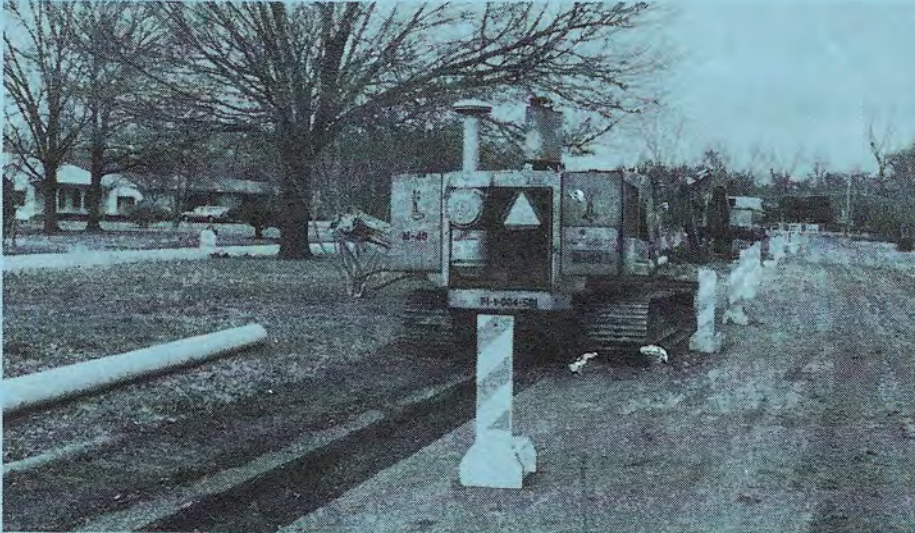


FOREST HILLS

FIRST QUARTER 1992 UPDATE



Long-awaited Forest Hills Blvd. re-construction is now underway.

Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee **Forest Hills Blvd. Re-Construction Update**

By now, most of you have seen the barricades, pipes, piles of sand and equipment which is spread up and down Forest Hills Blvd. and Breezewood. This activity is all related to the re-construction of Forest Hills Blvd.

Construction began on Monday, Jan. 6, with the closing of westbound Breezewood and portions of north and southbound Forest Hills Blvd.

Utility work consisting of water lines for fire hydrants in Forest Hills Blvd. and storm drainage improvements at Breezewood is currently underway. As soon as this work is complete, paving operations will begin.

Robert Caudill, with Tiseo Paving Company, has provided Forest Hills Association a construction schedule. Barring unusual weather delays, the water line and storm sewer placement (which are being installed by E.L. Dalton & Co.) should be complete by March 1, 1992.

At that time, Mr. Caudill indicated, the northbound lane of Forest Hills will be excavated and paved from San Rafael to

Lakeland Drive. As soon as this paving is cured, traffic will be routed onto the northbound lane, and excavation and paving will then proceed on the southbound lane from Lakeland Drive to San Rafael. Mr. Caudill added that the entire project should be completed in June 1992.

Notices have been sent to all residents immediately affected by the construction on Forest Hills and Breezewood by Tiseo Paving and the City of Dallas Public Works Department. In the event of a problem, Mr. Caudill suggests you contact him at his work number (214) 289-0723. The project engineer for the City of Dallas Public Works Department is Steve Parker. He may be reached at (214) 948-4666.

There will be, as in all construction projects, some short-term inconvenience to those people immediately affected by the construction. However, the long-term gain afforded by this \$1.25 million investment by the City of Dallas in our neighborhood should offset any inconvenience experienced.

Forest Hills Association will keep in contact with both Tiseo Paving and the City of Dallas Public Works Department to ensure the construction process continues as smoothly as possible.

Message From the President

Neighbors Pledge Support for Beautification Plans

During our recent fall neighborhood meeting at Alex Sanger Elementary, we were pleased to hear from neighbors about their enthusiasm for the beautification projects now underway.

