

FOREST HILLS



A S S O C I A T I O N

SECOND QUARTER 1992 UPDATE

Annual April Meeting

Child Care Available in School Gym

Date: Thursday, April 9

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Alex Sanger School
Auditorium
San Leandro at St.
Francis

Agenda: Beautification &
Restoration Update
Fund Raising Plans
Forest Hills Blvd. Re-
Construction Update
Crime Watch Update
Committee Updates

GET INVOLVED!

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
ATTEND THE MEETING!

Message From the President

Don't Miss April 9 Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend our Forest Hills Association neighborhood meeting April 9, 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 is prepared to discuss the first planting at San Rafael and San Fernando. You'll also hear about two additional projects currently proposed by this committee. This committee's progress is tremendously exciting news for Forest Hills. Don't miss this report!

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.

You'll also hear a progress report on the \$1.2 million re-construction of Forest Hills Blvd. currently underway. And, the Service League and the Crime Watch Committee will update you on their 1992 plans.

Don't miss the April 9 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.

In Praise of Volunteers

Once again it is time to thank the many, and sometimes the few, who have worked so hard to improve your neighborhood. First, the City of Dallas and our environment have benefitted from the successful completion of the first phase of tree planting in the neighborhood. This project, led by Reagan George and Gloria Tarpley, among others, resulted in the planting of close to 100 trees on our streets and boulevards. This spring Nancy Gatens saw to it that those trees which did not survive were replaced. Many thanks to those involved for your great efforts.

Second, sincere thanks to the hard-working and highly professional Beautification Committee. Very shortly we will begin to see the fruits of their labor — as the first major project is planted at the intersection of San Rafael and San Fernando. This "gateway" planting will be repeated — as funds are raised — at several other sites in our neighborhood.

Remember to say thanks to Bob Crowell, Sterling Silver, Gary Coffman, Diana Sobey, Dick Arthur, Mike Twichell and Dean Nottestad.

Fundraising Committee

A group of neighbors met recently

for lunch at the offices of Johnson and Gibbs to brainstorm fundraising ideas for key neighborhood projects. Of course, the principal and most costly project is the beautification of our public parks and medians.

More than 80 ideas were generated in this two-hour session. Ideas garnering the most votes included a fundraising auction, neighborhood fun run at White Rock Lake, a "50s Dance" and the sale of specialty items sporting the Forest Hills logo (t-shirts, flags, bumper stickers, etc.).

Initial members of the committee include Diana Sobey, Merrie Spaeth, Pam Leonard, Kathe Caire, Sandra and Dean Nottestad, Gary Coffman, Nancy Gatens, Heidi Crowell and Wes Loegering (chairman). If you are interested in serving on this committee or helping with one of the projects, please call Wes Loegering at 324-9844. We promise good company, time-efficient meetings and hard work fueled by plenty of good food.

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 date and location for the upcoming board meeting is 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., April 6, 1992

The Crowell's, 1425 San Rafael

Thank You, Joan

Thanks to Joan Thrash, Forest Hills resident who attended our February board meeting. After hearing the board's discussion of beautification plans she reacted quickly to a newspaper article announcing the avail-

ability of funds through a Small Business Administration Tree Planting Challenge Grant Program. By notifying the board of the article, she set the wheels in motion that could result in a sizeable grant for our neighborhood's beautification efforts.

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*

Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee Forest Hills Blvd. Re-Construction Status

As reported in the last newsletter and evidenced by the increased activity along Forest Hills Blvd., the re-construction project is well underway.

Even though rain has hampered progress on the installation of the water and storm sewer utilities, both projects were complete within one week of the projected March 1 date.

With the completion of the water and storm sewer work, Robert Caudill, with Tiseo Paving Company, indicates they are beginning the removal and replacement of the pavement and curb sections beginning at San Rafael Drive and proceeding north to Lakeland.

Mr. Caudill still anticipates a June completion for the project. In the event of a problem associated with the re-paving, feel free to call Mr. Robert Caudill, Tiseo Paving at (214) 289-0723 or Mr. Steve Parker, City of Dallas Public Works Department at (214) 948-4666.

