

FOREST HILLS



A S S O C I A T I O N

DECEMBER 1988 UPDATE

Message From the President

FHA Generates New Energy

Excitement, enthusiasm, renewed commitment. These words describe the new energy in the Forest Hills Association (FHA). Committee chairmen have successfully recruited scores of neighbors to participate in several ambitious projects in 1989. The following committees have been formed with the overall objective to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

- Restoration and Planning
- Crime Watch
- Forest Hills Service League
- Traffic Management
- Zoning and Thoroughfare

Committee members have already made progress on many projects, and will continue to welcome new volunteers throughout the coming year. Your participation is key to the success of your neighborhood. I encourage you to contact the chairman of the committee that interests you and volunteer! Or, use the form on the last page of this newsletter to sign up.

Voluntary Dues

Voluntary dues for the Forest Hills Association are \$10 per household. Dues are now being collected for the 1988-89 year. Please submit your check to the Forest Hills Association using the form in this newsletter. Residents who want to contribute more are encouraged to do so. Your support is appreciated.

—Mickey Ashmore, President Interim, FHA

Forest Hills Service League

Service League Still Recruiting

The Forest Hills Service League is still recruiting members to help organize and implement some really great ideas. The

group consists of many neighbors with varied interests who have formed sub-committees, including Sunshine Club, Newcomers Welcoming Committee, Special Events, etc.

Look for a survey after the holidays from the Service League asking about your interest in various activities. The survey will just take about five minutes, but will provide the Service League with valuable information. **We need your input!** From the survey results, the Service League will create a data base from which it can work. They will organize a rotating roster of people who will help with special things for our residents—baking a coffee cake for a new neighbor or new mother.

Thanks to Maxyne Heimgartner, realtor with Ebby Halliday, for providing the Newcomers Welcoming group with information on the sale and occupation of homes in Forest Hills. The next meeting of the Newcomers Club will be at 7 p.m., Jan. 16, 1989, at the home of Gabriela Silver, 1430 San Rafael, 327-6433.

For more information, or to volunteer for any of the Service League activities, please contact Heidi Crowell, 320-1687 or Karen Williams, 321-5490.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

You know Christmas is coming when you hear Christmas carolers. To celebrate the holiday season and spread Christmas cheer, the Forest Hills Service League will sponsor Christmas caroling Sunday, Dec. 18.

Residents of all ages—kids and adults—are encouraged to join in. Don't worry if you don't remember all of the carols. Sheets of Christmas music will be provided. After caroling, participants will be treated to cookies, cider and mulled wine. Rumor has it there will even be a large visitor from the North Pole on hand to discuss Christmas wish lists.

If you're interested in bringing refreshments or you would like to volunteer to videotape this event, call Heidi Crowell, 320-1687.

What: Christmas Caroling

When: Sunday, Dec. 18, 5:45 p.m.

Rain date: Monday, Dec. 19, 5:45 p.m.

Where: Barbara & Roy Anderson's front yard, 8258 Santa Clara

Bring: Flashlight or candles

Share the Christmas Spirit

The Service League will be collecting donations for the Center for Abused Women and Children from Dec. 14-21. The following items are needed:

- Clothing (seasonal is best)
- Personal/feminine care items
- Makeup
- Children's toys (especially craft items)
- Diapers, formula, bottles
- High chairs, Big Wheels
- Paper towels, toilet paper, etc.

You may bring your donations to one of the following Service League volunteers:

- Janis Loegering, 8378 San Fernando
- Kathy Masulis, 8334 San Fernando
- Heidi Crowell, 1425 San Rafael

Kids Celebrate Halloween at Party

When Sherry Johnson decided to organize a Halloween party, she enlisted the help of her neighbors, creating lists of interested parents and inviting them to her home for a planning meeting. They decided to form a Kids Committee and throw a Halloween Party. It was a terrific success!

In addition to all the fun the kids had, their parents enjoyed watching them and meeting other neighborhood parents. In fact, FHA President Mickey Ashmore met up with a fellow he used to play football with in junior high school. They were both defensive backs at Coronado Jr. High in El Paso, and hadn't seen

each other since. The other defensive back? Gary Johnson (Sherry's other half). Yes, it is a small world.

The Kids Committee is already planning their next event — a 4th of July parade! Sounds like great fun. Any and all parents are invited to participate — we need to know who you are. Sherry has developed a questionnaire to identify parents' interests. If you would like to participate or be added to the mailing list, contact Sherry Johnson, 328-9987.

