

# FOREST HILLS



FIRST QUARTER 1993 UPDATE

## *Message From the President*

### **Corporate Donations Needed For Garland Road Project**

Last year your federal government awarded a grant to the neighborhood association for the beautification of the land on the Southeast corner of Garland Road and San Rafael, across from the spillway. This land, owned by the City of Dallas, has long been a neglected eyesore. While this grant is a great victory for the neighborhood, it is **CONTINGENT** upon our ability to raise significant funds.

The Forest Hills Association board will attempt to raise these funds from corporate and other sponsors

this spring. Our objective is to seek donations from "outside" the neighborhood since this project is more directly related to the beautification of greater East Dallas than a specific neighborhood.

The board needs your help in raising these funds. We need names, leads, contacts and ideas. Call Wes Loegering (324-9844) with the names of corporate contacts you know. We plan to have a short, intense campaign to raise the funds in the coming weeks.

The bottom line is: If we don't raise \$20,000 to \$30,000 quickly we will lose the grant and have to reapply.

— Wes Loegering, *President*

### **November Fundraiser a HUGE SUCCESS**

Nov. 14, 1992, was a historic day for all Forest Hills residents. Our "little" fundraiser brought in over \$8,000. The event was an international food fest, raffle and silent auction held at the home of Clayton and Laura Devin. The funds will be used for a major boulevard planting this spring.

There simply isn't enough space to thank everyone here individually since this was a massive effort by so many people. **THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH** for your time, effort, guidance and dedication (especially Joe Small, who went unthanked previously. He ran our auction as expected — without a hitch.) And a very special thanks to all those neighbors who provided financial support.

Note: if you are missing dishes from the fundraiser, they are at Heidi Crowell's home. Please call her at 321-7177 to claim them.

— Heidi Crowell

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

All Forest Hills Association board meetings are open to Forest Hills residents. The board is interested in your input and encourages you to attend its monthly meetings. The dates for the upcoming board meetings are as follows:

- 7:30 p.m., Feb. 18
- 7:30 p.m., March 11

Please call Wes Loegering at 324-9844 to confirm the meeting location and let us know if you plan to attend so we can have enough chairs and refreshments on hand.

Also, the semi-annual neighborhood meeting is scheduled for April 1 at Alex Sanger Elementary School. More details will be included in the next newsletter.

### **10 Super Easy Ways You Can Do Something Good for YOUR Neighborhood Association**

1. Advise the Newcomers Welcoming Committee when someone new moves in near you. Call Neoma Twining at 320-0229.
2. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Report potholes and damaged streets. Complain about unruly medians and deteriorating curbsides. Call 744-3600.
3. Contact the Action Center at 744-3600 to complain about zoning violations in Forest Hills, including unkept homes or yards, vacant houses needing maintenance or other violations of City ordinances.
4. Offer to help call people about special events in the neighborhood. Contact Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.
5. Pay your 1992-93 Forest Hills Association voluntary dues to our treasurer, Nancy Gatens. Send \$10 or any desired amount to her at 8106 San Fernando Way.
6. Let the board know how you feel about things in the neighborhood. Call Wes Loegering at 324-9844 to find out the location of the next board meeting.
7. Help fold and label newsletters (even if it's just once a year). Call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.
8. Don't trash up the neighborhood. The City picks up large articles on a regular monthly basis. Please don't leave things sit out for three weeks before pick-up.
9. Help with the spring plant sale. Call Judy Coffman to offer to help unload the truck and organize the plants when they arrive April 24. Judy's number is 324-2280.
10. Replant the San Rafael median's flower bed with spring annuals. The plants will be provided — we need four people to put in the plants. Call Judy Coffman (324-2280) to offer your help.

*Beautification and Restoration Committee*

### Next Planting Planned for Forest Hills Boulevard

The Beautification Committee plans to complete its second entry-way planting this spring. It will be located on Forest Hills Boulevard at Lakeland. This planting will be similar in scope and design to the first planting installed on San Rafael in 1992.

The Beautification Committee is tremendously pleased with the outpouring of support demonstrated at the November fundraiser. The success of this fundraiser enables us to go forward with the second planting.

The plant material will be newly acquired from a nursery with a one-year guarantee. In addition, an irrigation system will be installed to protect our investment. Everyone's continued support is greatly appreciated.

— Bob Crowell

### Support Spring Plant Sale

Our Fifth Annual Spring Plant Sale is scheduled for an April 24 delivery. The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 4. You will be receiving more information in mid-March.

