

# FOREST



# HILLS

NEWSLETTER  
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## Newsletter Highlights

### **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PICNIC & PARADE**

**Saturday, July 4**

9:30 a.m. parade line-up

10 a.m. – parade start

Breezewood at Forest Hills Blvd.

*See flyer for details.*

### **Nominating Committee Deadline**

**July 16**

*Details inside.*

### **Garden Club Meeting**

**Thursday, August 6**

10 a.m.

*Details inside.*

### **Summer Party/Dance**

**Friday, August 21**

7 p.m.

Winfrey Point

*Reservation information upcoming.*

### **Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting**

**Thursday, September 24**

Alex Sanger School

*See details inside.*

### **Alex Sanger volunteers needed**

*Call 319-0260 for information.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I seem to remember that Summer used to be a time when people had a chance to relax a bit, maybe take a vacation, and get geared up for a new school year. These days, it seems that everyone's schedule goes into overdrive during the Summer, and Forest Hills is no exception.

Forest Hills has been "discovered". New home construction and remodeling of existing homes continues at a fast pace. Phase I of the Enclave Development on Highland Road is nearly sold out, and the developers are about to begin Phase II. Sales of homes in our neighborhood continue at a brisk pace, bringing new neighbors to our community. Welcome to all of you that are new to our neighborhood. I hope you will find time to get involved in the Association's activities.

The continued development along Highland Road has already increased traffic in that area. Speed bumps were installed along Highland by the City several years ago in response to requests from property owners in that area. One of the unfortunate side effects of these traffic control devices has been an increase in the amount of traffic inside Forest Hills. Cars trying to avoid Highland's speed bumps are cutting through our neighborhood, particularly along San Rafael. The Board is examining this issue, and may seek removal of the Highland speed bumps. If you have an opinion on this issue, please contact Grant Wall (328-3029) or Mike Woods (319-7245).

**The White Rock Spillway Urban Design Plan Steering Committee** held its final meeting in May. Unfortunately, there is not much new to report since my last message. The prospects of any immediate improvements at the Gaston/East Grand/Garland Road intersection appear to be doomed by a lack of money, divergent interests of business property owners in the area, and little real support from the City Council members whose districts encompass the area. By contrast, the Ferguson Road initiative is alive and well. You may have

noticed the construction of new sidewalks and other improvements on Ferguson, and I think you can expect to see additional improvements in that area during the next couple of years. Council member Charlotte Mayes has spearheaded what seems to be a cohesive effort by homeowners associations and business interests to bring improvements to the area.

**By now, you should have received your copy of the neighborhood directory.** Tina Westmoreland and her committee have done a great job of gathering information, selling advertising, and getting the directory into print. The publication undoubtedly is flawed, given the turnover of homes in our neighborhood, but I think you will find it useful. If you are not listed in the directory, or some mistake has been made in your listing, please contact our Communications Chairman, Karen Raskopf (328-3819), so that the mailing list can be updated.

**Speaking of advertising, the Board has voted to begin selling advertising in upcoming issues of the Forest Hills Newsletter.** The idea is to defray the considerable expense of publishing and mailing the Newsletter, while providing merchants who support our neighborhood an opportunity to communicate with our residents. **If you are interested in purchasing advertising in the Newsletter, please call John Mitchell (324-5538).**

Association dues are strictly voluntary. Our neighborhood has approximately 550 homes, and 290 households paid dues this year. The dues have been \$15.00 for many years, and this is simply not enough to support the Association's activities. **The Board has approved an amendment to the Bylaws that will raise dues to \$25.00 per year.** This amendment must be approved by Association members, and will be submitted to a vote at our meeting in September. If you have opinions regarding the amendment, please come to the meeting.

The vitality of this neighborhood as a community is built on volunteer efforts. Sometimes, the results of those efforts are easily seen, such as the activities organized by our Service League or the trees planted by the Beautification Committee. Many times,

important and consistent efforts are made by those who get little recognition. Edith Howson and Frances Addison are long time residents of Forest Hills. Those of you who are out walking or jogging early in the morning are likely to see Frances and Edith, sometimes joined by others, walking through our neighborhood with their trash sacks. The City does not do much to keep our medians free of beer bottles, paper and other trash these days, but Frances and Edith do, and we owe them a "thank you" for their efforts. Have a great Summer!

*Clayton Devin  
President*

### **NEW GARDEN CLUB COMING UP ROSES**

The newly formed Forest Hills Garden Club is off to a blooming start with 28 members after just two meetings. Not letting any grass grow under their feet (or weeds either), the Garden Club has started a Yard of the Month program and will announce the first recipient of the honor at the Fourth of July picnic.

Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month, alternating between morning and evening meetings to encourage as many people to join as possible. Dues are \$25. The next meeting will be held August 6 at 10 a.m. at Robin Brauer's house, 8415 Forest Hills Blvd. The September 3 meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at Linda Bryant's. Everyone is invited to join. The Club promises you'll mulch enjoy it!

