

FOREST HILLS



A S S O C I A T I O N

SECOND QUARTER 1993 UPDATE

Annual April Meeting

Child Care Available in School Gym

Date: Thursday, April 1
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Alex Sanger School Auditorium
San Leandro at St. Francis
Agenda: Beautification & Restoration Update
Spring Plant Sale
Breezewood Reconstruction
Neighborhood Garage Sale

GET INVOLVED!
SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
ATTEND THE MEETING!

Message From the President

Don't Miss April 1 Meeting

Mark your calendar now to attend our Forest Hills Association neighborhood meeting Thursday, April 1, 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 the planting to be installed on Forest Hills Blvd. at Lakeland. You'll also hear about the schedule for the reconstruction of Breezewood Blvd. and upcoming fund raisers.

Membership Upgrades

The Forest Hills Association Board of Directors is considering asking the membership for an increase in the voluntary annual dues. Dues are currently set at \$10 per year. Of our 550 households, approximately 150 participate in voluntary payment of dues.

These funds are used to support printing and mailing costs for the quarterly newsletter and other informational fliers, as well as support all of the activities of the Association — including Crime Watch, beautification of parks and public spaces and activities for senior citizens and children.

The board proposes annual voluntary dues be increased to \$25 per household, with dues remaining \$10 for households on fixed incomes. We hope that no one will feel excluded or fail to participate because of limits on your ability to help financially. We want all of our neighbors to participate in whatever manner fits their time and budget.

Please attend our April 1 meeting to vote on this proposal.

Volunteers Needed

It seems that project after project falls to a small but dedicated group of neighbors. You know who they are — Dean and Sandra Nottestad; Gary and Judy Coffman; Clayton and Laura Devin; Bob and Heidi Crowell; George and Gloria Tarpley; and Steve and Nancy Gatens.

These loyal folks need your support. They need you to take a leadership role in one small project. You don't need to dedicate your life. You don't even need to dedicate more than a few hours here and there. Please volunteer to help organize the annual garage sale, or help collect orders and deal with our nursery for our upcoming plant sale.

We all like other folks to take care of these projects that benefit each one of us. But without new volunteers, and a few new leaders, we will all lose when our current crop of leaders burn out.

In short, the well needs to be replenished. We all need to drink and we all need to carry the water from time to time. Please call President-

Elect Kevin Twining at 320-0229 to volunteer a few hours in March and April.

— Wes Loegering, President

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., March 11
- 7:30 p.m., March 29

Please call Wes Loegering at 324-9844 to confirm the meeting location and let us know if you plan to attend.

Garage Sale — It's Back! Bigger & Better Than Ever

Our first neighborhood garage last year was a huge success, with \$1,500 donated to Forest Hills Association. Our goal this year is \$2,000 (or \$20,000 in gross sales). We need to increase participation to meet the goal!

Sign up now with the reservation form enclosed. We need to know (by phone or mail) by **April 5** if you're planning to participate.

DATE: This year the sale will be Saturday, April 17 (no raindate) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Warning: shoppers showed up as early as 6:30 a.m. if you were ready for them.)

WHAT YOU DO: Hold a sale at your home on April 17 and donate 10% of your sales to the Forest Hills Association. There is also a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee required. Proceeds from the sale will be used for Forest Hills median beautification projects.

WHAT WE DO: We'll run ads in the Dallas Morning News, White Rocker and anything we can think of. Plus, we'll cover Dallas with signs

indicating the location of the sale, etc. And, we'll provide maps to all cars entering Forest Hills that show where the sales are and what merchandise is offered. We'll take care of the accounting and provide a list of do's and don'ts for a successful garage sale.

Mail the enclosed reservation form along with the \$10 reservation fee to Heidi Crowell, 1425 San Rafael Drive, Dallas, TX 75218 or call Heidi at 321-7177.

Help Wanted: Garage Sale Volunteers

To make this year's garage sale a real success, we need help in several areas:

- Signs & posters . . . people to post them on the eve of the sale or early in the morning and take them down at 6 p.m. on the day of the sale.

- Maps . . . people to make holders and place them along Forest Hills boundaries.