Neighborhood Craft Fair

Pam Hill is hosting a craft fair Dec. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in her home, 8342 Santa Clara. She plans to have at least 14 participants — all bringing baked goods, crafts, ornaments, etc. If you need more information, contact Pam at 329-1726.

Traffic Management

Slow Down . . . You Move Too Fast!

I admit it. I'm guilty as charged. Occasionally I reach 40 m.p.h. on Forest Hills Blvd.; I sometimes don't even come to a complete stop at stop signs. Well that's stupid. With the influx of children running and bicycling the streets of Forest Hills, it's time to slow down and pay attention. Hopefully, many of you have the same feelings. The purpose of the Forest Hills Traffic Management Committee is plain and simple:

- Slow down the traffic in our neighborhood.
- Create deterrents for outsiders using our streets as cut-throughs.
- Make this neighborhood safe for young and old pedestrians and cyclists alike.

If you're interested in getting more stop signs and slowing the traffic in the neighborhood, call me. We are looking for someone to chair this committee and put pressure on the city for better enforcement of traffic laws and installation of stop signs on St. Francis and Forest Hills Blvd. Please call if you want to join this committee.

— Mickey Ashmore, 328-7043

Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee

Upcoming Street Reconstruction

Milton Brooks, project engineer with Public Works Department for the City of Dallas, presented a progress report on the impending reconstruction of Forest Hills Blvd., San Rafael Way and Breezewood Drive at the FHA meeting Oct. 27. Milton reported that plans and specifications are in their final stages.

The City intends to first advertise for bids for Breezewood Drive in January 1989, followed by San Rafael in February, and Forest Hills in March. The construction start time for Breezewood is April 1989, followed by San Rafael Drive in May, and Forest Hills Blvd. in late May or early June.

Look for a flier from The Public Works Department in your mail soon outlining more detailed schedules for the construction. The flier will also include information on the cost sharing program available for driveway and sidewalk replacement on these streets.

If an owner living on the streets affected wishes to have his driveway approach and/or sidewalk replaced at the same time he must notify the City of his desire by Feb. 1, 1989. The City will share the cost of replacement 50/50 with the property owner. For more information, contact Milton Brooks, 948-4240.

— Gary C. Coffman, Committee Chairman

Planning and Restoration Committee

Median Master Plan Underway

The Planning and Restoration Committee is now at work creating a master plan for the irrigation and landscaping of the medians on San Rafael Drive, Forest Hills Blvd. and Breezewood Drive. The committee believes this improvement to our neighborhood will increase property values as well as create a beautiful entrance into Forest Hills. Committee Chairmen Mimi Jernigan and John Carona have enlisted the help of many neighbors to get this project moving. Their goal is to have the irrigation installed when the City is reconstructing the streets. More informa-

tion on the plan, the cost and financing is coming soon.

Forest Hills Yards and Alleys

Do you see yourself creating a yard that others admire? Or, do you love to walk through Forest Hills and enjoy the landscaping efforts of your neighbors? The Planning and Restoration Committee will establish a "Yard of the Month" award to recognize residents' efforts to beautify the neighborhood. The first award will be granted in January — watch for the sign! This attention to beautification will be extended to our alleys with "Alley Clean-Up Week" planned for this spring. More details coming!

If you are interested in joining the Planning and Restoration Committee, contact Mimi Jernigan, 327-2559.

Crime Watch Committee

Crime Prevention Tips

As the holiday season approaches, we must all make greater efforts to increase security in and around our homes and increase awareness of suspicious activities in the neighborhood. Get in the habit of locking all of your doors, including your garage doors.

If you are working in your yard, be sure that all doors which are not within your eyesight are locked. If you are working in the front yard, all doors and entrances in the back yard should be locked.

In a burglary which recently occurred on San Rafael, while a husband and wife were working in their front yard, someone burglarized their home through an unlocked door in the back yard.

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 Reporting

The best way to fight crime is to be on the lookout for suspicious persons and to immediately call the police (911) when they are sighted. In addition, if you are the victim of crime, please call the police immediately. Only if the police are aware of the incidents in our neighborhood will they increase their patrols and their responsiveness to our needs.

Once the police are notified, contact your Crime Watch block captain. It is the block captain's duty to report crime activities on the block. We will continue to list the crime report in the newsletter. By doing this, we will keep everyone informed in the neighborhood. A more aware resident is a better prepared resident.

