

FOREST HILLS

A S S O C I A T I O N

FOURTH QUARTER 1990 UPDATE

Message From the President

Neighborhood News and Views

The new Forest Hills neighborhood directory will be published and distributed in October. This has been a monumental task, but will provide our residents with an up-to-date listing of our neighbors as well as an advertising section of local businesses and services that support Forest Hills.

Best of all, each Forest Hills home will receive one copy free! Due to the association board of directors and several helpful neighbors who hit the pavement to sell advertising space, the publication costs were covered.

Special thanks to the directory sales manager, Pam Leonard, who guaranteed a successful project, and to **super sales-woman** Laura Devin. The project would have been impossible without the talent, coordination and time of both Dean and Sandra Nottestad who were ultimately responsible for the final product.

As outgoing Acting President (an interesting concept to say the least) I must share these sentiments with you.

I thank my lucky stars that my New England roots brought me to the trees of Forest Hills. In moving here and becoming active in the homeowners association I have had the good fortune of meeting a highly motivated group of people, dedicated to improving the quality of life for themselves and their neighbors. You know who they are — they're running the summer picnic, picking trash off the medians, distributing flyers to your home, sharing information with you in the neighborhood newsletter. These people work incredibly hard for **you** and **me**. Perhaps you can thank them personally at the Oct. 18 meeting.

You and I are lucky to be neighbors with **these** Forest Hills residents.

—Heidi Crowell, *President*

Crime Watch

Joggers ALERT!

Crime Watch Chairman Wes Loegering reported that a woman was assaulted early Tuesday morning, Sept. 18, while jogging in the 8200 block of San Benito Way. The victim was able to get away from her assailant because of self-defense training she had.

Wes cautioned Forest Hills residents about walking or jogging alone in the neighborhood and asked that all neighbors be on the alert for any suspicious persons in the area.

Although the jogging victim was able to describe her assailant to the Dallas Police, no arrests have been made.

Please be careful!

Strategic Planning Committee

New Committee to Set Goals

The Forest Hills Association board has appointed a committee to study long-term goals and issues facing our community. This committee will study:

- Methods to finance the improvement of our medians.
- Desirability and location of a playground with equipment similar to the playground developed by the Lakewood neighborhood association.
- Goals and projects raised by residents.

The first meeting was held Sept. 15. The committee will report its recommendations to the neighborhood at the annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 18.

Membership in the Strategic Planning Committee is open to any interested member of the association. Wes Loegering (324-9844) has agreed to chair the committee. Other members include several Past Presidents of the association, Gary Coffman, Sherry Johnson, Louie Buckman, Cathe Caire, David and Pam Leonard, Jayne Buckroyd, Bob Crowell, Reagan George and Gloria Tarpley.

Just the Facts

Annual October Meeting

Date: Thursday, Oct. 18

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Alex Sanger School Auditorium
San Leandro at St. Francis

Agenda: New Officer Elections
Crime Watch Update
Beautification & Restoration Plant Sale
Tree Sale/Planting
Strategic Planning
Communications
Zoning/Thoroughfare
Service League Update
Treasurers Report/Dues

DOOR PRIZE!

Child Care Provided: Please call Heidi Crowell at 320-1687 by 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, if you plan to take advantage of this free service, so we can make sure we have enough child care providers available.

Please notify Heidi Crowell at 320-1687 immediately if you are interested in or have questions regarding any position on the association board. At this time we are actively searching for chairpersons for the Beautification and Restoration Committee and the Crime Watch committee. Please consider volunteering for this one-year commitment.

Please call Wes with any goals which you wish to be considered or with your requests for appointments to this committee.

Forest Hills Tree Sale

We all love the majestic limbs draping the shady streets of our neighborhood; beautiful trees are at the heart of Forest Hills' personality. Unfortunately, it is a sad fact of nature that we lose these precious trees through natural attrition, disease, catastrophic weather (recent cold winters and the severe wind storm last July), etc.

A group of concerned Forest Hills residents has formed to help re-forest the parkways (the area on your property adjacent to the street) of Forest Hills. The goal is to replenish lost trees and fill "gaps" in the green canopy through a tree sale and planting.

