

FOREST HILLS

A S S O C I A T I O N

FOURTH QUARTER 1991 UPDATE

Annual Meeting October 24

Child Care Available in School Gym

- Date:** Thursday, October 24
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** Alex Sanger School Auditorium
San Leandro at St. Francis
- Agenda:**
- Beautification & Restoration Plans Update
 - Crime Watch Update
 - Committee Updates
 - Forest Hills Blvd. Reconstruction Update

Get Involved!
Support Your Neighborhood!
Attend the Meeting!

Video Plans

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 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 to volunteer if you are interested in any aspect of this production. We hope to begin shooting before the foliage changes this fall, and then capture some seasonal events—Halloween party, Christmas caroling, etc.

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*

Message From the President

Don't Miss October 24 Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend our Forest Hills Association neighborhood meeting October 24, 7:30 p.m., Alex Sanger Elementary School. Our neighborhood meetings are held twice per year—in April and October—and are our main forum for exchanging ideas, updating you on current issues important to your neighborhood and generating enthusiasm for future projects.

With the completion of the planning phase of our ambitious beautification project, it is time to focus on getting some important work done. The challenge—as with most things—is to pay for it. In the coming months you will see several manifestations of our intention to raise a substantial amount of money to create the first of several beautification projects.

Please support our projects—buy our flowers, participate in the bike ride

fundraiser or make a year-end contribution. Your “sweat equity” is equally critical to our success.

Don't miss the October 24 meeting. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and get involved in the future of Forest Hills. Hope to see you there.

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., Nov. 21, 1991

The Gatens', 8106 San Fernando

— 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17, 1991

The Crowell's, 1425 San Rafael

— 7:30 p.m., Jan. 16, 1992

The Loegering's, 8378 San Fernando

Service League

Halloween Party Will Chill and Thrill

Plans are well underway for the BIGGEST and BEST Halloween party ever. Sponsored by the Service League, Halloween will surely be a BIG success—but YOUR help is needed. Please read about what's in store and try to find an activity you would like to help with.

Halloween PARTY



WHERE: Home of Janis and Wes Loegering, 8378 San Fernando Way

TIME: 6:30-9:00 p.m. The party is

later this year so your kids can trick-or-treat door-to-door before the party.

ADMISSION: \$1 per person at the door

10 REASONS NOT TO MISS THE FOREST HILLS HALLOWEEN PARTY

1. *Haunted House*—open during the entire party
2. *Kids Fortune Telling*—open 7-8:30 p.m. If you want to participate please send the following information to Heidi Crowell, 1425 San Rafael Drive, by Oct. 29: child's name; age; school attended; parents' names; siblings' names; pet type and names; best friend; favorite activity/game; favorite toy or comfort item; hobby; vacation past or planned.
3. *Bob for Doughnuts*—at 7:15 p.m. for children
4. *Bob for Apples*—at 8:15 p.m. for older kids and adults (prizes for winners)
5. *Costume Parade*—at 7 p.m. for younger children under 6
6. *Costume Contest*—at 8 p.m. for kids 6 and older; prizes for first, second and third place
7. *Mummy Wrap Contest*—at 7 p.m.
8. *Pumpkin Pīnatas*—stuffed with candy and goodies
9. *Photo Keepsake*—instant photo in a festive setting for \$1 per photo
10. *Fishing Pond*—fish for candy and toys

You can see it will take some help from all of you to make the party a real success! We need:

- Clean-up crew
- Set-up help on Sunday, Oct. 27
- People to work half-hour shift at the Haunted House, Fish Pond, refreshment stand, door/admission and others
- A device to play Bob for Doughnuts
- Tubs for Bobbing for Apples
- A megaphone loaned for use at the party or donated to Service League
- Food donations for refreshments

Please contact Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402 or Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 by October 20 to volunteer!

First-Ever Forest Hills Bike Trek

Calling all Forest Hills bicyclists! The date is set for the first organized Forest Hills bike trek. You are encouraged to join us **Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 a.m.** for a 40K (26 miles roundtrip) bike ride on White Rock Trail. Meet promptly at 7:30 at the home of David and Pamela Leonard, 8185 San Benito.