In particular, we found that many residents would make regular financial contributions to make tree planting and boulevard beautification possible. In fact a husband and wife living here for nearly 25 years have pledged to contribute \$2,000, payable at the rate of \$500 per year. They stated, "We hope this pledge will inspire others to participate in this project, with the overall aim of beautifying the entire area . . ."

"Our thanks and appreciation go to all the talented folks who are working on this effort. We are so lucky to have such an effective and energetic neighborhood association."

This pledge is a perfect example of the support we need for our ambitious beautification plans. I hope these generous and committed neighbors will inspire you to consider how you can help bring our plans to fruition.

Openness in Government

All Forest Hills Association board meetings are open to residents of Forest Hills. The board is always interested in your input and encourages you to attend its monthly meetings. The dates and locations for upcoming board meetings are listed below. Please call me at 324-9844 if you plan to attend a meeting so we can be sure to have enough chairs and refreshments on hand.

— 7:30 p.m., Feb. 18, 1992

The Gatens', 8106 San Fernando

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- 7:30 p.m., March 12, 1992
The Tarpley's, 8378 Forest Hills
- 7:30 p.m., April 6, 1992
The Crowell's, 1425 San Rafael

Video Production

A number of Forest Hills residents have expressed an interest in creating a video that would reflect the positive values of our neighborhood. The idea is to capture the natural beauty of Forest Hills, reflect its proximity to numerous excellent public and private schools and convey the warmth and spirit of the people who call Forest Hills home.

To ensure this project truly represents Forest Hills we need your participation. We need volunteers as follows:

- Project coordinator
- Story writer
- Set designers
- Shoot coordinators
- On camera interviewers
- Editors
- Other: gaffers, best boys, sound editors, composers, stunt men (taking down Christmas lights, repairing lawn sprinkler systems, etc.), wardrobe and lighting assistants!

Please call me at 324-9844 to volunteer if you are interested in any aspect of this production.

The ultimate uses of the video are many. It can be provided to Realtors who fail to appreciate the value of Forest Hills; shown at City Hall to build an understanding of our needs; and mailed to company executives relocating to Dallas.

Board Opening

Our President Elect position is open. Our current President Elect has resigned, leaving the vacancy. If you or any of your neighbors are interested in helping the neighborhood, please consider making a nomination. Call me or any board member with your suggestions.

— Wes Loegering, *President*

Beautification and Restoration Committee

Beautification Plan Update

At our last homeowners meeting held in October, John Armstrong of the landscape architectural firm, Armstrong

Berger, reviewed the concepts presented at our previous meeting held in April and described a more detailed master plan.

For those of you unable to attend the last two Association meetings, the landscape architect, working in conjunction with the Beautification Committee, has concluded that the master plan should serve to enhance and complement the general feel of the neighborhood.

They recommend we use plant materials that are generally indigenous to the area and we continue to plant groves of trees that will embellish those that already exist.

While it is very difficult to capture the visual presentations made at the meetings in words, they appeared to be wide acceptance of the concepts among those present — and there was strong enthusiasm to move forward as quickly as possible.

Presented were options that included entryway plantings on the boulevards at the intersections of San Rafael and San Fernando, Garland Road at Breezewood and Forest Hills at Lakeland. In addition, there are plans to plant additional trees (some large caliper), principally Cedar Elms, Pecans and Red Oaks, and other plants such as Red Buds, Mexican Plums, etc.

Those present at the meeting gave a clear mandate to the Beautification Committee to go forward with one of the entryway plantings. Because of the construction on Breezewood and Forest Hills, it was concluded that our first project would be at San Rafael and San Fernando.

The total plan presented at the October meeting (which is not inclusive of everything we would ever want to do in the community) totalled \$62,000. We have now priced the San Rafael entrance, and we can accomplish the plantings for \$7,100. We are also investigating irrigation and have not yet received a price. Although we are using hearty, drought-tolerant plants, they will need watering during the first growing seasons to help them get established. The cost of irrigation will help determine the final design of the entryway.