- Signs . . . stakes/posterboard assembly and distribution for "GARAGE SALE HERE" signs to be distributed to all participants.

- MISCELLANEOUS . . . Please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 if you have a couple of hours on the sale day to help out.

Beautification and Restoration Committee

Next Planting Planned for Forest Hills Boulevard

Look for our second entryway planting to be completed in the next few weeks. It will be located on Forest Hills Boulevard at Lakeland. This planting will be similar in scope and design to the first planting installed on San Rafael in 1992.

The Beautification Committee is meeting with residents living on Forest Hills Blvd. near the project to get their input on plant materials. Their goal is to complete the installation by March 31.

Thanks to the tremendous success of the November fundraiser, this project will have an immediate impact on the beauty of this entrance to our neighborhood. The committee is currently studying signage that will

identify our Forest Hills entryway plantings.

— Bob Crowell

Support Spring Plant Sale

One of our consistently successful fund raising projects is the plant sale. Our Fifth Annual Spring Plant Sale is currently underway with plants scheduled for delivery April 24. The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 4.

Enclosed is an order form with details of the plant sale, including varieties, colors and price information. Your support of this worthwhile project is appreciated.

— Judy Coffman

Spring Fever: A FREE Class on Perennials

English gardener Patrick Butterworth of Mother Nature Nursery and Garden Center will speak to any interested neighbors on perennials, the history of gardening and English soil (that Texas clay *can* be transformed). It is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Terry and Diana Sobey, 8372 Garland Road.

This is FREE, but RSVP required by April 1. If you insist, a \$5 donation to the Beautification Fund won't be refused. (This will cover the cost of refreshments — our speaker is donating his time.) Call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 to RSVP.

Service League

Forest Hills Easter Egg Hunt is April 3

Mark your calendars! Easter is coming, and with it an event which has become a tradition in Forest Hills — the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt!

On April 3 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Park, we'll get together for the hunt and enjoy games, balloons and Easter fun. Details are included in the enclosed flier.

If you'd like to help, or have any questions, please call Gloria Tarpley at 327-8402. See you there!

— Gloria Tarpley

Party Animals

Last summer we had a terrific luncheon for that wild and crazy over 55

crew and longtime Forest Hills residents. We hope to have our fourth annual event this June or July. We're looking now for someone to CHAIR this event as well as COOKS to bring a covered dish or dessert. It's an easy project and OH SO fun. We'll give the chair all of our notes from the past three years . . . and love you forever. Call Heidi at 321-7177.

P.S. We really don't care if you are 50 or 150, we'd love you to come.

SENIORS PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELVES

Use the membership form on the back of this newsletter to let us know you are interested in participating in future "seniors" events. Please send in the form again even if you have already done so. We are updating our list of seniors and want to make sure it is accurate. If you prefer, you may call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 and ask her to add your name to the seniors list!

Valentines Day Cookies

The Service League had a delightful time distributing plates of goodies to long-time residents and seniors of Forest Hills the week before Valentines Day. Thanks to all who baked, decorated and delivered to our neighbors. If you weren't included in the cookie distribution and would like to be next year, please call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177.

Picnic Lunch at the Arboretum

Mark your calendar for a picnic at the Arboretum for Monday May 10 at 11 a.m. We'll compare Mothers Day stories — the one with the best will get a prize. (Hey fellas, did you read that?) Bring your sack lunch and let the kids run loose on the lawn behind the camphouse. Raindate is Monday, May 17.

If you're an interested non-driver, call Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 and she'll make transportation arrangements.

If you can't get out of the office for two hours and are interested, tell Heidi to plan a future Saturday or Sunday gathering and let you know.

— Heidi Crowell

Garland Road Enhancement Plan Update

The status of the Garland Road enhancement plan was updated at the Feb. 9, 1993, meeting of the Arboretum Community Advisory Council. Construction is scheduled to begin in early May. The plan includes a series of stone pedestals set back from Garland Road approximately 25-35 feet, in combination with a series of Burr Oak trees and holly.

The project is expected to be complete in early fall.