We are planning to offer begonias, impatiens, marigolds, salvia, vinca and caladium bulbs. Color selections will be made after further discussions with our growers.

Please plan to order your spring bedding plants from Forest Hills Association. We have raised money from our previous plant sales to fund improvements in our medians, and we have more projects planned, including the planting on Forest Hills at Lakeland. We also will want to replace the pansies in the existing bed this spring. Your support of this sale provides funds for both projects and beautifies the entire neighborhood.

— Judy Coffman

*Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee*  
**Breezewood Reconstruction Update**

In November of last year, the City of Dallas received bids for the reconstruction of Breezewood from Santa Clara to Garland Road. This is the second of the three major street reconstruction projects scheduled for our neighborhood. JRJ Paving, Inc. was the low bidder and has been awarded the contract for the work. Steve Parker of the City of Dallas Public Works Department stated that a work order has been issued and expects the project to begin in late March or early April of this year.

The reconstruction will be similar to the Forest Hills Blvd. project. New concrete paving of both lanes, storm sewer work and new grass for the area directly behind the new curbs is included. Steve Parker expects the project to be complete in September 1993. If you have questions concerning the project, please contact him at 948-4666.

— Gary Coffman

### Street Maintenance — Clearing the Gutter Goo

Now that the leaves are off the trees and in the streets and winter monsoons are upon us, a new hazard lurks . . . clogged street gutters. The City's street sweeping service has been severely cut back, resulting in the pile-up of leaf litter and garden debris in our gutters.

You say, so what?? This material holds moisture in the gutters which is then subject to repeated freeze-thaw cycles during this time of year. This results in accelerated deterioration of concrete curbs and gutters. The goo in the gutter is unsightly as well as unpleasant to step in when getting out of a car. Clogged gutters cause rainwater to stand on the streets creating wet or even icy roads.

Help our streets last! Make Forest Hills streets safer and more beautiful — add that leaf litter to your compost pile. You'll be glad you did!

### Curbside Pick-Up Schedule

We remind Forest Hills residents that the Dallas Streets and Sanitation Department provides curbside pick-up of large items during the week of the second Monday of the month. The dates for the next few months are listed below. Please mark them on your household calendar:

FEBRUARY Week of February 8  
MARCH Week of March 8  
APRIL Week of April 12

Please don't detract from the efforts of the Beautification Committee by leaving your debris on the curbside all month long.

*Visualize Forest Hills streets neatly maintained with landscaped boulevards and medians free of trash.*

This should be our neighborhood goal — please do your part. If you see someone dumping trash on the medians, tell them to stop. It detracts from the absolute beauty of our neighborhood and is a violation of Dallas City Code.

*Crime Watch Committee*

### Tips to Avoid Property Crime

Property crimes continue sporadically in our neighborhood. Alley access seems to be a common thread in many burglaries. Prevent crimes in your home, garage or garden storage building by locking your alley gate! If you don't have a fenced backyard, consider it. Keep your perimeter fencing in good condition to prevent pet escapes and unwanted entries.

Night lighting also deters unwanted guests. A well-lit yard will discourage lurking prowlers as well as break-and-enter criminals preying on autos parked in driveways. Many floodlights now can be equipped with motion-detector switches that turn lights on when they are needed, thereby foiling that crime.

Finally, continue to be observant of activity in the neighborhood. Suspicious delivery vans, aimless pedestrians or other unusual activity should trigger an immediate call to the police. Legitimate business people are happy to speak to the police. They appreciate your watching out for their safety, too. When in doubt, dial 911. Calls to the police serve notice to lurking criminals that they are being watched. Furthermore, more calls result in more neighborhood patrols by the Dallas Police Department.

In summary, **lock up, light up, look out.** We can reduce neighborhood crime by working together.

— Gary Brown

*Service League*

### Easter Party Scheduled April 3

Have you heard the news? The Big E will be in Forest Hills on Saturday, April 3. No, it's not Elvis — it's the Easter Bunny.

Come look for Easter eggs he'll have hidden for neighborhood boys and girls at the annual Forest Hills Easter Egg Hunt! Mark your calendar and watch for full information in the next newsletter.

Questions? Want to help? Call Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402. See you there!

— Gloria Tarpley

### Directory Notes

... PLEASE MARK in your directory this change at 8311 Forest Hills Boulevard, Connie Tatus and Doug Mourer, 319-9409. If you have moved into the neighborhood since the directory was published and you'd like your name/address published in the newsletter, write Sandra Nottestad, 8328 San Benito Way.