As a side note, with the installation of fire hydrants in mid-block of Forest Hills Blvd. from San Rafael to Lakeland, it is the recommendation of the Forest Hills Association that homeowners *along Forest Hills Boulevard* contact their insurance companies to see if their homeowners property insurance premiums

might be reduced. Many insurance carriers set insurance premiums for property damage based upon the distance your home is from the nearest fire hydrant. With the installation of the fire hydrants along Forest Hills Blvd., some premium discount may be available to those homeowners now closer to the new hydrants. There are no guarantees that your premium cost will decrease, but it never hurts to ask the question.

Beautification and Restoration Committee

Beautification Plan Update

Our first planting project at the median at San Rafael and San Fernando is underway. The planting will be irrigated and will include an automatic timer to ensure that the investment in plant materials is protected. Total cost for this project will be \$8,000.

Members of the Beautification Committee met with the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department and the Dallas Department of Highway Safety to obtain the requisite approvals for this planting.

The Beautification Committee has also met with a representative of the Dallas Parks Foundation in order to establish a relationship with that organization which can provide significant support in our beautification efforts. They have already helped us by offering consulting advice as well as providing four three-inch caliper red oaks as part of the tree replacement program. We look forward to a long and beneficial relationship with this fine organization.

The committee, principally with the help of Sterling Silver, submitted a request for a grant through the Small Business Administration National Tree Planting Challenge Grant Program. The grant is for a project designed by John Armstrong of our landscape architectural firm, Armstrong Berger, at the intersection of San Rafael and Garland Road on the empty parcel outside the Highlands on the Creek development.

This project provides for a planting to include 58 trees, other plant materials and an irrigation system. Total

project cost was estimated to be over \$70,000, with the grant request for \$19,375. We believe we have a good chance of receiving the grant as it is such a high-profile site, with 35,000 cars passing it daily plus the many joggers, bikers and walkers using the White Rock Lake path.

We have also drawn plans, with the assistance of Armstrong Berger, to screen the area near the Lone Star Gas equipment located on the median on San Rafael between San Fernando and Garland Road. Members of the committee and John Armstrong, are meeting with Lone Star Gas to see if they are willing to contribute to this project.

As you can see the Beautification Committee has numerous projects, coupled with our master plan, to make a tremendous impact on the overall improvement of our community. Now that much of the groundwork has been completed, we are at the critical point of seeing our efforts come into fruition. In short, we need money. Innovative fund raising plans are underway and will be announced in the coming months. In the interim, all contributions are enthusiastically welcomed.

Personal to Forest Hills Landscaper

If you are the landscaper residing in Forest Hills who called a board member because you are interested in working on our proposed Beautification projects, please call Bob Crowell ASAP at 321-7177. Your message was inadvertently deleted from the answering machine, and we want to hear from you!

1992 Spring Plant Sale

One of our consistently successful fund raising projects is the plant sale. The Fourth Annual 1992 Spring Plant Sale is currently underway and is a GREAT way for you to support the neighborhood beautification efforts. It is a WIN, WIN, WIN proposition for everyone involved:

You WIN because you get a GREAT PRICE on TOP QUALITY plants.

Forest Hills BEAUTIFICATION FUND WINS because it receives a modest

profit on each flat sold.

The neighborhood WINS because the plants serve to enhance and beautify our yards.

This year's offering includes a wide variety of plants: begonias, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, salvia, vinca, zinnias, lantana, geraniums and NEW! caladium bulbs.

Prices vary according to the variety you purchase as indicated on the order form. **The deadline for orders is Friday, April 3.** If you need an order form, or have questions about the sale, contact Judy Coffman at 324-2280.

Plant pick-up is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 25 at the vacant lot in the 8500 block of San Fernando. (Thanks to Jack and Wilma Keller for letting us use the lot). Please plan to pick up your plants that afternoon or make arrangements for pick-up.

For your convenience, we are also offering a delivery service for \$1 per flat with a \$10 minimum (10 flats). If you want delivery service included, be sure to indicate so on your order form.

