

FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION

FIRST QUARTER 1990 UPDATE

Message From the President

Your Neighborhood Needs You

Many exciting things are happening in your neighborhood, including:

- New neighbors continue to move in, remodeling homes and bringing new ideas and energy.
- The Service League has met with tremendous success in the many projects it has undertaken.
- The association continues to raise money toward future median restoration and other projects.
- We have seen significant renewed interest in our neighborhood public schools.

All of these are great indicators of the success the neighborhood association is achieving. We truly do live in the best area of this city!

As we begin 1990, I want to encourage you to take an active part in the Forest Hills Association. Your homeowners association needs committee leaders, volunteers for our many special projects and events and your continued financial support.

With your help, Forest Hills Association can make a significant contribution to our own quality of life as well as the future of East Dallas. As one of this area's leading homeowner's associations, we must work together to pave the way toward renewed interest by those considering relocation into Dallas. Certainly, we know that there is no better place to raise a family.

If you wish to offer your help or suggestions, or if you have questions, please contact me at 324-4441. In the meantime, I invite you on the behalf of the Board of Directors, to join us at our upcoming neighborhood events.

— John Carona, President

Planning and Restoration Committee

March Flower Sale Planned

The Forest Hills Planning & Restoration committee is busy making plans for its spring and summer flower sale in March. Many of the beautiful flowers you saw blooming in the neighborhood throughout the summer last year were purchased from the plant sale.

This year the committee will get a jump on spring with plants to be available for pick-up March 23-24-25. Flowers will be sold by the flat, including periwinkles, marigolds, impatiens and begonias.

Look for a brochure with full details on the prices, varieties, colors, etc. to be distributed in late February. All plants must be ordered in advance. There will be no on-site sales.

This is an excellent way to support the Forest Hills Association, beautify the neighborhood and buy top-quality plants at a great price!

Note: If you are interested in helping with the flower sale or would like to become involved with this committee, please call Mimi Jernigan. Your help is welcome.

Plant-a-Tree Campaign

Chuck Pauly is interested in starting a Plant-a-Tree campaign in Forest Hills. After the devastating loss of trees the neighborhood sustained in July, it is critical that new trees be planted to replace them. In addition, many trees in the neighborhood are aging. We must plant trees now to maintain the wooded environment that is unique to Forest Hills.

Please call Chuck Pauly at 327-5024 to volunteer to assist with this *very important* project.

A concerned neighbor's plea

Pollution

Americans are slowly realizing that they cannot continue to contribute to the tons of waste the earth is rapidly accumulating. Some suggestions:

— Don't use commercial fertilizers on your lawn. Only a small portion of that bag of chemicals is absorbed. Most of the chemicals, mainly nitrogen, are leached through the soil. By the time they reach the water table they become nitrates — cancer-causing toxins.

The best fertilizer you can give your grass is its own clippings. Don't bag clippings — they break down rapidly and the nutrients are absorbed more readily and last longer than commercial chemicals. A BONUS — it's FREE fertilizer!

— You can save on your water bills and fertilize your flower beds by adding organic compost (available at local nurseries) and a thick layer of natural mulch, e.g. wood chips.

— Recycle your paper, glass, aluminum. You can save your glass and aluminum containers and turn them in for cash at Whole Foods Market (Greenville Ave. & Richmond Ave.). They'll also be accepting paper soon. There are also local schools collecting paper for recycling to raise funds. Ask your neighbors with kids.

Operation HEAT

The Dallas Police Department has recently initiated HEAT (Help End Auto Theft) in an effort to curb the rapidly rising incidents of auto theft.

Each participant in the program receives two decals to place in the automobile windows (front and back). These decals indicate to police that the automobile is not normally in operation between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. If the automobile is seen by police during these hours, the police will suspect that the driver is in possession of the vehicle without authorization. The police will stop the vehicle and investigate.

Program participants must understand that a vehicle registered in the program may be stopped during these hours even when the person operating the auto is authorized by the owner.

For more information about HEAT, contact Crime Watch Chairman Wes Loegering, 324-9844, or the Dallas Police Department.

Operation I.D.

Don't forget it's very important to engrave your valuables. If you received some nice electronic "goodies" for Christmas or you have acquired additional possessions that haven't been engraved, we urge you to do so now. Feel free to borrow one of the two engravers we have available. Contact Wes Loegering, 324-9844.

Alex Sanger Preschool PTA

Tom Thumb Receipt Campaign

Tom Thumb is sponsoring a program in which schools can receive an IBM PS/2 computer for every \$200,000 worth of receipts from its stores. This includes Tom Thumb, Simon David and Page Drug stores. The Alex Sanger Preschool PTA would like you to encourage neighbors, friends and co-workers to collect as many receipts as possible. The additional computers will be a great asset to the school.

Laura Devin is coordinating the collection efforts. You may mail or deliver receipts to her address, 8145 San Benito Way, or call Laura at 321-0003 for pick-up.

The deadline for the program is May 31, 1990.

Monthly Meetings

The Alex Sanger Preschool PTA meets monthly. The meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Alex Sanger (located at the corner of St. Francis and San Leandro). For more information contact Sherry Johnson, 328-9987.

Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society

The Dallas Arboretum to Unveil Two New Gardens

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden will celebrate the opening of two new permanent gardens during its annual spring festival, Dallas Blooms, to be held March 10 through April 15, 1990.

Internationally recognized landscape architect Naul Burnett is responsible for the design of the Jonsson Color Garden and Palmer Fern Dell, 6.6 acres that will open at the beginning of Dallas Blooms. Dallas Blooms is the Arboretum's annual spring festival that features about 200,000 flowering bulbs and attracts over 75,000 visitors. Weekend children's activities and entertainment are planned throughout the event.

Upon completion, the Dallas Arboretum's 66 acres will be home to four permanent gardens, including the Lay Ornamental Garden, a display of perennial plants that opened last spring.

The Arboretum will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$5; children \$2 (children under 6 — free); and seniors, \$4. Members are admitted at no charge. Admission is free on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

DABS Selects Neighborhood Representative

Gary Coffman will represent Forest Hills on the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society long-range strategic planning committee. The first organizational committee meeting was held Jan. 31. Coffman needs your input regarding long-range planning for the Arboretum for the next meeting, set for Feb. 19. Send suggestions to Gary Coffman, 8524 San Fernando Way, Dallas, TX 75218. Or call him at 324-2280.

Zoning and Thoroughfare

Forest Hills Street Reconstruction Bond Sale In Jeopardy

You may have noticed a series of stakes with yellow and orange ribbons along Forest Hills Blvd. and Breezewood Drive. You may have also seen the piles of sand and asphalt with orange and white pipes laying on the ground at Forest Hills Blvd. and Whittier.

These are both positive signs that the reconstruction and storm drainage improvements for Forest Hills Blvd. and Breezewood Drive are getting underway. We have been informed by Director of Public Works Ramon Miguez that construction could be underway in late spring or early summer.

However, the City Council still has not authorized the sale of the bonds to finance this project.

The design of the reconstruction for both streets has been complete for some time. Construction has been postponed several times because the City delayed the selling of bonds from the 1985 Bond Program to which these two streets were added.

Councilman Glenn Box needs our help to inform the rest of the City Council just how badly we want the projects to begin. Box has asked that Forest Hills residents write him to emphasize how important the reconstruction is to Forest Hills. Enclosed is a sample letter which can be used as a guide to show our desire to have the project started.

The Council is scheduled to vote on the bonds in February. Letters should be written and mailed to Box by Feb. 16.

If the City Council postpones the issuance of the bonds for these projects, we may never see our reconstruction dream become a reality.

Write today to: Glenn Box, Office of the City Council, City of Dallas, 1500 Marilla, Room 5-F North, Dallas, TX 75201.

Input Needed

Councilman Glenn Box has invited Forest Hills Association to send a representative of its Board of Directors to a meeting Feb. 27. Gary C. Coffman will represent FHA at this meeting Box has scheduled to assist him in identifying the concerns of our neighborhood. Please submit your suggestions for ways the City can assist Forest Hills to Gary Coffman, 8524 San Fernando Way, Dallas, TX 75218. Or call him at 324-2280.

Mayor Annette Straus has initiated a monthly meeting with representatives from East Dallas. Mickey Ashmore will represent Forest Hills. Please contact Mickey at 328-7043 with suggestions you'd like him to pass on to the Mayor.

Crime Watch

If it Looks Suspicious, Call

A reminder: Keep your eyes open for suspicious persons and activity. Call your neighbors and 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.

Service League

Successful Activities In 1989 Bring Forest Hills Residents Together

The Service League is responsible for much of the energy and excitement in Forest Hills. The fall of 1989 was especially busy for the Service League. Many outstanding events were planned and held.

Fall events included a fabulous pot luck dinner Oct. 17 hosted by Betsy and Chuck Pauly. Many neighbors attended and brought a dish to pass. The food was delicious!

The ghosts and goblins came out for a Halloween open house Oct. 31 at the home of Wes and Janis Loegering.

The holiday craft fair at Casa Linda Nov. 10-11 was a wonderful success. Many Forest Hills neighbors brought their crafts and baked goods to sell, with a portion of the proceeds contributed to the Service League.

Also sold at the craft fair was a cookbook compiled by the Service League. A few copies of the cookbook are still available and may be purchased from Heidi Crowell, 320-1687.

Winning the Valentine's Day dinner raffle were Pat and Marilyn Berry. The prize: Mary Nixon will cater a dinner for eight at the Berry's home with the help of Service League members.

The Christmas caroling party scheduled for Dec. 17 was canceled due to the very cold weather.

1990 Calendar Of Events

The success of these activities will form a framework for the 1990 calendar of events. Already planned are:

Valentine's Day: Cookies will be delivered as a special treat for some of our long-time Forest Hills residents.

Pot Luck Dinner: The Service League invites Forest Hills residents to attend a pot luck dinner Feb. 20 to be held at the home of John and Debbie Carona. In addition to the great food, you'll hear from the FHA Planning and Restoration Committee. For details contact Karen Williams, 321-5490.

Easter Egg Hunt: The date for the Easter Egg hunt has been set for Saturday, April 14. Details on the time and location will be announced soon.

Summer Parade: Plans are already underway to make this an annual event. Watch for more news regarding the date and ways you can participate.

The Service League is an excellent way to meet your neighbors and contribute to the quality of life in Forest Hills. We need your ideas and enthusiasm to make this a great neighborhood.

For information about the Service League and the locations of the monthly meetings, contact Karen Williams at 321-5490.

Fund Raiser Request

The Service League is looking for ideas, suggestions and volunteers for neighborhood fund raisers. Call Heidi Crowell at 320-1687.

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