

FOREST HILLS

N E W S L E T T E R

FOURTH QUARTER 1993 UPDATE

Annual October Meeting

Child Care Available in School Gym

Date: Thursday, Oct. 14

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Alex Sanger School
Auditorium

San Leandro at St. Francis

Agenda: Beautification &
Restoration Update
Street Reconstruction
Fund Raising Plans

GET INVOLVED!

Support Your Neighborhood!

ATTEND THE MEETING!

Message From the President

Greetings from your new Forest Hills Association President. If I haven't met some of you in person, I am sure it will only be a matter of time before I meet you on the street or at some upcoming neighborhood function.

I've got some pretty big shoes to fill, thanks to Wes Loegering, but I am looking forward to a good year. The dedicated officers, committee chairpersons and volunteers of the Forest Hills Association all agree on one thing — that we definitely need some fresh blood (i.e. new volunteers). In the past we have all enjoyed the benefits of some really dedicated neighbors that put in many hours, not to mention some headaches, just to stage events like the hat party/auction/raffle held at the Devin's home last fall that raised \$9,000. The money from this event funded the beautiful landscaping just completed on Forest Hills Blvd.

The annual Halloween party is always a fall favorite, as well as the Seniors luncheons and frequent newcomers gatherings. We thank those of you who gave your time and energy over the past years to build the momentum we have enjoyed.

But, if we are to continue to offer outstanding activities and fund future beautification projects, it is time to bring in new people to plan and implement these activities.

This means some of you newcomers are needed to continue the momentum. We have gathered names from the newcomers lists of persons willing to take the ball and run with it, and we will be contacting you for sure. If we don't, call us.

And for those of you who have lived here a while but haven't volunteered, now is your chance. We are recruiting new people NOW! We are open to new ideas, new talent and certainly new energy — please call me today. There is no better way to get to know people and get involved in your community. Call me at 740-8688 (days) or 320-0229 (evenings) or introduce yourself to me or one of the committee chairs at the October meeting.

One of the many projects we hope to accomplish this year is to update our neighborhood directory, which was published in 1989. Not only is it a valuable reference for our neighborhood, but advertising revenue from the last edition was over \$4,000. We are currently looking for someone to lead this project.

I am excited to be your new President. I look forward to making our neighborhood a better and brighter place to live. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

— Kevin Twining, President

Don't Miss October 14 Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend our Forest Hills Association neighborhood meeting Thursday, Oct. 14, 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.

Halloween Party Scheduled For Oct. 31

Plans are underway for the sixth annual Forest Hills Association Halloween Party. This event has always been a huge success, with great participation from young and old! The party will be held from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31, at 1441 San Rafael, the same location as last year.

We need volunteers for food, decorations, games and publicity. This is a fun event to help with (i.e. a very short time commitment). If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please attend the planning meeting set for 7 p.m., Oct. 7, at the White Rock Yacht Club. Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 if you cannot attend the meeting but want to help out!

Potluck Dinner — Please Join Us!

All Forest Hills residents are invited to join us Thursday, Nov. 11, at 18th 7 p.m., for an evening of delicious food and good conversation.

The potluck dinner will be held at the home of Sterling and Gabriela Silver, 1430 San Rafael. Bring your choice of a casserole, salad, dessert or other item. Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 by Nov. 8 to let her know what you will be bringing.

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., October 11
- 7:30 p.m., November 16
- 7:30 p.m., December 16

Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 to confirm the meeting location and let us know if you plan to attend so we can have enough chairs and refreshments on hand.

Beautification and Restoration Committee

Planting Update

After long delays waiting for the water meter to be installed by the Dallas Water Department, we proceeded with our Forest Hills Blvd. plantings in June. While this planting was completed much later than planned, we were pleased to see that our transplanted Crepe Myrtles bloomed this summer.

The other transplanted Red Oak trees also placed on Forest Hills Blvd. between St. Francis and Breezewood appear to be doing fine. This stretch of Forest Hills received the following new plant materials: three Mexican Plum trees, three Oklahoma Redbuds, two six-inch caliper Cedar Elms and a Red Oak, along with the aforementioned transplanted Crepe Myrtles and Red Oaks. A new irrigation system was installed to provide water to these plantings.