Thanks to Chili's

Thanks to Chili's at Casa Linda for donating two free dinners to the Forest Hills Association Beautification Committee. The dinners were awarded in a drawing at the April 1 Bloomin' Idiot potluck dinner. Thanks, Chili's, for your support!

Forestry in Forest Hills

As many of you will recall, the fall of 1990 marked the beginning of a project to plant trees in the parkways, boulevards and yards of Forest Hills. A Tree Committee was formed, chaired by Chuck and Betsy Pauly, which offered three varieties of trees to residents: Shumard Red Oaks, Chinese Pistachios and Cedar Elms. The trees were insured and guaranteed for one year by a fund created for this purpose by the Tree Committee.

The planting of 96 trees followed in early 1991. The plantings included several trees donated to senior citizens by the Dallas Parks Foundation.

Some of the planted trees were replaced in the spring of 1991, after they failed to thrive. The Tree Committee monitored the progress of the trees throughout the summer, and fortunately, the majority survived the hot summer weather.

After all was said and done, 12 trees required replacement early this year. On March 12, the final 12 replacements were installed and we are happy to report that the 96 new additions to Forest Hills are alive and well. Many thanks to those who purchased trees to beautify the neighborhood, to the Tree Committee, Nancy Gatens, Reagan George and all others who assisted in bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

Curbside Pick-Up Schedule

Once again 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:

APRIL — Week of April 13

MAY — Week of May 11

JUNE — Week of June 8

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.

Service League

Forest Hills Garage Sale a Tremendous Success

The Service League-sponsored garage sale March 21 was a huge success. There was tremendous interest on the part of the community, with an endless stream of shoppers the entire day of the sale.

More than 30 homes participated, donating about \$1,500 to the Service League. That donation was just 10% of the total neighborhood sales — meaning we unloaded \$15,000 worth of stuff in just one day!

Many neighbors contributed their time to make the garage sale such a huge success. Thanks to:

— Kitty & Bob Powell for providing

the posters & fliers.

— Edith Howson, Frances Addison, Martha Colby for distributing fliers & posters around the city at the crack of dawn.

— Kelly Hughes and Cindy Gardner for placing the sandwich board signs.

— Sterling and Gabriela Silver for cooking and selling over 250 hot dogs and soft drinks. The proceeds went to the Service League.

— Nancy Gatens for collecting money from participants.

— Judy and Gary Coffman for being available to help out on a variety of things (those last-minute details can kill you).

— Barbara Anderson for writing and designing fliers and written communications about the sale.

Many people are already talking about participating in next year's sale! If you want to participate contact Heidi Crowell (321-7177) so she can put your name on the list for next year. In the meantime, save your junk. You won't believe what people will buy (chuckle, chuckle).

Service League: How to Get Involved

Did you enjoy the neighborhood Halloween party sponsored by the Service League? Do you have a good time attending events and projects put on by the Service League, such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Craft Fair and this year's garage sale?

All of these events are provided for the enjoyment and benefit of all Forest Hills residents, and entail work and planning by many members and officers of the Service League (who also have a lot of fun in the process).

You are invited to join us for meetings, socializing, fun and as much or as little volunteer time as you may want to give to the Service League in any capacity. You're welcome to join us for any or all of the above, any time.

If you wish to get involved and actively participate in neighborhood events, consider becoming an officer of the Service League for its '92-'93 term, beginning in the fall of this year. You'll enjoy getting to know

your neighbors better and help us all enrich our home — Forest Hills!

Please call Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402 or Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 with any questions.

Dues for 1992

Thanks to all of you who have already mailed your dues for 1991-92.

Many households have not yet sent the suggested \$10 donation per household. Please check your records to see if you have sent a check for our current fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1991, and continues through Sept. 30, 1992. If you are unsure, you may contact Nancy Gatens at 321-7037.

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. Your support is appreciated.

You are also encouraged to contribute at this time to our beautification and restoration fund. Any donation will be welcome — no amount is too large or too small!

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

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 \$ _____ 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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