA. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the school (located at the corner of St. Francis and San Leandro). Childcare is available at each meeting. For more information contact Sherry Johnson at 328-9987.

Planning and Restoration Committee

Flower Sale Set for April 22

The Planning and Restoration Committee of the Forest Hills Association is sponsoring a spring and summer flower sale. It will be held at the corner of Breezewood and Forest Hills on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Rain date is April 29.)

Top-quality flowers in flats of 20 plants will be sold for \$14 per flat, including periwinkles, marigolds (dwarf), impatiens and begonias. The four-inch plants were obtained from leading nurseries and offer unusual quality for the low price.

The flower sale is being held not only to help residents beautify the neighborhood by planting their own flower beds, but proceeds from the sale will be used to landscape Breezewood Circle, the neighborhood's first restoration project. You may place your order in advance by contacting Project Chairman Diana Sobey, 8372 Garland Road, 328-5977. People with paid flower orders may pick up their plants from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on April 22 and pick the plants of their choice. Volunteers will deliver flowers to senior citizens.

Don't miss this opportunity to support your neighborhood. Say it with flowers!

Crime Watch

Crime Prevention Tips

With the arrival of spring and our neighborhood's passion for gardening and yard work, remember to keep your doors locked while you are in the yard. In addition, yard and garden equipment are attractive crime targets — whether stored in garages or unlocked sheds. Remember to keep your garage door closed and locked and your valuables out of sight.

Be a good neighbor. Keep your eyes open for suspicious persons and activity. Call your neighbors and call the police anytime you have a question about strangers walking through the neighborhood or a "repairman" or "moving company" working around a house or yard when the homeowners are not present.

If you have not engraved your valuables, we encourage you to do so. Feel free to borrow one of the two engravers we have available. Contact Wes Loegering, 324-9844.

Crime Watch Network

The Forest Hills neighborhood Crime Watch network is continuing to grow. Block grids have been completed and distributed to the majority of the blocks in the neighborhood. A number of blocks still need Crime Watch block captains, including:

- 8100 Garland Road
- 8200 Garland Road
- 8400 Garland Road
- 8500 Garland Road
- 8400 Santa Clara
- 8500 Santa Clara
- 8400 San Pedro Parkway
- 8400 San Leandro
- 8500 San Leandro
- 1300 Highland Road
- 1400 Highland Road

If you live on any of the above-listed blocks and can spare a few hours on a weekend to gather names, addresses and

phone numbers of your neighbors, please contact Andie Comini, 328-0508, or Wes Loegering, 324-9844.

Forest Hills Service League

Newcomers Coffee Planned

Mark your calendars for the Newcomers Welcoming Committee open house/coffee scheduled for Saturday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. It will be held at the home of Jayne and Don Buckroyd, 1417 San Rafael, and is open to all Forest Hills neighbors. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors — whether you are new or would like to meet new neighbors. Please RSVP to Jayne at 321-0740.

Thank you to Betsy and Chuck Pauly who hosted the last coffee. They put out a terrific spread and there was a nice turn-out!

Why not join us May 6?

Meet Harriet Miers

All Forest Hills residents are invited to meet Dallas City Council Candidate Harriet Miers at an open house Sunday, April 23, 3–5 p.m. Residents will have the opportunity to meet Harriet firsthand and ask questions and voice concerns. The open house will be held at 8378 San Fernando Way.

Sunshine Club Delivers Valentines

The Sunshine Club delivered heart-shaped cookies to 16 Forest Hills homes for Valentines Day. Members called on neighbors just to say "hello" and were met with surprise and delight!

The club hopes to reach out to neighbors in need, to welcome home new moms and newborns, and provide single seniors with a friendly, familiar face.

Yard Sale Experts Needed

The Service League would like to hold a Forest Hills yard sale. Proceeds from the sale would be used for beautifying the neighborhood, supporting Alex Sanger Elementary with its program to purchase new playground equipment and funding future Service League events.

The Service League is looking for someone to organize the sale, including recruiting donors, pricing items, setting up a workers schedule and finding a yard to hold the sale. This is a one-time obligation. Won't you (or you and a friend or neighbor) consider this opportunity to improve your neighborhood? Call Heidi Crowell at 320-1687 or Karen Williams at 321-5490.

Attention: Crafty Neighbors

Plans are already underway for a fund raiser craft fair to be held in November. Demonstrations of crafts will be held, including workshops on wreath making, Christmas decorations, knitting, etc. Craft items and baked goods will be offered for sale.

If you are interested in demonstrating a craft or providing items for sale—WE NEED YOU! Call Heidi Crowell at 320-1687.

