

FOREST HILLS

FOURTH QUARTER 1992 UPDATE

Annual October Meeting

Child Care Available in School Gym

Date: Thursday, October 8

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Alex Sanger School
Auditorium

San Leandro at St. Francis

Agenda: Beautification &
Restoration Update
Fund Raising Plans
Children's Art Contest
International Dinner
Forest Hills Blvd. Re-
Construction Update

GET INVOLVED!

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

ATTEND THE MEETING!

Message From the President

Don't Miss October 8 Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend our Forest Hills Association neighborhood meeting October 8, 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.

The Beautification and Restoration Committee will update you on its plans for the next plantings. You'll also hear about a children's art contest, the status of Forest Hills Blvd. reconstruction, and plans for our upcoming International Dinner.

A critical aspect of the Beautification Committee's plans will be fund raising. Hear about the innovative plans to raise money to keep our momentum going and generate community-wide interest in the projects.

Don't miss the October 8 meeting. It's a great opportunity to meet your

neighbors and get involved in the future of Forest Hills. Your attendance also demonstrates your support of the projects currently underway. Hope to see you there.

Street Improvements

Many thanks to Gary Coffman, who worked so hard to see that some of our City tax dollars were invested in the reconstruction of Forest Hills Blvd. Not one to rest on his laurels, Gary is now pushing for the inclusion of several of our other streets on the next Dallas bond program. Be sure to fill out the enclosed postcard and mail it to our elected officials.

Children's Art Contest

All neighborhood kids are encouraged to work on a painting or drawing to submit to the neighborhood children's art contest. The winning entry will serve as the "Children's Logo" for our neighborhood. We plan to print this fun art on t-shirts and other gift items. All entries should be submitted on or before October 8 to Kathe Caire, 8101 Forest Hills, 328-7924.

All submissions will be displayed at the neighborhood meeting October 8. A panel of judges will select the winning entry that evening. The name of the artist should appear on the back of the entry (so our judges are not subjected to friendly family lobbying).

Annual Halloween Party

Once again, a Halloween party will be held at the Loegerings, 8378 San Fernando. We hope to expand the event this year, with a German "Biergarten" for adults, and a haunted house to rival the incredible house built last year.

The first organizational meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 at the

Loegering's. Diana Sobey has agreed to build a haunted house again this year. Please volunteer by calling Diana at 328-5977 or Wes at 324-9844.

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 the meeting so we can be sure to have enough chairs and refreshments on hand.

■ 7:30 p.m., October 5, 1992

The Loegering's, 8378 San Fernando

■ 7:30 p.m. November 10, 1992

The Coffman's, 8524 San Fernando

■ 7:30 p.m., December 8

The Nottestad's, 8328 San Benito

Board Opening

Our President Elect position is open. 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

In our last newsletter we announced our plans. We now have something tangible to report! By now you should have noticed our planting on the median on San Rafael at the intersection of Highland and San Fernando. This planting incorporates burford holly surrounding a bed of seasonal color (now yellow lantana), five cypress trees, 21 white crepe myrtles, one large caliper pecan tree and five red bud trees.

This planting is guaranteed by the

installer for one year. And to further protect our investment, we provided an irrigation system.

We approached Lone Star Gas Company for funding to beautify their installation located on the median on San Rafael between San Fernando and Garland Road. They provided \$2,500. With the help of several of our neighbors, we were able to complete this planting of 15 cypress trees, four honeysuckle plants and an irrigation system.

Special thanks to the following residents who made cash donations: Barb and Roy Anderson, Susan and Garry Brown, Judy and Gary Coffman, Laura and Clayton Devin, Carolynn and Ken Falk, Forest Hills Service League, Maxyne Heimgartner, Edwin Howell, Carolyn & Robert Jones, Janis & Wes Loegering, Bruce Smith and Marilyn Sullivan.

The pruning, so important to preserving our existing plant material, was completed during the winter months. We are contacting the street contractor from the Forest Hills Blvd. reconstruction to ensure that any additional pruning necessary due to damage caused by equipment be done promptly.

