

FOREST HILLS ASSOCIATION

SECOND QUARTER 1991 UPDATE

Annual Meeting April 25

- Date:** Thursday, April 25
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Place:** Alex Sanger School Auditorium
San Leandro at St. Francis
- Agenda:**
- Beautification & Restoration Plans Unveiled
 - School Board Candidates Speak
 - Crime Watch Update
 - Committee Updates

Get Involved!
Support Your Neighborhood!
Attend the Meeting!

Don't miss the April 25 meeting. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and get involved in the future of Forest Hills. Hope to see you there.

— Wes Loegering, *President*

Beautification and Restoration Committee **Master Plan to Be Unveiled April 25**

The Beautification and Restoration Committee has been tremendously successful in "keeping the ball rolling" on the master plan for the median restoration. After setting primary goals for the project and establishing a time frame, they selected Armstrong/Berger as the landscape architects.

Meetings with the committee, the architects and the Parks and Recreation Department have ensured a well thought-out plan. A presentation will be made by Armstrong/Berger at the April 25 Forest Hills meeting to discuss details of the plan and give all residents the opportunity to express their views. We encourage you to attend the meeting and tell us your thoughts. Your opinion counts!

New Signs Identify Forest Hills Streets

Many of you have already noticed and applauded the new Forest Hills identification signs recently installed. The signs are rust and white, and feature the Forest Hills name and tree logo. They appear atop the street signs on Lakeland, Garland Road, San Rafael and Highland Road where each of the Forest Hills streets intersect.

Thanks to Gary Coffman for initiating and overseeing the project and Dean Nottestad for designing the signs. The

Message From the President

Don't Miss April 25 Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend our Forest Hills Association neighborhood meeting April 25, 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.

One of the most widely anticipated neighborhood projects — the Beautification and Restoration Committee's preliminary master plan — will be unveiled at the April 25 meeting. The landscape architects hired by the committee are eager to share their plans, including sketches and renderings of their proposal, and get your feedback. This project can have a tremendous

impact on the overall image and property values of Forest Hills! Your involvement and support is critical to the project's success. Be there to express your interest.

Dr. Lois Parrott and Dan Peavy, candidates for the DISD School Board District 3 position, have been invited to speak for a few minutes at the April 25 meeting. This is your chance to find out where each candidate stands. The election is scheduled for early May, so this may be your last opportunity to see the candidates face to face.

You will also hear from an experienced crime scene investigator from the Dallas Police Department. You will learn what you can do to make your home a less inviting target for crime.

Alex Sanger Preschool PTA

U.S. Map Project Announced

This May, the Alex Sanger Preschool PTA will begin the installation and painting of a giant map of the United States on the blacktop behind the school. The map is a project suggested by Alex Sanger first-grade teacher Nacona White to teach children U.S. geography. The map will show each state painted in different colors.

Neighbors are encouraged to get involved by "adopting" a state of their choice. Pick the state where you were born, raised or are glad you left behind to move to Forest Hills! If you are interested in "adopting" a particular state, please call Glenna Whitley at 327-3864.

Forest Hills residents with artistic talents are encouraged to volunteer to help paint the map. This project is a huge undertaking and will need many volunteers to see it successfully completed.

The Preschool PTA expects to generate plenty of media coverage to draw attention to the school and the neighborhood—so the more people involved the better! Join us!

Kindergarten Roundup A Success

The Alex Sanger Preschool PTA recently held a kindergarten roundup to allow parents interested in learning more about Sanger to meet with teachers and Principal Mary Bolden.

Parents with children in kindergarten and first grade were also on hand to share their insights with interested parents.

The round-up was very successful. It gave parents an opportunity to learn what schedules and curriculum are followed in each grade before enrolling their children. They also learned about the varied extracurricular activities available for their children's grades.

Service League

Easter Egg Hunt A Hopping Success

Dozens of neighbors, very young and slightly older, turned out for a successful and spirited Easter Egg Hunt held March 23 in St. Francis Park. Many thanks to Gloria Tarpley and her band of volunteers—Betsy Pauly, Pat Fugate, Kitty Powell and Louie Buckman. Reprinted below is a thank-you note received by your Association:

*Thank you so much for a fun day at St. Francis Park—it was our first Forest Hills Easter Egg Hunt and the kids have talked of **nothing** since then!*

*Activities like that take a lot of work and preparation. Thanks to everyone who made a bunch of little kids **very** happy.*

Love,
The Hill Family

Seniors Brunch Planned For April 20

The first Seniors Brunch is planned for Saturday morning, April 20. All Forest Hills seniors are invited to attend this event filled with food, visiting and interesting information. Laura Devin and Kitty Powell are planning the details. You may call Laura at 321-0003 or Kitty at 328-5332 for more information or to volunteer to cook a dish or drive the seniors to and from the brunch.

Wanted: Volunteers

If you are interested in getting more involved with your neighborhood, the Service League has several opportunities for YOU!