Gourmet Dinner to Raise Funds

The Service League is also planning a gourmet dinner raffle, and needs a volunteer to orchestrate the dinner. Duties would include menu planning, recruiting chefs for each course, and scheduling waitpersons and kitchen workers. The gourmet dinner for eight (including wine) would be a raffle prize at the November craft fair. Call Heidi Crowell at 320-1687 or Karen Williams at 321-5490 for more information.

Body Toning Class

Louie Buckman, fitness program director at the downtown YMCA, will conduct a

weekly fitness class at her home on Sunday afternoons. The classes will be held at 8455 Santa Clara at 3 p.m., beginning Sunday, April 30. There will be a \$1 charge per person, per class. Proceeds from the class will be donated to the Forest Hills Association Beautification and Restoration Committee. Call Louie at 328-0116 if interested. Space is limited.

Spread the News!

All of the recent activities in the neighborhood have increased the need for communication to residents. Thanks to the efforts of block captains and street captains, we have been able to distribute Forest Hills Association newsletters to your home and spread the news about neighborhood activities. We still need volunteers on the following blocks to hand out information as needed:

- 8100 Garland Road
- 8200 Garland Road
- 8500 Forest Hills
- 8200 San Benito
- 8100 San Cristobal
- 8200 San Cristobal

We would also like to have alternates for each street and block in the event that the block or street captain is on vacation. If you would like to volunteer, call Heidi Crowell at 320-1687.

The Service League would also like to thank those companies and individuals who have provided free secretarial assistance and supplies for the newsletters. If you would like to offer help or sponsor a newsletter, call Heidi at 320-1687.

Notes About . . .

. . . **Betsy Pauly.** Betsy, who is a pet lover and very active with the Dallas SPCA, is offering a pet sitting service to Forest Hills neighbors. For information, call Betsy at 327-8393.

Calendar of Events

April 20

- Spring meeting of Forest Hills Association, 7 p.m., Alex Sanger Elementary School, corner of St. Francis and San Leandro.

April 22

- Planning and Restoration Committee spring plant sale, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., corner of Breezewood and Forest Hills.

April 23

- Meet Harriet Miers open house, 3-5 p.m., 8378 San Fernando Way.

April 29

- Rain date for spring plant sale.

April 30

- Body toning class, 3 p.m., 8455 Santa Clara.

May 1

- Alex Sanger Elementary Preschool PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m., Alex Sanger Elementary School auditorium, corner of St. Francis and San Leandro.

May 6

- City Council election, polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Newcomers Welcoming Committee open house/coffee, 10:30 a.m., at the home of Jayne and Don Buckroyd, 1417 San Rafael.

June 5

- Alex Sanger Elementary Preschool PTA meeting, 7:30 p.m., Alex Sanger Elementary School auditorium, corner of St. Francis and San Leandro.

February Crime Report

Type	Block
Auto Theft	1300 Highland Road
Auto Theft	1400 Highland Road
Burglary	8300 San Fernando
Burglary	8400 San Fernando
Burglary	8100 Forest Hills
Theft	8400 Forest Hills
Theft	1300 San Rafael
Theft	1400 San Rafael
Burglary	8200 Santa Clara
Thefts (2)	8300 San Benito
Burglary	8300 San Leandro
Theft	8400 San Leandro
Vandalism	8400 San Leandro
Burglary	8200 San Cristobal
Burglary	8300 San Cristobal
Theft	8300 San Cristobal

Unlocked cars and homes are an invitation to crime. Two of the thefts of automobile radios were stolen from unlocked cars. In one of the burglary attempts, an unlocked side window was the method of entry.

Officers

Past President	Mickey Ashmore	328-7043
Vice President	Susan Wells	324-9082
Vice President	Mimi Jernigan	327-2559
Secretary	Maxyne Heimgartner	321-2092
Treasurer	Nancy Gatens	321-7037

Committee Chairmen

Restoration & Planning	Mimi Jernigan	327-2559
	John Carona	324-4441
Crime Watch	Andie Comini	328-0508
	Wes Loegering	324-9844
Communications	Sandra Nottestad	324-0094
Service League	Heidi Crowell	320-1687
Kids Committee	Sherry Johnson	320-9496
DABS Representative	John Carona	324-4441
Political Action	Tom Goranson	321-5841
Zoning & Thoroughfare	Gary Coffman	324-2280

Thank you to those who have paid their 1988-89 Forest Hills Association membership dues. Voluntary dues for the Forest Hills Association are \$10 per household. If you have not paid, use the form below to submit your check. Your support is appreciated.

Complete this form and send with your check to:

Forest Hills Association
Nancy Gatens
8106 San Fernando
Dallas, Texas 75218

_____ Enclosed is \$10 for my 1988-89 Forest Hills Association Household Membership.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

Additional contributions are welcomed.