The other planting completed this summer is also located on Forest Hills Blvd. near Lakeland, and was the source of the transplanted plants. It includes a flower bed surrounded by Burford Holly, Juniper trees and an alley of 18 Watermelon Red Crepe Myrtles, and has an irrigation system. Our flower bed obviously did not fare well because the plants were purchased at the time of the spring plant sale, and due to the delay, remained too long in their containers prior to the planting. We are planning to replant the bed shortly which will enhance the entire planting.

The committee continues its work and is developing plans for our next project. We welcome any input you might have.

— Bob Crowell

Notice — No Fall Plant Sale Planned

Please be advised that the Forest Hills Association will not sponsor a plant sale this fall. While this has been a very successful project over the past five or six years, no one has stepped forward to take on this project. Thanks go to Judy Coffman who has willingly spearheaded this project the past couple of years and is ready to pass on the reins. If you are willing to volunteer for the spring plant sale, please call Judy at 324-2280. She is ready and willing to train you on this project!

Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee

With the start of construction for the re-paving of San Rafael Drive, all three of the boulevard streets in Forest Hills will either be complete or under construction.

The reconstruction of Breezewood began in late April, and is scheduled for an October completion. These improvements are from Garland Road to Santa Clara. Currently, the northbound lane is complete, with grading work in advance of paving now underway in the southbound lanes. JRJ Paving, Inc. is the general contractor, with Bob Vanlo as the general superintendent. Anyone with questions regarding the reconstruction of Breezewood may call Bob Vanlo at 869-2971 or Steve Parker of the City of Dallas at 948-4666.

In early September, the reconstruction of San Rafael began. The reconstruction of San Rafael includes not only complete paving from Garland Road to Forest Hills Blvd., but a new water line in the northbound lane and reconstructed storm sewer improvements. This work is scheduled for completion in December 1993 or January 1994. The value of this project is \$620,000. Gibson & Associates, Inc. is the general contractor. Please contact either Bill Gibson or Tony Johnson with Gibson & Associates (557-1199) if you have any questions regarding the scheduling. Steve Parker with the City of Dallas is also the project engineer in charge of this project.

Upon completion of the San Rafael and Breezewood projects, the City of Dallas will have spent \$1.25 million for Forest Hills Blvd., \$620,000 for San Rafael and \$450,000 for Breezewood. This is a total of \$2.3 million invested in the reconstruction of our main boulevards.

Service League

Calling All Volunteers!

Have you noticed that the SERVICE LEAGUE has been responsible for orchestrating many of the fun events we have all attended over the past few years? Have you noticed that these events are fewer and farther between? That's because our volunteer pool is dwindling ... We need to hear from you to know if we can call you for help. We know you're busy!! So are we!! It's well worth the time invested ... remember, whatever you send into the lives of others comes back to you one hundredfold! Can you find time once a year to work on a project with us — baking brownies, taking cookies to a senior neighbor, or bringing a dish to a new mom?

Heidi Crowell is revising the "active" volunteer list and is planning a KICK-OFF party to celebrate a resurgence of interest! (You've been to those parties ... you know they are fun.)

Please call Heidi at 321-7177 if you want to be on the list (and attend the party in November). She'll also be gathering names at the Oct. 14 Forest Hills annual meeting at Alex Sanger Elementary.

Seniors Luncheon — A Great Time!

Many thanks to Laura Devin for organizing and hosting the fourth annual Seniors Luncheon at her home. As usual, the event was a ball. Some people hadn't seen each other since the last luncheon, but managed to catch up pretty quickly. Those who couldn't make it are cordially invited to attend our potluck dinner on Nov. 11. The food is just as delicious!

Garage Sale Nets \$2,000!

Our second annual garage sale held last April (in the rain!) was another fantastic success! We exceeded our expectations, with over 40 home participating. All homeowners seemed delighted with their profits and the Service League raised over \$2,000. Many thanks to the homeowners who had sales, all the volunteers, and special thanks to Sterling and Gabriela Silver for once again organizing our "wienie" roast. Next year we hope to have a bake sale as well. Keep collecting your items for our 1994 sale next spring!