New Crime Watch Committee

There is new life and excitement in the Crime Watch Committee. During the past two months those interested in updating the Crime Watch have been busy meeting and recruiting block captains.

Forest Hills remains one of the safest neighborhoods in Dallas. Unfortunately, as evidenced in the October Crime Report, crime is on the rise throughout Dallas, including Forest Hills. The Crime Watch Committee has been established to help prevent crime in our neighborhood.

Between now and Dec. 5, your Crime Watch block captain will be handing out crime prevention information and contacting you to obtain information for our master plan of Forest Hills. This plan will contain important information on each homeowner to be used in case of emergency.

Next, each block captain will prepare an individual street plan to be distributed to each resident on the block. This plan will have important information pertaining to each of your neighbors — front, back and next to you. Residents are encouraged to keep this information near their phones.

Co-chairs are Andie Comini, 328-0508, and Wes Loegering, 324-9844.

Crime Watch Block Captains

The following residents have volunteered to be the Crime Watch block captains for the blocks listed. They will be contacting you for information. Several blocks are still without captains (designated TBD). You may volunteer by contacting Andie or Wes.

Block	Street	Captain
8100	Garland	TBD
8200	Garland	TBD
8300	Garland	Diana Sobey
8400	Garland	TBD
8500	Garland	TBD
8100	San Fernando	Steve Gatens
8200	San Fernando	Betsy Pauly
8300	San Fernando	Wes Loegering
8400	San Fernando	Laura Devin
		Yvonne Tiedtke
		Jim Hughes
8500	San Fernando	Bruce Smith
8100	Forest Hills	TBD
8200	Forest Hills	TBD
8300	Forest Hills	Eric Darmstaedter
8400	Forest Hills	Jim Mundy
8500	Forest Hills	Carl Cannedy
		Kitty Powell
		Christy Bures
		Gabriela Silver
1400	San Rafael	Bonnie Shelton
1500	San Rafael	David/Mary Nixon
		TBD
1600	San Rafael	TBD
1700	San Rafael	TBD
8100	Santa Clara	John Hooper
		Abbey Strava
		Marsha Thacker
8200	Santa Clara	TBD
8300	Santa Clara	Steve/Margaret Smith
8400	Santa Clara	TBD
8500	San Pedro	Lois Diggs
8100	San Benito	Edith Howson
8200	San Benito	Francis Addison
8300	San Benito	Sandra Nottestad
8400	San Benito	TBD
8500	San Benito	TBD
8000	San Leandro	TBD
8100	San Leandro	Paul Little
8200	San Leandro	TBD
8300	San Leandro	Juris Laivins
8400	San Leandro	Claudia Young
8500	San Leandro	TBD
8500	Groveland	Andie Comini
1700	Whittier	Andie Comini
8500	Eustis	Andie Comini
8000	San Cristobal	James/Dedi Gunter
8100	San Cristobal	Irving Shankles
8200	San Cristobal	TBD
8300	San Cristobal	George Hicks
		Midge/Cindy Benway
1400	Highland Road	TBD
1500	Highland Road	TBD
1600	Highland Road	TBD
1700	Highland Road	TBD
1600	St. Francis	Bill Dixon

October Crime Report

Type	Block
Theft	8500 Garland
Burglary	8200 Forest Hills
Burglary	8300 Forest Hills
Theft	8400 Forest Hills
Theft	8500 Forest Hills
Burglary	1400 San Rafael
Burglary	8300 Santa Clara
Assault	8300 Santa Clara
Burglary	8400 Santa Clara
Theft	8400 San Benito
Burglary	8500 San Benito
Vandalism	8400 San Leandro
Vandalism	8300 San Cristobal

Note: Three of the break-ins were through unlocked garage or rear doors.

Officers

President Interim	Mickey Ashmore	328-7043
Vice President	Susan Wells	324-9082
Vice President	Mimi Jernigan	327-2559
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Committee Chairmen

Restoration & Planning	Mimi Jernigan	327-2559
	John Carona	324-4441
Crime Watch	Andie Comini	328-0508
	Wes Loegering	324-9844
Communications	Andy Anderson	321-9908
	Sandra Nottestad	324-0094
Service League	Heidi Crowell	320-1687
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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.

I am interested in participating in the following committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration and Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service League | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications |