

# FOREST HILLS

## A S S O C I A T I O N

### FIRST QUARTER 1991 UPDATE

#### *Message From the President*

#### **In Praise of Volunteers**

The last quarter of 1990 has seen many important developments for your neighborhood. The good work of Sandra and Dean Nottestad, Laura Devin, Pam Leonard, Heidi Crowell (a.k.a. "The Mayor"), and many others created the 1990-91 neighborhood directory. The directory is beautiful, useful and perhaps most important, delivered to your homes free of charge thanks to the generous support of our advertisers. Please patronize our advertisers and mention that you saw their ads in our directory.

Gary Coffman, the utility infielder and perennial most valuable player on the Board, has continued to open doors and channels of communication at City Hall. His good work will yield better streets, traffic management and unique recognition for our neighborhood.

Betsy and Chuck Pauly, Diana Sobey and Bob (the "Hound Dog") Crowell and the tireless efforts of the Beautification Committee and its Arbor Sub-Committee have planted (not paved) the way to the long-term preservation of the unique nature of our community — its imposing trees.

The above named neighbors and friends, and many others, deserve your thanks and recognition. Their efforts and attitudes make this a great place to live and raise a family.

— Wes Loegering, *President*

#### **Revised DART Bus Service Route Proposed**

DART UPDATE! Your input is needed! Construction began in December for the DART-funded contraflow HOV lane in East R.L. Thornton Freeway. This HOV lane is designed to carry express buses and car pool vehicles on a specially designed lane from Jim Miller Rd. to the Central Business District.

In conjunction with the operation of

this contraflow lane, DART is proposing to re-route three of the four bus lines which now currently serve the Forest Hills neighborhood and to further modify the remaining route north of Lakewood.

The three routes which are proposed to be eliminated from our area are the White Rock-East, North and Central routes. The White Rock Short Line is proposed to be re-routed such that it passes through Forest Hills, but will bypass Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates.

Your neighborhood association has concerns that an increased amount of parking will occur by those patrons who currently live in the two neighborhoods where bus service will be discontinued.

It is anticipated that people will drive into our area, park their vehicles and catch the bus. With an increased number of unattended vehicles, this could cause increased theft and vandalism.

Your Forest Hills Association has gone on record with DART by opposing the deletion of service through Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates.

Your input is needed as DART finalizes its plans. Please attend the meetings DART has scheduled on Feb. 4 and Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce in Casa Linda. Your support of the continuation of bus routes through Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills and Casa Linda Estates is encouraged.

DART is also considering a new route between Casa View, Casa Linda and Lakewood. Forest Hills Association has gone on record encouraging this proposed route to connect these three major East Dallas neighborhoods.

We encourage you to write DART with your opinions on the proposed changes. Write to: Ms. Sharon Hodgkins, DART, 1601 Pacific Avenue, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75202.

#### *Crime Watch*

#### **Auto Burglaries Remind Us All to Take Precautions**

The automobiles and garages of at least five neighbors were burglarized or vandalized during an overnight crime spree on the night of Nov. 13-14, 1990. The criminals entered unlocked vehicles and appeared to be looking for easily removed items. In one instance, criminals broke into a locked garage to attempt to steal an unlocked car parked in that garage. The Dallas Police report that many neighbors have had similar experiences this fall.

Take the following steps to protect yourself, your family and your neighbors:

- Lock your vehicles at all times
- Lock the door between your garage and your home
- Close and lock your garage door(s)
- Install lights in the garage vicinity
- Consider installing an alarm system in your home
- Be a nosy neighbor — call your neighbors and the police if you see something suspicious.

Even if you simply "run in the house for a few minutes" and don't take the 10 seconds necessary to lock your car, you invite crime. Your garage door opener may be stolen from your unlocked car, creating continuing risk for you and your family.

#### **Wanted: Crime Watch Chairman**

We continue to seek a person to chair the Crime Watch committee. The Dallas Police and other departments recognize that neighborhood Crime Watch organizations can have the most significant impact in reducing crime. This committee chair would be required to devote no more than one or two hours a month finalizing the work already done by this important group. Please call Wes Loegering at 324-9844 to volunteer.

### Forest Hills Incorporated

Articles of Incorporation for the Forest Hills Association have been filed with the Texas Secretary of State. Incorporation is the next to last step in the efforts of the Forest Hills Board of Directors to attempt to obtain tax exempt status. We expect to file our application with the Internal Revenue Service during January 1991. The IRS typically takes from four to six months to process applications for tax exempt status.

### Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee Forest Hills Board Members Meet With Dallas Department of Transportation

Three Board members met with key City Hall personnel in December to discuss the need for better traffic and speed control in Forest Hills. This group is studying stop sign locations and possible locations for speed bumps. In particular, the group is focusing on obtaining stop signs for St. Francis, San Leandro Drive, San Cristobal Drive and obtaining some type of speed control for Forest Hills Boulevard. Interested neighbors should call Gary Coffman (324-2280) or Wes Loegering (324-9844) with questions, comments or suggestions.

### Forest Hills Blvd. Re-Construction Update

In October the Forest Hills Association received a letter from Bill Jessup, Interim Assistant Director of Dallas Public Works Department, informing us that re-construction of Forest Hills Blvd. has been included in the Public Works Department's Fiscal 1990-91 work plan. Construction advertisements for bids are presently scheduled for May 1991, with the Council award of contract for construction in July and the work order issued in August 1991. Mr. Jessup added that Public Works is confident funding for the re-construction of Forest Hills Blvd. will be available and the above schedule will be met.

We are now cautiously optimistic that a major component of the street re-construction in our neighborhood will take place. We all remember that we

have been promised before by the City that the re-construction of our major boulevards is imminent—only to have the project postponed.

This time, however, it appears that the City is committed due to the coordinated effort that took place during the spring and summer of 1990 to draw attention to the conditions of our streets and the necessity for their re-construction.

Forest Hills Association has worked diligently to remind the necessary City departments and our City Council representative how important it is for the City to re-invest in our neighborhood.

As time approaches for construction to begin, those residents who are directly affected on Forest Hills Blvd. will be contacted by the City and apprised of the construction means, methods and schedules.

### Dallas Arboretum Update

1990 has seen considerable change at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society. The gardens took on a new atmosphere last spring when the Margaret Elizabeth Johnson Garden and Palmer Ferndale and the main entry and parking lot were opened for the 1990 Blooms. Construction began during the summer on the Paseo de Flores with completion scheduled for the 1991 Blooms. Planning is being initiated for the Garland Road Screening Project with a designer selection committee being formed.

Representatives from Forest Hills Association were actively involved in the updating of the Transportation Management Plan, initially adopted in 1988, with the original zoning ordinance. The update of the plan reflected the physical modifications to the Arboretum, as well as changes to the functional aspect of handling traffic to the larger Arboretum events.

Finally, a long-range planning conference was held in June, which brought together over 100 participants, including several Forest Hills residents, whose task was to generate a list of goals and objectives for the next 10 years. The results of this planning conference are undergoing editing and review and will be issued shortly. Forest Hills Association is a

dues-paying member of DABS and has active representation on the Arboretum Community Advisory Council. Any questions, concerns or suggestions which you may have with regard to the Arboretum should be directed to Maxyne Heimgartner, Susan Wells or Gary Coffman.

### Beautification and Restoration Committee

#### Master Plan in Progress

The Beautification and Restoration Committee has determined that its primary objective is to ensure that we improve the neighborhood in an organized and professional manner. The first project the committee will tackle is a big one—the development of a master plan.

Already the committee has developed and issued a request for proposal for landscape architectural services which was responded to by five Dallas firms. The committee is in the process of selecting one firm to work with our community.

The committee believes that the current budgetary restraints make it important to have a master plan to help prioritize future projects. Once the architect has been selected, a general meeting with the architect will be held to allow all Forest Hills residents to have input into the master plan design. The committee will continue to work closely with the architect to finalize the master plan, with hopes to present it at the next neighborhood meeting in April.

The master plan will include the boulevards, community identification, signage as appropriate, outparcels and guidelines to individuals regarding plantings you might consider near your homes in advance of the committee's undertakings. We are working closely with the Parks and Recreation Department's representatives on this project.

The committee is very excited about the progress to date on the master plan. We are hopeful that all Forest Hills residents will soon enjoy the results of our continued efforts to beautify our community.

### Forest Hills Tree Sale Is A Big Success

We are happy to report that our overall reforestation program has been a big success, approximately 110 trees are being planted in parkways, yard interiors and in the boulevards.

More trees will be planted in the boulevards next winter with all remaining money in the general tree replacement fund.

We sincerely thank everyone who has participated, including tree purchasers, outright monetary donors and seniors claiming free trees for their parkways. You have helped make this a project worth repeating in years to come.