New Moms

Cindy Garner just keeps quietly plugging along having meals delivered to new moms of Forest Hills while working full time and minding three kids ... no problem. Thanks Cindy! If you are aware of a birth, help Cindy out and let her know! Call her at 321-8041. If you can take a casserole to a busy family, please let us put you on our revolving list. Surely one dish a year isn't too much for this neighborly outreach program!!

Help Wanted-Newsletter Folders

Call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 or Sandra Nottestad at 324-0094 if you can help fold, label or staple these newsletters on a quarterly basis (or less often). It's kind of like a sewing bee — we all sit around Heidi's table chatting, folding and eating her famous chocolate chip cookies. With five or six people, it only takes about one hour! Plus, it's better than staying home paying bills!

Calling All Babysitting Teens

Attention Forest Hills teenagers ... Do you need extra cash?? Moms (and dads) of Forest Hills need you to babysit! Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 to be added to the Forest Hills Babysitting list. There is no charge for this referral service.

Alex Sanger Elementary School

This summer, the principal of Alex Sanger Elementary received the

Governor's Certificate for Performance Gain at a ceremony in Austin. In addition, principal Mary Bolden was presented with a cash award of \$52,600 to be spent on supplies or programs to enhance academic achievement.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Education Agency, recognized schools which achieved gains in student performance over the last three years on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test (TAAS). Sanger was one of 54 DISD schools to be recognized, more than any other city in the state.

This school year also marks the first year for Sanger students to wear uniforms. Because Sanger is a public school, uniforms are not mandatory, but many parents have opted to choose uniforms for their children.

Sanger's second annual Geography Festival will be held Oct 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event features fun facts and culture about 25 American states. Children can hunt for diamonds in Arkansas's Diamond Crater, fish in Minnesota (Land of 10,000 lakes), and have their picture taken shooting some hoops with Michael Jordan in Illinois, home of the Chicago Bulls.

Booths created by Alex Sanger students will give children and parents information on each state's industries, agriculture and history, as well as fun, hands-on activities and crafts.

Some activities are free; others require tickets, which will be available for purchase at the entrance. The festival is open to the public.

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:

October—Week of October 11
November—Week of November 8
December—Week of December 13
As work is completed on our new

streets and boulevards, it is critical that we don't trash out the medians by leaving 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

Neighbors Beware

Crime in Forest Hills continued to decline according to Crime Watch Chairman Keith Brewster. With only minor thefts reported in recent months it appears that our Crime Watch efforts are paying off. Thanks to all you good neighbors for your extra efforts in reporting suspicious behavior. Keep up the good work. Together we can make a difference in the crime in our neighborhood.

Crime Watch Block Captains Needed

We need BLOCK CAPTAINS to update the information on each block. This involves obtaining the telephone numbers and names for each house in your block and the houses across the alley, putting the information on a grid and making sure that every homeowner on the block gets the information.

If you're willing to serve as a block captain, call Keith Brewster at 817-268-8433.

— Keith Brewster

Don't Miss the Newcomers Coffee!

If you are new to the neighborhood, chances are we haven't met you yet. We would like to introduce ourselves, and would like to extend this invitation to you to come to the Newcomers Coffee on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The coffee will be held at the home of Gloria Tarpley, 8378 Forest Hills.

If you need more information or have not filled out a newcomers information sheet, please call Neoma Twining at 320-0229. Also, all

Forest Hills neighbors are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing each of you there!

— Neoma Twining

Dues for 1994

Voluntary dues for the 1994 fiscal year are now due and payable to the Forest Hills Association. The Association operates on a fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 1993, through Sept. 30, 1994. The suggested donation has been increased to \$15 per household. Additional contributions are appreciated.

Dues collected are for operational expenses, including newsletter printing and postage as well as special neighborhood projects.

Please use the form provided to submit your check. You may also bring your check to the Oct. 14 neighborhood 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. A \$10 donation is suggested, however, no donation is considered too large or too small.

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

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- Household \$15
- Senior (Age 65-75) \$ 5
- Emeritus (75+) FREE
- Beautification Fund \$10

I would like to volunteer for: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Officers (Proposed for 1993-94)

President	Kevin Twining	320-0229
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