The committee continues its work on future projects with John Armstrong of Armstrong-Berger, Inc. If funding is available, we plan an irrigated entryway planting at Forest Hills and Lakeland as our next priority, followed by a similar planting at Breezewood and Garland Road.

The use of signage identifying the neighborhood at each entryway is being evaluated. Also under consideration is the potential transplanting of the existing crepe myrtles located on Forest Hills to the new entryway projects. The crepe myrtles would be replaced with plantings more consistent with the general feel of the neighborhood.

Comments from a representative group of those neighbors living on Forest Hills Blvd. will be sought by members of the beautification committee before any decision is made. Suggestions are welcome from any of our neighbors at any time.

On a separate note, we have now received formal notice from the Texas Forest Service (in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Association) that our grant request has been approved for our proposed project at Garland Road and San Rafael on the open parcel of land across from the spillway.

This project requires matching funds. Fund raising ideas for this project are being formulated and it is expected that we will approach local businesses to contribute. Assistance from the Dallas Parks Foundation is also being sought. More detailed information on this project will be forthcoming.

International Evening in Forest Hills

Saturday, November 14, marks the date for the first Forest Hills Beautification Committee Fund Raiser. Themed "An Evening of International Tastes," the event is certain to be a night to remember. Hors D'oeuvres prepared by the neighborhood's best chefs will be served along with beverages. With the proven culinary talents of the chef committee, you will experience tasty treats from around the world without having to leave your neighborhood.

Proceeds from this event will fund additional Beautification Committee plantings. Show your support for the neighborhood's beautification efforts and enjoy a fun evening.

Of course we can also use your help if you can spare the time. Call Janis Loegering at 324-9844, Meg Fitzpatrick at 328-6765 or Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.

1992 Fall Pansy Sale

The 1992 Fall Plant Sale is currently underway and is a great way for you to support the neighborhood beautification efforts.

This year's sale offers pansies only. We are offering selections from the Crystal Bowl Series, the Crown Series and the Majestic Giant Series. All three varieties have done very well for us in the past. Color selections will be made soon, after further discussion with our grower.

The order forms will be distribut-

ed in late September, with the deadline for ordering set for October 10. Plants will be available for pick-up October 24 at the Coffman home, 8524 San Fernando. If you have questions or need an order form, contact Judy Coffman at 324-2280.

In addition, we are currently negotiating with a bulb wholesaler who would provide a wide variety of spring-flowering bulbs for our gardens (to be planted this fall). Please watch for additional information to be mailed to your home.

Landscape of the Month

Congratulations to Mickey and Temple Ashmore, 1414 San Rafael Drive for their outstanding display last month (it still looks pretty nice . . .) and this month to Harold Spiegel and John Dyer, 8423 San Pedro, for their beautiful yard. If you would like to nominate a specific yard for the next award, just drop a note or call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.

Personal to Forest Hills Pecan Grower

Last spring a resident of Forest Hills who has a pecan plantation in Central Texas contacted Judy Coffman offering trees for the medians. Unfortunately Judy misplaced the phone number. Please call her again. Her number is 324-2280 and she wants to hear from you!

Curbside Pick-Up Schedule

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. We have published the dates for the next few months below. Please mark them on your household calendar:

OCTOBER Week of October 12

NOVEMBER Week of November 9

DECEMBER Week of December 14

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. It's also in violation of City Code and you can be ticketed.

Concern Over Forest Hills Parkway Trees

At long last the waiting is over and for the most part the installation of the new street and curbs along Forest Hills Blvd. is complete. This is great news and a welcome project, but one which raises some concerns regarding tree roots.

The feeder root system of trees, that which is responsible for the uptake of moisture and nutrients, is located in the top 10 or 12 inches of soil. Those roots that are responsible for support are the roots which can and do run deeper. In order for the feeder root system of trees to function they need oxygen. Below 10 to 12 inches the oxygen content of the soil is insufficient to support root metabolism.

With the installation of the new street, many of these roots were destroyed. Trees are slow to respond to root injury, and it may take several years before the full impact of the damage is apparent.