— Maxyne Heimgartner & Gary Coffman

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 new months are listed below. Please mark them on your household calendar:

April	Week of April 12
May	Week of May 10
June	Week of June 14

Please don't detract from the efforts of the Beautification Committee by leaving your 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 statistics are going down according to the latest reports, but the number of burglaries and robberies with violent elements are increasing. Just a few months ago, there was news of a sophisticated group that bypassed the burglar alarms by cutting telephone lines which prevented the alarms from transmitting to the police.

This makes it even more important for neighbors to watch out for each other and to report activity out of the ordinary by calling 911.

If you hear a dog barking excessively (out of the ordinary); see a stranger who might be watching for patterns in our neighborhood; or hear an alarm going off, DON'T IGNORE IT!

Statistics show that potential crime perpetrators will get the daily routines of blocks and hit several homes in the immediate area.

Alarms are not rendered useless, we let them be. If you ignore an alarm that is going off, this could be one where the phone line has been cut and the police will never receive the call.

If you suspect something wrong, call the police and turn on any outside lights that you can to alert the would-be criminal that he is being watched. This may be enough to scare the person out of our neighborhood.

Several homes in our neighborhood are prime targets for crime. Many do not have security lighting, and shrubs surrounding the house make it easier for the burglar to get inside without being seen. On some of our streets there are several homes in a row blanketed in darkness.

If you have a cellular phone, keep it in your bedroom to allow you to use it at night in case your phone is dead. This is a little bother, but could be critical if you need a phone in an emergency and don't have time to locate it in the middle of the night.

Keep your shrubs trimmed and yard maintained to discourage burglars. An unkept yard is an invitation for a burglar because it provides cover for his criminal entry and encourages him to think that the owner left something else unattended and is an easy target. If you are older, or unable for health reasons, to tackle an overgrown yard, call Keith Brewster at 761-1171. He and a group of neighbors will be glad to help you.

The bottom line is: WE WANT EVERYONE IN FOREST HILLS TO BE SAFE AND SECURE!

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.

We would like to compile this information for the entire neighborhood in one place and keep it on computer for future updates. This is the best way to keep a watch on our neighborhood. It is important to be kept informed about your neighbors and be able to call them if something looks out of the ordinary.

Recently, this is how a group of burglars was caught. Even though the police were looking for them, it was a neighbor who noticed significant moving van activity in front of the house and called 911. This proved to be the "warehouse" for stolen property. The tip from the watchful neighbor gave police the break they needed on this particular ring.

Mobile Crime Watch

Mobile Crime Watch participants are public service and private industry employees whose jobs take them in neighborhoods every day.

The Dallas Police Department trains these volunteers to spot potential criminal activity and correctly report it to the police. This can dramatically increase the number of eyes watching our neighborhood.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Greater Dallas Crime Commission at 828-1722 for further information. The training only takes about one hour, and the schedules are flexible.

— Keith Brewster

Directory Updates

. . . PLEASE MARK in your directory this change at 1449 San Rafael — Grant and Kathy Wall, 321-9199.

Newcomers News

To all newcomers and neighbors who have new neighbors . . . our next newcomers social is scheduled for April 8, 1993. This is a Thursday evening, and the social begins at 7 p.m. The location is yet to be

determined, but all newcomers should receive an invitation or phone call informing them of the location.

Every Forest Hills resident who wishes to attend is invited. To find out more information, please contact Neoma Twining at 320-0229. This is a great way to be introduced and become involved in what your neighborhood association is doing to make Forest Hills a better community.

... We're looking for someone to host our next get-together. All you do is make coffee or ice tea — we'll do the rest. Please call Neoma Twining at 320-0229 or Heidi Crowell at 321-7177 if you're interested.

— Neoma Twining

Dues for 1993

Thanks to all of you who have mailed your dues for 1992-93. We got good response from the last newsletter. However, many households have not sent the \$10 voluntary dues. Please check your records to see if you have sent a check for our current fiscal year that began Oct. 1, 1992, and continues through Sept. 30, 1993. If you are not certain if you have paid, please contact Nancy Gatens at 321-7037.

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

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Enclosed is \$10 for 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:

_____ Interested in Forest Hills Senior Activities

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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