The benefits are not strictly aesthetic; **trees increase property value.** Their shade acts as a natural heat reducer throughout the long summers. And, in the bigger picture, they improve our environment by helping purify the air with oxygen.

We have obtained excellent wholesale prices by buying in bulk, and we will use all proceeds from sales to buy trees to re-forest our common boulevard areas in conjunction with the *Beautification and Restoration Committee* and the City of Dallas Parks Department. Prices include planting and a general replacement fund.* Enclosed you will find an order form detailing the program. Please review and return with your "vote" as soon as possible.

We anticipate the planting to occur mid-winter, when trees are dormant. Each resident will be contacted approximately one month from now to answer any questions you might have and to encourage your participation in the program.

Soon, you will begin to see color-coded stakes on parkways throughout the neighborhood. These indicate trees (and types, by color) that you and your neighbors have ordered. These stakes will help us visualize the impact we can each have by participating in the program.

We look forward to seeing you at the Oct. 18 neighborhood meeting. We hope

to have Mr. Brackman, noted tree authority and regular on Neil Sperry's Saturday radio program, as a speaker that evening.

Please take a moment to contemplate the importance of this program—to you as an individual homeowner, and as a part of our very special neighborhood. Consider the purchase/planting of a tree to commemorate a birth, as a holiday, birthday or thank you gift, or as a memorial. Please also consider a donation to our boulevard/common areas tree fund. Feel free to contact any of the project volunteers listed below for more information, and of course, with your orders!

Chuck and Betsy Pauly
327-5024

George and Gloria Tarpley
327-8402

Other committee members include:
Dave Coons
Heidi Crowell, Liaison/Forest Hills Association
Clayton and Laura Devin
Reagan George
Dallas Gilbreath
Patsy Frannea
Diana Sobey, Beautification & Restoration Committee Liaison
Merri Spaeth
Philip Tarpley

*For more information about the general replacement fund, contact Chuck Pauly at 327-5024.

Beautification and Restoration Committee Update

The Beautification and Restoration Committee is working on a fall plant sale, and is working jointly with the tree planting project. No specific meeting dates have been set. If you are interested in volunteering to chair this committee please contact Heidi Crowell at 320-1687.

Fall Plant Sale

There's nothing prettier than bright, blooming flowers in a Dallas landscape when the temperatures turn cold and the grass is brown. Now is your chance to brighten your landscape and support the Forest Hills Association.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an order form to preorder pansies, flowering kale and cabbage for fall and winter color. Plants will be sold on a PRE-ORDER BASIS ONLY. No plants will be available for purchase at the time of delivery.

Order forms must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 17, and delivery will be Saturday, Nov. 3.

Pansies, kale and cabbage are cold hardy, will survive most Texas winters and bloom when it is not freezing. These plants look great through April and into May.

Specific information concerning types and colors of plants available can be found on the enclosed order form. Additional forms or information can be obtained from Diana Sobey at 328-5977 or from Heidi Crowell at 320-1687.

Please support this project and tell your friends about it. We also need volunteers to help unload the plants from the truck Saturday morning, Nov. 3. It takes approximately 1-2 hours. Call Diana at 328-5977 to volunteer or indicate you will help on the order form.

Igloo Update

WHAT A SUCCESS!! The igloos were delivered in late May, and as of Aug. 31 we have received checks from the City of Dallas totaling \$472.68!

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 median 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.

Tip to Save the Earth

STOP JUNK MAIL. We don't usually think of junk mail as an environmental hazard—just a nuisance. But Americans receive the equivalent of 100 million trees every year in junk mail.

Simple things you can do:

- Write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Assoc., 11 West 42nd Street, P.O. Box 3861, New York, NY, 10163-3861. They'll stop your name from being sold to most large mailing list companies. This will reduce your junk mail up to 75 percent.

- Recycle the junk mail you already get: If it's printed on newsprint, toss it in with the newspapers and recycle. If it's quality paper, make a separate pile. Envelopes are recyclable, too—as long as they don't have plastic windows in them.

Take both newspapers and quality paper to: Western Reclamation, 11223 Plano Rd. near Forest, 553-5722.