React now by establishing a program to reestablish the damaged root system and ultimately save your valued parkway trees. The best program involves high pressure soil injection, not trunk injections. These soil injections should contain root growth vitamins and hormones, as well as a balanced organic fertilizer. A minimum of a fall and spring application this year is suggested.

Second Annual White Rock Lake "Trash Bash"

The Dallas Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a clean-up of White Rock Lake Park October 10. There will be prizes for the most trash picked up by individuals, families and organized groups and for other related activities.

In conjunction with the event, Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry

Council will sponsor a "tree fest." The tree fest will include demonstrations and seminars on all aspects of tree planting and care. There will be games and activities for children.

Service League

Seniors Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Harvest Soup and Sandwich Senior Luncheon Saturday, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m. The second annual luncheon will take place at the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on Highland Road. We've got some expert chefs lined up to "wine and dine" you.

Who's eligible? Anyone who has either lived in Forest Hills for over 20 years or who is over 55. We hope to introduce some long-time residents to some newer folks and enjoy a delicious lunch at the same time.

Transportation to and from the event is available for anyone who does not or prefers not to drive. Please call Kitty Powell at 328-5332 to RSVP by October 11.

Cooks — if you would like to help prepare the luncheon, call Kitty.

Spring '93 Garage Sale

Don't throw it away. Anyone who held a sale last March will attest to the fact that one man's trash is another man's treasure.

No date has been set, but there definitely will be another sale after the last tremendous success. Talk to your neighbors about having a co-op sale or getting them to have their own. The best attended sales were really those where more than one home on the street participated. Look for the spring newsletter for more information and to sign up.

Cooks! We Need YOU!

Cindy Garner needs more names of people who'll drop by a simple meal to new moms in Forest Hills. The names are rotated, so you may only get called once every two years. How about it? Please call Cindy at 321-8041.

Newcomers Committee

Thanks to Neoma Twining for eagerly volunteering to be the newcomers committee chairman. If you know of a home in our neighborhood that has been sold, and we have new neighbors, please give Neoma a call. She will welcome them formally with a visit and deliver an information packet.

If you are a newcomer but have not been contacted by Neoma, please call her at 320-0009.

Garland Road Enhancement Project Update

During our April meeting, the Garland Road Enhancement Project proposed by the Dallas Arboretum was discussed.

Forest Hills Association passed a resolution opposing the construction of the proposed stucco wall and authorized the Board of Directors to enter into negotiations with the Arboretum to develop an alternate solution. A series of meetings was held and as a result, the Arboretum has agreed to modify the design and eliminate the stucco wall and magnolia trees.

It is the feeling of the Forest Hills Board of Directors that the revised design is more in keeping with the naturalness and tree specie type of our area. Although the alignment of the plantings will still be linear, it will not be nearly as structured as the former wall.

The Arboretum is proceeding with construction drawings to implement this new design. Plans should be complete this fall, with the construction contract bid and let shortly thereafter. Construction would follow in the winter and spring of next year.

Jack Gorman, president of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, has been invited to attend our October meeting to make a presentation of the design.

Alex Sanger School Discovers America

Mark your calendars for the Festival of the United States to be held Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. In case of rain, the festival will be moved inside the school.

- Booths from more than 25 states!
- Food! Fun! Entertainment!
- Door prizes and contest winners to be announced!

For more information contact Louie Buckman at 328-0116.

Dues for 1993

Voluntary dues for the 1993 fiscal year are now due and payable to the Forest Hills Association. The Association operates on a fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 1992, through Sept. 30, 1993. The suggested donation is \$10 per household. Additional contributions are appreciated.

Dues collected are for operational expenses including newsletter printing and postage.

Please use the form below to submit your check. You may also bring your check to the October 8 meeting. Your support is appreciated.

You are also encouraged to contribute at this time to our beautification and restoration fund. These funds will go toward the completion of projects that are part of the master plan for the beautification of the neighborhood. No donation is too large or too small!

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Forest Hills Association

Nancy Gatens
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Dallas, Texas 75218

Enclosed is \$10 for my 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:

_____ I am a Forest Hills Senior.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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