In addition, we are about to contract with a tree pruning company to preserve our investment in our present beautiful trees. They will trim dead wood, repair wounds and remove some of the mistletoe from the trees on Forest Hills and Breezewood. The Committee feels that preserving the health of our existing trees is our top priority.

We need to raise money. The Committee is working to develop, in concert with the Board of Directors, a fund raising drive which can provide the necessary funds to proceed with these projects. We need everyone's support. No contribution is too little and likewise, no contribution is too great! You will be receiving more information on our fund raising plans in the coming months.

Curbside Pick-Up Schedule

Once again we remind Forest Hills residents that the Dallas Streets and Sanitation Department provides curbside pick-ups of large items during the week of the second Monday of the month. Sometimes this is confusing so we have published the dates for the next few months below. Please mark them on your household calendar:

FEBRUARY Week of February 10
MARCH Week of March 9
APRIL Week of April 13

PLEASE arrange with your yard maintenance workers and handymen (or tell your spouse) to put things on the curb according to this schedule — NOT two to three weeks earlier. There are residents who ignore this schedule and have unsightly piles of trash, tree limbs and debris sitting for weeks. This is not a pretty sight nor does it do anything but detract from the natural beauty of our neighborhood.

Service League

First Annual Forest Hills Neighborhood Garage Sale Extravaganza

Sign up TODAY to participate in our multi-household garage sale. Have a sale at your home on Saturday, March 21. For a \$10 participation fee and pledge of a 10% donation of your daily sales (minus the participation fee), the Service League will do the following:

- Put up signs the weekend before and weekend of the sale advertising the event.
- Distribute "garage sale location maps" to cars entering Forest Hills so they won't miss YOUR sale.
- Advertise in local newspapers.
- Distribute a "tip sheet" to participants with helpful hints and sample prices.

All you need to do is pledge your support by sending your \$10 participation fee to Heidi Crowell, 1425 San Rafael, Dallas, TX 75218. Then get ready to put your trash and treasures out on Saturday, March 21!

We will also need volunteers to make and put up signs and distribute maps to shoppers. This will only require a couple of hours of work. Please call Heidi at 321-7177 to volunteer. ALL PROCEEDS WILL FUND FUTURE SERVICE LEAGUE FUNCTIONS — A GREAT CAUSE!

Conversations Overheard Before the Forest Hills Garage Sale

- *You haven't worn it in years. SELL IT*
- *Leisure suits are out. SELL IT*
- *But honey, we have FOUR lawn mowers. SELL IT*
- *Can't we sell the crib, the baby is nine years old? SELL IT*
- *You haven't worn that size since 1983. SELL IT*
- *I'll trade you two wicker baskets for that croquet set.*
- *What'll you take for that truck? SORRY, NOT FOR SALE.*
- *HEY how much for your schnauzer, mister?*

Easter in Forest Hills!!

The Easter Bunny will make his annual trip to Forest Hills Saturday, April 11, hiding eggs to be found in St. Francis Park by neighborhood kids of all ages.

Mark your calendars and plan to be there at 10:30 a.m. SHARP for the hunt to begin! There will be lemonade for all, bunny ears for the little ones and plenty of games.

If you would like to come, please bring a dozen filled plastic eggs and \$2 per child to the Tarpley's, 8378 Forest Hills Blvd. on or before April 9.

We also need volunteers — anyone

interested and able is invited to contact Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402. SEE YOU THERE!

DID YOU KNOW??

- The Service League sponsors many activities for Forest Hills residents of all ages, including:
 - Provides occasional cookies to Seniors and meals to new mothers
 - Sponsors a Halloween Party for all Forest Hills residents (four years in a row)
 - Held a fantastic luncheon for Forest Hills Seniors
 - Held a summer street dance and pot luck dinner
 - Sponsors holiday activities such as Christmas Caroling and an Easter Egg hunt
 - Had a party for single adults and couples
 - Had a "Bike the Lake" party this summer

Upcoming Service League Network Calendar

As many of you know, the Forest Hills Service League is active in various aspects of life in our neighborhood. It has monthly meetings, often with speakers on topics of general interest and often just for fun!