Alex Sanger Preschool PTA Off to a Good Start

About 30 children from ages 3 to 7 pedaled their bikes and trikes to Sanger Elementary for the Preschool PTA's Safety Fair, held on Sept. 8. Co-sponsored by the Safety Education Department of the Dallas Independent School District, which provided the materials, volunteers walked children through "Safety Town," where they learned about pedestrian and traffic safety on sidewalks and roads.

Each child had the opportunity to work life-size traffic lights as they rode their vehicles through the miniature village, marked with roads, railroad crossings, houses and parks. Dallas police officer Kelly Hughes, a resident of Forest Hills, talked to the children about safety around strangers. Each child then received a coloring book and a school safety certificate.

Four new members joined the Preschool PTA at the Safety Fair, bringing the total to almost 50, and local merchants showed their support of

Sanger by donating free juice and donuts. Those participating included: McDonald's on Garland Road, Dunkin' Donuts on Northwest Highway, Southern Maid Donuts at Casa Linda Plaza and Lone Star Donuts on Gus Thomasson.

Support also seems to be growing in the neighborhood, as parents are choosing to send their children to kindergarten and first grade at Sanger. "We're beginning to see more of a neighborhood presence in the school," says PPTA president Sherry Johnson. Over the summer, volunteers attended three "manipulative parties" held at neighborhood homes, where they wielded crayons, scissors and rubber cement to make educational tools for kindergarten teachers.

The next Preschool PTA event will be a free infant and child CPR class, to be taught by neighborhood resident Louie Buckman at 7 p.m., Oct. 8, at Alex Sanger auditorium. All parents and caretakers of young children are encouraged to take the class, which is open to the public.

The annual Preschool PTA fundraiser, a mammoth garage sale, will be held at the home of Kitty Powell, 8538 Forest Hills Blvd., on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 11 and 12. (It will be extended to Saturday, Oct. 13, if necessary.) Those with items to donate can contact Kitty Powell at 328-5332. Last year, the sale raised over \$1,000; the PPTA used the money to purchase a "wish list" of items request by Sanger teachers.

You may have noticed the PPTA's new yard signs, which the organization plans to use to publicize coming events. The signs also serve to show the community how many households support the neighborhood school. If you can support the campaign by allowing the PPTA to place a sign in your yard, please contact me at 327-3864. I'll put them out about a week before the event, and pick them up when the event is over. You don't need to do a thing!

—Glenna Whitley

Service League

New Year Begins Oct. 1

The Service League will be starting a new year Oct. 1 with a new board and a new format for meetings. Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Next year, some meeting will be scheduled during the day. A schedule of meetings for the upcoming year will be distributed at the Forest Hills Assoc. meeting Oct. 18.

Service League monthly meetings will feature speakers from within the neighborhood, for example, a lawyer to talk about wills; a police officer to give tips on personal safety; a caterer to give lessons on easy, elegant desserts. Each meeting allows time for business and a short time for visiting.

Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the home of Betsy Pauly, 8146 San Fernando. The activity at the meeting will be making Christmas crafts for our long-time Forest Hills residents.

This fall the Service League will also sponsor a Halloween party on Wednesday, Oct. 31. It will be held at the home of Wes and Janis Loegering, 8378 San Fernando Way from 6 to 8 p.m. A \$1 charge per child will be collected at the door. Refreshments will be provided.

The Service League is also planning to hold a Christmas caroling party Sunday, Dec. 16. Carolers will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the home of Roy and Barbara Anderson, 8258 Santa Clara. Several groups of carolers will set out on foot as well as by vehicle to promote holiday cheer and neighborhood togetherness.

The Service League continues to welcome neighbors, provide neighborhood socialization and help out in time of need (families with new babies or illnesses). The Service League is strictly of service within our own neighborhood, and meetings and activities are open to all neighbors. If you are interested in joining the Service League, please call Betsy Pauly at 327-5024 or Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402.

Dues for 1990-91

It is time to pay your 1990-91 Forest Hills Association membership dues. Voluntary dues for the Forest Hills Association are \$10 per household. The Association operates on a fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. Dues collected are for operational expenses including newsletter printing and postage and any emergency communications required. Please use the form at right 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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