If you are interested in raising funds for the Forest Hills Beautification and Restoration Committee while you enjoy the bike ride you may contact David or Pamela at 328-8629 for a pledge form. You may also sponsor a bicyclist by calling David or Pamela and making a contribution.

Beautification and Restoration Committee

Beautification Plan Update

Since the presentation at the last homeowners meeting, the Beautification Committee has taken your comments and developed an action plan with the landscape architects. Our consensus view was to protect the investment in the present trees in our neighborhood by assigning a first priority to pruning existing trees.

We enlisted the help of the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department and many of you have probably noticed the pruning and removal of dead trees along Forest Hills Boulevard and other areas in our neighborhood.

We have received bids from private pruning contractors to provide additional

services that the city cannot perform because of budget limitations. It is intended that these services will be performed by the spring of 1992. In addition, we have commissioned the landscape architects to present us with several detailed drawings of areas to start our planting during the dormant season.

We have asked that budgetary numbers be associated with each of these projects, in order that we can raise funds to accomplish our goals. We intend to have a presentation by Armstrong/Berger, our landscape architects, at our October 24 homeowners meeting to update all interested residents, as well as, start the process for fundraising.

City Steps Up Code Enforcement

A representative from the City of Dallas Code Enforcement group has informed us that the City of Dallas is making a sweep of the neighborhood to identify code enforcement violations. These violations are centered mainly around litter control.

In June, the City Council authorized strict enforcement of the litter control ordinance. Inspectors are traveling neighborhood streets and alleys, writing tickets for the following:

- weeds over 12 inches in height
- litter on the property, streets and alleys
- overgrown vegetation in the alleys that prohibits vehicle access, i.e. in excess of the normal width and height of a garbage truck.

The City is not issuing warnings, but is issuing tickets. The first offense for violation of the City code carries with it a \$50 fine plus court costs. On a second offense, the fine and court costs are doubled.

The violations are considered as criminal misdemeanor and will go on the property owner's records.

Upon payment of the fine, the property owner is placed on deferred adjudication for six months.

Since the City has become very strict in the enforcement of this policy, it behooves all Forest Hills residents to make sure the alleys and streets on which your property fronts is maintained according to City code to avoid a citation.

Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee

Forest Hills Blvd. Re-Construction Update

On July 26, 1991, the City of Dallas received bids from several contractors for the re-construction of Forest Hills Blvd. from Lakeland to San Rafael. The bid package, as reported in the last newsletter, included paving of Forest Hills Blvd., new water lines in Forest Hills Blvd. and storm drainage in Breezewood between Forest Hills and Garland Road.

The bids have been analyzed and Tiseo Paving Company is the apparent low bidder. The \$1.25 million contract is tentatively set to go to the City Council for approval on Oct. 23, 1991.

Following approval by the Council, a work order will be issued and construction will begin. We hope to be able to announce the construction schedule at our general meeting October 24.

Service League

Forest Hills Christmas Caroling Party Planned

Mark your busy holiday calendar now! The Forest Hills Christmas Caroling Party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. We will meet in the hall at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1522 Highland Road.

Weather permitting we will treat (or torture—depending on your singing abilities) Forest Hills neighbors and friends with Christmas carols on routes through the neighborhood. Later, we'll wind our way back to the church hall and enjoy a neighborhood Christmas Party, with all the trimmings.

Children are invited and will be a big part of the festivities. A certain gentleman who favors red and white, fur-trimmed outfits at that time of year has requested their attendance, and we look forward to seeing you **all** there!

If you would like to help organize the party, or for further information, call Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402 or Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.

Would We Have a Field Day!

Several Forest Hills residents have expressed an interest in holding a field day. The field day would encourage

neighbors to participate in a number of field games and relay races—such as a three-legged race, egg toss, blind man's wheelbarrow race, sack race etc.