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET**

Neighborhood Association officers serve a term running from October 1 through September 30. Next year's officers will be elected at the Association's Annual meeting on Thursday, September 24, 1998. A Nomination Committee has been selected and will begin meeting in July to prepare a slate of nominees for these positions. Input is welcome from all Association members.

Included with this newsletter is a list which explains the service opportunities available. If you are interested in serving as an Association officer, committee chair or project leader, or would like to nominate one

of your neighbors, please **contact any of the Nomination committee members before July 6, 1998.**

The Committee members are:  
Margaret Smith 327-5096  
Gary Brown 324-0477  
Mary Pat Smith 320-1812  
Hope Brovont 320-2420  
Don Caire 328-7924  
David Buhman 327-8122

Written nominations can be submitted to 8446 Santa Clara.

#### **Officers Responsibilities:**

- **President-Elect:** Commits to three years of service. Duties include special projects assigned by the President and the Board of Directors. The President-Elect serves as President the following year, and Past-President the year after.
- **Vice President:** Performs duties of President if the President is unavailable. Duties also include any special projects assigned by the Board.
- **Treasurer:** Handles Association funds and provides monthly financial reports to Board.
- **Secretary:** Records and distributes minutes of Board and Membership meetings. Provides notice to Board members of regular and special meetings.
- **Parliamentarian:** Provides rulings/advice on parliamentary issues, including those arising under the Association's bylaws.

#### **Committee Chairs' Responsibilities:**

- **Beautification:** Plans and implements master plan for beautification of Forest Hills. Seeks project funding and coordinates planning and maintenance with City agencies, Dallas Parks Foundation and others.
- **Service League:** Builds community spirit through neighborhood activities such as Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

- **Communications:** Produces quarterly newsletter and maintains Association's mailing list. This person should have access to a computer.
- **Crime Watch:** Recruits block captains to represent each block in the Crime Watch Program, maintains contact with the Dallas Police Department to monitor crime statistics and trends in the area, and is in charge of updating and maintaining the info Alert Voice Mail System and posting alert signs as necessary.
- **Educational Forums:** Serves as liaison with neighborhood schools. During election years, may coordinate political forums for candidates to address membership on important issues.
- **Zoning and Thoroughfare:** Monitors projects and government proposals which may affect some streets surrounding or going through the neighborhood. Also monitors private projects that may impact existing zoning of property within the neighborhood.

### **NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT**

The Board of Directors adopted a resolution on June 9, 1998 to amend Article V., Section 1. of the Forest Hills Association Bylaws. This bylaw amendment will be submitted for a vote by the members of the Forest Hills Association at its annual meeting in September.

#### **ARTICLE V. SECTION 1.**

**Dues:** In order that the Association may carry out its purposes and to enable it to meet certain obligations, such as rental of meeting space and printing and distribution of notices, voluntary donations, not to exceed \$25 per year per household, may be solicited. The level of such voluntary donations will be set by the Board prior to each September 30. Additional contributions for special projects may be solicited after approval by the members of the Association in a meeting. Notices advising members of annual dues requirements will be distributed to members on or before September 30 of each year.

# 4th of JULY

## Parade and Picnic

CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS!

Show us your RED, WHITE and BLUE!

On Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the ANNUAL PARADE line-up will start at 9:30am at the intersection of Breezewood and Forest Hills. At 10:00am we will begin our patriotic procession down the Boulevard. Come join the fun as either a parade participant or a spectator - **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!**

Decorate yourselves, your bikes, trikes, wagons, riding mowers, cars and pets! Judges will be watching and awarding **PRIZES** in the following categories:

- Best 4<sup>th</sup> of July Costume
- Most Patriotic Pet
- Tricycles - 3 yrs and under (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Bicycles - 4-6 yrs, 7-9 yrs, 10 and up
- Most Patriotic Vehicle

The parade will end at the "Keller Compound" at the Garland/Lakeland intersection where the celebration will continue with barbecue, watermelon, drinks and **MORE FUN!** You may bring your own picnic if you like. Please do bring your own blankets and chairs.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

**If your group would like to participate or volunteer, or if you have a classic car, or any questions, please call Ann Walton (321-5779) or Hope Brovont (320-2420)**

**FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Officers**

President	Clayton Devin	321-0003
President-Elect	Margaret Smith	327-5096
Past President	Garry Brown	324-0477
Vice President	John Mitchell	324-5538
Treasurer	Tammy DeWolf	320-6073
Secretary	Pam Foarde	320-3938
Parliamentarian	Karon Robinson	320-0497

**Committee Chairs**

Beautification	Dean Nottestad	324-0094
Service League	Ann Walton	321-5779
	Hope Brovont	320-2420
Communications	Karen Raskopf	328-3819
Crime Watch	Gina Bender	321-0797
Zoning	Grant Wahl	328-3029
	Mike Woods	319-7245
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