—We are looking for someone to coordinate the Summer Event (parade, picnic, street dance or whatever). This event has been super fun for the last two years and we want to continue its success this summer. Call Betsy Pauly at 327-5024 to find out what you can do to help!

—We also need a children's group coordinator. With the growing number of children in the neighborhood, we have a tremendous opportunity to develop special events, activities and play groups for our kids. But, we need someone to organize them. This is another great opportunity to meet people in the neighborhood and provide a wonderful service to our neighbors and kids. Call Betsy Pauly at 327-5024 to volunteer.

—If you like to cook, we also need your help to provide meals to convalescents, new moms, newcomers, etc. This is an easy way to contribute and won't involve a lot of time. Call Betsy Pauly at 327-5024 to volunteer.

Signs not only add prestige to our neighborhood, but they quickly identify the Forest Hills perimeter.

These signs were purchased and installed with funds from the Beautification Committee's budget and is just one fine example of the many projects the committee has planned toward identifying Forest Hills as a neighborhood in which we are all proud to live.

Spring Plant Sale Tremendously Successful

Our third annual spring plant sale has been a huge success! Thanks to all of the savvy shoppers in Forest Hills who know a bargain when they see one. Your support of this project not only beautifies the neighborhood in the coming months, but provides funds for long-term beautification efforts as well. Over \$2,500 was raised to help fund the landscaping of our medians.

Thanks to Judy Coffman, who organized the sale, and many others who distributed the fliers on short notice when the U.S. Post Office took their own sweet time delivering the initial fliers.

The plant sale organizers look at this project as "the bird's nest on the ground"—too good a deal to pass up! You'll be hearing from them again this fall when they offer pansies for sale.

Plant-a-Tree Update

All trees purchased through the Forest Hills tree sale have been planted and are nicely budding and leafing out. Care sheets were distributed, and tree purchasers are urged to follow the instructions for best results. The committee will soon see that guards are placed around the base of the tree trunks to protect them from weed-eaters, etc.

Extra funds from the proceeds of the sale have been set aside to replace any trees lost in the first year. Remaining money will be used to purchase

additional trees for the boulevards in conjunction with the master plan.

The Dallas Parks Department (Charles Boseman) has been a tremendous help with our reforestation efforts. They have planted all of the boulevard trees and provided the initial watering necessary. They have also agreed to share the responsibility of additional watering in drought periods with adjacent homeowners who have offered to help.

Thanks to all Forest Hills residents who supported this project—your participation really does make a difference!

DART Revisions To White Rock Bus Lines

Because of the objections raised by Forest Hills, Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda Estates and many concerned bus riders in the East Dallas area, DART's staff has decided to recommend to the DART board that no modifications be made to any of the existing White Rock bus lines. The DART staff will recommend that a new route be added to provide service from Casa View through Casa Linda and Lakewood to the Baylor Hospital area.

As previously reported, DART had been considering rerouting three of the four bus lines which currently serve Forest Hills. They would have been eliminated and transferred to a route along Buckner Blvd.

The DART board will not take formal action until the April 23 meeting. We have been assured that the action will be favorable—they will not modify the existing routes through our neighborhood. If you are interested in attending the meeting it will be held at 6:30 p.m., April 23, in the DART board room at DART headquarters, 1601 Pacific Ave.

Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee Forest Hills Blvd.

Re-Construction Update

In the first quarter issue of the *Forest Hills Newsletter*, it was announced that

the City of Dallas Public Works Department has planned to put the Forest Hills Blvd. re-construction project out for bid in May 1991. According to Steve Parker, City of Dallas project engineer for the project, this is still the case.

The City has finalized the plans for the re-construction of Forest Hills from Lakeland to San Rafael and will be putting them out to bid in May. They anticipate the work order being issued in August 1991. Steve indicated that as time approaches for construction to begin, the homeowners along Forest Hills Blvd. will be contacted with details of the construction. Steve also indicated that the funding is available for the project, and at this point, it looks like the City will proceed with it.

Forest Hills Association will continue to monitor the progress and status of this project until construction has commenced and been accomplished. We are mindful of Casey Stengel's adage, "It ain't over 'til it's over!"

Crime Watch

New Crime Watch Leaders

Thanks to strong response to the last newsletter, three neighbors have volunteered to lead the Crime Watch Committee. They are:

Keith Brewster at (817) 268-8433

Gary Brown at 324-0472

Richard Manley at 328-2343

These gentlemen will be scheduling a Crime Watch committee meeting shortly to organize the block captains and oversee the completion of the Forest Hills neighborhood grids.

Dues for 1991

Thanks to your great response — we have received dues from more than one-third of the residents in Forest Hills for the 1990-91 year. If you have not paid, voluntary dues for the Forest Hills Association are \$10 per household. The Association operates on a fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1990, and continues through Sept. 30, 1991.

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 April 25 meeting. 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.

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~~Additional contributions~~ are welcome.

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