Please feel free to contact Chuck or Betsy Pauly at 327-5024 with any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the tree program. We thank the entire committee for their enthusiasm and participation.

### Igloo Update

WHAT A SUCCESS!! The igloos continue to be immensely popular—on weekends cars are lined up with people eager to deposit their recyclables.

The igloos are located at the White Rock Lake spillway parking lot at Garland Rd. and San Rafael. There is one each for aluminum, clear glass and colored glass. The City of Dallas owns and maintains the igloos. The Forest Hills Association receives 60 percent of the proceeds from materials collected, the City receives the other 40 percent.

The City tells us our igloos are the second largest in Dallas in terms of the amount of recyclables. This is such an easy way to earn money for our boulevard restoration, and it's great for our environment!

If YOU are not recycling—START! If you are—GREAT! Please continue your efforts and tell your friends within Forest Hills and outside as well about our igloos.

*Alex Sanger* *Preschool PTA*

### Alex Sanger Teacher Featured In Dallas Times Herald

Alex Sanger first-grade teacher Nacona White was featured in the *Dallas Times Herald* Jan. 16, 1991. Mrs. White was recognized for her 30 years of teaching first grade at the same school, in the same classroom.

The article focused on Mrs. White's love of her students and her teaching philosophy, "I teach each child in a different manner," she says. "I spend the first two weeks discovering how I can best teach each child. Then I set up reading and math groups."

But, the article says, the three R's aren't the only subjects that Mrs. White teaches. "I think about building self-esteem. I help them learn good behavior. We don't hurt people. We don't say unkind things. I try to develop a feeling of love for their classmates. We say positive things. And, of course, there's no paddling in the classroom," she says.

Mrs. White is just one of many teachers at Alex Sanger who is making a difference. She does her job year after year, she worries about her students, she admits that teaching youngsters is her life and, as Alex Sanger principal Mary Bolden says, "She gives 200 percent every day. She goes above and beyond every single day." Mrs. White is one of the unsung heroes of the teaching profession—a true professional, her principal says.

### Preschool PTA Donates Needed Equipment

The Alex Sanger Preschool PTA recently purchased a stereo system (dual cassette player, CD and turntable) and two Suzuki Orff metalophones for the Sanger Fine Arts Department. The Fine Arts Department has a new, enthusiastic teacher this year. Mrs. Perry holds a Master's Degree from Southern Methodist University. She has expressed her appreciation to the Alex Sanger Preschool PTA for its "overwhelming support!"

*Service League*

### League Activities Create Neighborhood Spirit

The Service League annual Halloween party was a big success, with 125 adults and children attending. Kids and parents alike enjoyed the festive decorations and special activities. The party was financially successful as well, with enough funds taken in at the door to cover the costs for another great Halloween party in 1991! Thanks again to the Loegerings for hosting it.

The November meeting focused on creating holiday baskets, filled with goodies, for our senior Forest Hills residents. These were to be delivered during our annual caroling party, but due to illness and bad weather, the caroling party was cancelled. The holiday baskets were delivered to senior residents directly after the scheduled party.

Our Jan. 15 meeting, held in the home of Kitty Powell, featured Barbara Anderson, attorney and neighbor, speaking on relevant topics and answering questions. We invite anyone interested in our group to attend our monthly meetings; we'd love to meet you and have you involved in all the neighborhood fun!

We're still looking for a coordinator for our annual summer parade/picnic. Please call Betsy Pauly at 327-5014 if you are interested in seeing this fun event happen again in 1991.

Also, please contact Betsy Pauly if you are a newcomer or know of any new neighbors, so that the newcomers group can call on them with an information packet.

### Pot Luck Dinner Set For Feb. 19

The Service League will hold its semi-annual Potluck Dinner Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., at the home of Mike and Ginger Twichell, 8509 San Fernando. This event is strictly for fun—it's a great way to meet your neighbors and sample some great food from the neighborhood's best cooks! All Forest Hills adults (men and women) are invited. Please contact Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402 for more information and to RSVP.

## Dues for 1990-91

We encourage you to pay 1990-91 Forest Hills Association membership dues at this time. Voluntary dues for the Forest Hills Association are \$10 per household. The Association operates on a fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1990, and continues through Sept. 30, 1991.

Dues collected are for operational expenses including newsletter printing and postage and any emergency communications required. Please 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 1990-91 Forest Hills Association Household Membership.

*Additional contributions are welcome.*

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