We encourage any or all of you to come to meetings or Service League events. You'll meet many of your neighbors and enjoy yourself while participating in our neighborhood events. The upcoming calendar of events includes:

Feb. 12, 7 p.m.: Gloria Tarpley's, 8378 Forest Hills Blvd. Decorating, packaging and distributing cookies to Seniors and special Forest Hills residents. (Cookie bakers needed prior to this meeting. Call Heidi or Gloria.) Cookie consumption a possible benefit of attendance!

March 11, 7:30 p.m.: Michelle Hague's, 8155 San Benito. Final preparations for Garage Sale and basic gossiping and fun night out with the girls.

April — No meeting due to neighborhood meeting

May — Pot luck dinner. Date and location to be announced.

June 16, 7:30 p.m.: Nancy Gatens',

8106 San Fernando. Entertainment to be determined, but Girls Poker Night suggested (maybe we should save this one for our first Friday night get-together). IDEAS WELCOME!

Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 or Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402 for more information about Service League activities.

Calling ALL Street & Block Captains — Present and Potential!

You're either ecstatic we've decided to mail these newsletters or slightly depressed. Don't you WORRY! We know there will be some timely things we can't include in the newsletter because of its schedule — things like parties, plant sales, fund raisers, etc — and it will be necessary to distribute fliers.

Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 and let her know if you can no longer distribute or you would like to. Your help is appreciated.

Directory Reminder

Do you remember all the tremendous support we received from area vendors when we needed advertisers for our Forest Hills Directory? Remember to tell these vendors that you saw their ad in the directory and you appreciate their support of the neighborhood association.

PLEASE make a real effort to support these advertisers and TELL them you are supporting them BECAUSE they supported us. We will need their support again when we produce the next directory!

WANTED! WANTED!

Exclusive, sociable organization seeks individuals willing to commit four evenings per year (one per quarter) to folding and labeling this newsletter. Applicants must possess hands-on experience labeling (30 LPM), stapling (80 SPM) and folding (150 FPM) as well as have intimate knowledge of the energy necessary to produce a neighborhood newsletter. Salary commensurate with all charitable organizations. Fringe benefits — great talk, sometimes refreshments. Equal opportunity. We're not picky, just desperate. Send resume or call Heidi Crowell, 321-7177.

Tips to Protect Your World

1. Recycle your aluminum cans, glass bottles and paper goods. There are drop-off centers in East Dallas. Use the igloos located at the White Rock spillway for appropriate items. *PLEASE KEEP THE AREA AROUND THE IGLOOS NEAT AND TIDY. ITS APPEARANCE REFLECTS ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.*

2. Recycle grocery bags. Take them back to the store and use them again and again.

3. Buy organic lawn fertilizers — don't poison our water supply with unneeded chemicals.

4. Buy products made from recycled goods.

5. Turn down the offer of a sack when you purchase something easily carried home with your own two hands.

Dues for 1992

Thanks to all of you who have already mailed your dues for 1991-92. In these recessionary times, we realize that a contribution may be difficult and we sincerely appreciate your support.

Many households have not yet sent the suggested \$10 donation per household. Please check your records to see if you have sent a check for our current fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1991, and continues through Sept. 30, 1992. If you are unsure, you may contact Nancy Gatens at 321-7037.

Dues collected are for operational expenses including newsletter printing and postage and any emergency communications required.

You are also encouraged to contribute at this time to our beautification and restoration fund. A \$10 donation per household is recommended.

Forest Hills Association

Sandra Nottestad
8328 San Benito Way
Dallas, Texas 75218

Please use the form below to submit your check. Your support is appreciated.

Forest Hills Association

Nancy Gatens
8106 San Fernando
Dallas, Texas 75218

Enclosed is \$10 for my 1991-92 Forest Hills Association household membership.

Enclosed is \$10 for the beautification and restoration fund.

If you are a Senior, and would like to participate in special activities for Seniors, please check below:

I am a Forest Hills Senior

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

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