... THANK ADVERTISERS who are listed in the directory. When we update the directory and take to the pavement again to solicit advertisers, we'll be contacting our current advertisers to place a second ad. Next time you use a florist or veterinarian who you found in the directory, please mention the referral. They won't be able to resist buying a second ad when we next call on them.

... INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? If you'd like to volunteer to coordinate the production of the next directory or head up advertising sales please contact Heidi Crowell at 321-7177. This is a short-term project that is important to the neighborhood.

### Newcomers News

... If you notice someone new has moved in next door — PLEASE call Neoma Twining at 320-0229 and let her know. She has a packet of useful material to share with them.

... Newcomer Gatherings are held frequently as a way to introduce new neighbors to others in Forest Hills. If you have moved into Forest Hills in the past year or so or if you're interested in meeting folks who are new to the neighborhood, contact Neoma Twining.

### Garage Sale — It's Back! Bigger & Better Than Ever

Our first neighborhood garage last year, held in March, was a huge success. There was tremendous interest on the part of the community, with an endless stream of shoppers the entire day of the sale.

More than 30 homes participated, donating \$1,500 to Forest Hills Association. The donation was just 10% of the total neighborhood sales — meaning we moved \$15,000 in garage "stuff" in just one day.

It's time to sign up to participate in the sale. Here is the scoop:

**DATE:** This year the sale will be Saturday, April 17 (no raindate) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Warning: shoppers showed up as early as 6:30 a.m. if you were ready for them.)

**WHAT YOU DO:** Hold a sale at your home on April 17 and donate 10% of your sales to the Forest Hills Association. There is also a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee required. Proceeds from the sale this year will be used for Forest Hills median beautification projects.

**WHAT WE DO:** We'll run ads in the Dallas Morning News, White Rocker and anything we can think of. Plus, we'll cover Dallas with signs indicating the location of the sale, etc. And, we'll provide maps to all cars entering Forest Hills that show where the sales are and what merchandise is offered, e.g. kids clothes, bikes, tools, furniture, antiques, etc. We'll also take care of the accounting and provide a list of do's and don'ts for a successful garage sale.

**TALK IT UP. GET A NEIGHBOR TO JOIN YOU.** Streets where there were more than one household participating had more activity and more sales. And, the more the merrier is definitely the rule of thumb for this event.

**IDEAS??** If you participated last year and have ideas to improve this year's sale, call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.

Mail the enclosed reservation form along with the \$10 reservation fee to Heidi Crowell, 1425 San Rafael Drive, Dallas, TX 75218.

### Babies, Babies & More Babies

Please notify Cindy Garner at 321-8041 if you know of a newborn in the neighborhood. Cindy will arrange to have a dinner delivered to the happy family.

Join the fun!

Clean your closets!

Earn cash for your junk!

Support Forest Hills!

Shop 'til you drop!

Don't miss it!

# FOREST HILLS GARAGE SALE

APRIL 17

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## RESERVATION FORM


Please complete the following form and mail with \$10 reservation fee (check payable to Forest Hills Association) to Heidi Crowell, 1425 San Rafael Drive, Dallas, TX 75218. The deadline is April 10.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on check if different than the one above \_\_\_\_\_

What categories of items will you have for sale? This information is needed for the maps for shoppers.  Check all that apply.

Antiques

Furniture

Appliances

Jewelry

Art

Kitchen

Audio/Stereo

Lawn Equipment

Baby/Child Items

Motor Vehicles

Bicycles

Musical Items

Books

Office Items

Camping

Tools

Clothing

Computers

Crafts

**Count Me In!** ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$10 (NON-REFUNDABLE) TO PAY FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES. I AGREE TO DONATE 10% OF MY GARAGE SALE REVENUES TO FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION AFTER THE SALE. SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## Dues for 1993

Thanks to all of you who have mailed your dues for 1992-93. We got good response from the last newsletter. However, many households have not sent the \$10 voluntary dues. Your contribution is needed to continue to pay for regular communication via the quarterly newsletter mailed to all households as well as build our general fund.

Please check your records to see if you have sent a check for our current fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1992, and continues through Sept. 30, 1993. If you are not certain if you have paid, please contact Nancy Gatens at 321-7037.

You are also encouraged to contribute at this time to our beautification fund. These monies will continue to fund the median beautification projects. Thank you very much for your continued support.

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## Forest Hills Association

Sandra Nottestad  
8328 San Benito Way  
Dallas, TX 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 1992-93  
Forest Hills Association  
household membership

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the  
Beautification and Restoration  
fund.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Forest Hills Senior Activities

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### Officers

President	Wes Loegering	324-9844
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