If you have ideas for games or food or if you want to be the Team Leader for this event, please contact Heidi Crowell at 321-7177. Your input is needed!

Service League Calendar

As many of you know, the Forest Hills Service League is active in various aspects of life in our neighborhood. The Service League has organized a variety of social and community events, including the Easter Egg Hunt, the Seniors Brunch and others. 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 calendar of events for the remainder of 1991 is as follows:

October 31: 6:30 p.m., Wes and Janis Loegering's, 8378 San Fernando, 324-9844. Halloween party for the entire family. See related article for details.

November 19: 7 p.m., Gabriela Silver's, 1430 San Rafael, 327-6433. Speaker is Dr. Babyproofer!

December 15: Christmas Caroling Party, 5 p.m., Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1522 Highland Road.

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

Dr. Babyproofer to Speak At Nov. 19 Service League Meeting

Did you know each year more children die from at-home accidents than from **all** childhood diseases combined?

Come and be educated to the household dangers in every home. Tom Golden, R.N., B.S.N. might just shock you with the statistics of at-home accidents. He'll tell you how to prevent them. This is a good meeting for moms AND dads, grandparents and anyone who has children visiting in their home.

The meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 19,

at the home of Sterling and Gabriela Silver, 1430 San Rafael, 327-6433.

Is it Trash or Is it Treasure?

Initial plans are underway for a neighborhood-wide garage sale to be held in the spring of 1992. Participants would hold their own garage sales, but would contribute to an advertising fund to promote the neighborhood-wide sale. Ads would be placed in local newspapers and we would distribute maps at the entrances to the neighborhood showing the locations of the individual garage sales. Residents would be asked to contribute a portion of sale proceeds to the Forest Hills Association.

The Association is also interested in your used, donatable goods such as a typewriter, computer, large coffee pot, etc. for ongoing operations and special events.

If you are interested in participating in this event or have goods to donate, please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.

Alex Sanger Preschool Supporters

Great Things Are Happening At Alex Sanger

First off, we made the paper! In August the *Dallas Times Herald* published a lengthy article on our USA map project. This positive article was accompanied by a four-color photo of the finished map with all participating painters.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the 25-foot by 60-foot map painted on the black top behind the gymnasium at Alex Sanger. Those who have visited have enjoyed showing their children where loved ones live in other states.

A special thanks to those neighbors who sponsored states, Carol Hodges and Houston James for hours of planning and preparation, and Texas Paint for a healthy discount on paint and brushes.

Secondly, the Arboretum Annex project is taking off. The Dallas Arboretum has chosen Alex Sanger as an education site. This is a wonderful opportunity for Sanger students to learn about horticulture "hands on."

Currently, students are planting fall vegetables and flowers. Plans for spring include a special garden to attract Monarch butterflies.

Finally, the Alex Sanger Preschool PTA has dropped the PTA and all its rules and is now the Sanger Preschool Supporters.

If you are interested in this organization please feel free to call Kitty Powell at 328-5332 with questions. Below is a tentative schedule of this year's programs.

- Oct. 26** Kick-off Meeting—
"Pumpkins and Playtime"
- December** Teachers Christmas Tea
- January** Dallas Puppet Theatre
- March** Kindergarten Round-up
- May** Wilds of Africa Zoo Visit/Picnic

Dues for 1992

Voluntary dues for the 1992 fiscal year are now due and payable to the Forest Hills Association.

The Association operates on a fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 1991, and continues through Sept. 30, 1992. The suggested donation is \$10 per household. Additional contributions are appreciated.

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. You may also bring your check to the October 24 meeting. Your support is appreciated.

You are also encouraged to contribute at this time to our beautification and toward a series of projects that are part of the master plan for the beautification of the neighborhood. A \$10 donation per household is recommended.

Forest Hills Association

Sandra Nottestad
8328 San Benito Way
Dallas, TX 75218

Complete this form and send with your check payable to Forest Hills Association to:

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 a contribution to the Forest Hills Beautification & Restoration Fund

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