

# FOREST HILLS

## A S S O C I A T I O N

### THIRD QUARTER 1990 UPDATE

#### *Message From the President*

#### **Neighborhood Update**

Summer is here! The kids are out of school, vacations to the beach, kite flying, picnics at the Arboretum and relaxing with a tall iced tea all sound like great ideas.

With the thermometer rising, I'm feeling especially lazy these days. Knowing I share this sentiment with plenty of neighbors, we've refrained from cramming any additional activities into July and August.

The June 9 neighborhood picnic held by the Service League was another success. Our sincerest thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keller who hosted the event at their home for the second year in a row.

Our main project this summer is to update and issue the Forest Hills directory. The directory will list all residents alphabetically and by street, as well as provide other information. We will be selling advertising space to pay for the project. Now is your last chance to:

1. Notify me at 320-1687 if you think you need to correct the spelling or phone number for your listing.
2. Add your name to a list of interested advertisers. Some neighbors have already contacted us and will be given the opportunity to buy space (probably in July).

We need to look toward the future. The fall is election time for the Association board and committee members. Consider giving some time next year to help your community achieve its goal of being the best place in the city in which to live. We need your ideas, strengths and expertise.

If you run a successful office 40+ hours a week, doesn't it make sense to invest three hours a month into your own property/community? Wes Loegering has volunteered to head a Strategic Planning

Committee to address our neighborhood's future. Please call him at 324-9844 to be part of this vital committee.

— Heidi Crowell, *President*

#### **By-Law Revisions Approved**

Forest Hills Association members unanimously approved the revisions to the Association by-laws at the April 12 meeting. For a copy of the revised by-laws contact Maxyne Heimgartner at 321-2092.

#### **White Rock Lake Reforestation Plan**

Planting new trees at White Rock Lake is one of the top priorities of the recently approved master plan for the park. A task force has been created to develop a reforestation plan for the lake over the next nine to 18 months.

The Park Department, which established the task force, has hired a consultant to begin a tree inventory and tagging process, the first phase of which will be completed this fall. After that, the committee will develop a specific plan for adding trees along the shoreline. Later, the group hopes to expand its efforts to the park as a whole.

Heidi Crowell represents Forest Hills on the task force, which also includes representatives from the Arboretum, other neighborhoods and park user groups. If you have questions or comments, please call Heidi at 320-1687.

The task force plans to hold public meetings later in the year. Its final recommendations require both Park Board and City Council approval.

The plan developed by the group is likely to take decades to implement and include significant participation and funding from the private sector. There is presently no master plan for vegetation at the lake, where trees were severely damaged by the July 2, 1989, windstorm.

#### *Zoning and Thoroughfare Committee* **Forest Hills/Breezewood Reconstruction**

At the April 12 Forest Hills Association meeting, Assistant City Manager Bob Blodgett spoke to us and explained several reasons why Forest Hills and Breezewood were not to receive funds this year for reconstruction.

It would be false to say that his explanation was well received. Many tough questions were asked by Forest Hills residents, such as, why Forest Hills experiences a reduction in city services with a corresponding increase in taxes; why our streets are in a state of disrepair with no sign of improvement; why the city always makes promises it can't keep; and many others.

As a result of our discussions with Mr. Blodgett and with the help of Councilman Glenn Box, Forest Hills and Breezewood have been moved to **number one** on the list of reconstruction projects to receive the excess funds from other completed reconstruction projects. What this means is our streets, which were not included in the 1985 reconstruction bond program, will be the beneficiary of all excess funds not used on completed reconstruction projects.

There is already \$115 million available and dedicated to our projects. While this may not seem significant, it is at least some recognition by the City of Dallas that our streets are in need of reconstruction. It will take time to accumulate enough money to go forward with our projects.

To ensure that we are not "bumped off" the top spot, a task force will be organized. If you are interested in participating on this task force, please contact Gary Coffman at 324-2280.

## Dallas Thoroughfare Plan Revision

As a result of a concentrated effort by the Dallas Homeowners League and many East Dallas homeowner associations, the City of Dallas has decided not to upgrade any of the streets which had been previously granted *local* designations. Such streets as Highland Road, St. Francis, and Lakeland, to name a few, will remain *local* streets, and not upgraded to *collector* status. This information was explained at the Forest Hills Association meeting April 12 by Michael Jung, former City Plan Commission member and former president of the Dallas Homeowners League. Even though the City Council has not formally approved the new thoroughfare plan, it appears that it will do so without any disruption to our neighborhood streets.

The Forest Hills Association will keep you informed of any changes to the status of the plan which would affect Forest Hills.

*Editor's Note: The results of the Glenn Box Town Hall Meeting held June 28, were not known at press time.*

## Strategic Planning Committee

### New Committee to Set Long-Term Goals

The Forest Hills Association board will appoint a committee to study long-term goals and issues facing our community and neighborhood. This committee will study: methods to finance the improvement of our medians; the desirability and location of a playground with equipment similar to the playground developed by the Lakewood neighborhood association; and any other goals or issues raised by you.

Membership in the Strategic Planning Committee is open to any interested member of the Forest Hills Association. Wes Loegering (324-9844) has agreed to chair the committee. Other members will include several past presidents of the Association and Gary Coffman. Please call Wes with any suggested goals to be considered or with your requests for appointments to the committee.

## Crime Watch

### Block Captains Still Needed

The spring neighborhood meeting April 12 brought forward two new volunteers to join our block captain network. However, we still need captains for the following blocks:

- 8100 Garland Road
- 8400 San Fernando
- 8200 Forest Hills
- 8500 Santa Clara
- 8400 San Pedro Parkway
- 8300 San Benito
- 8400 San Benito
- 8500 San Benito
- 8500 San Leandro

Duties of the block captain are easy. Gather the names and telephone numbers of the residents on your block. Fill out a "grid" form supplied by the Association with your neighbors' names and numbers and distribute copies of the grid to your block. It is that simple. Generally, the work can be accomplished with a few phone calls and one hour of walking your block.

The rewards of being a block captain are great. Numerous studies prove that neighbors who watch out for each other are the best deterrent to crime. If you don't have a block captain on your block your neighbors don't have a "grid" near the phone. If they don't have a grid, they are less likely to call you if they see something suspicious. If they don't call, the people they assume are visitors may be emptying your home.

Be a concerned neighbor. Fight crime. If your block is listed above, call Wes Loegering at 324-9844 to become a crime watch block captain. The stereo, VCR and jewelry you save could be your own.

## Beautification and Restoration Committee

### Committee Meeting Scheduled for July 11

All neighbors interested in the progress of beautifying our neighborhood are invited to attend the next Beautification and Restoration Committee meeting set for Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Diana Sobey (8372 Garland Rd. at St. Francis).

Most of the money collected at our

fund raisers will go toward landscaping our boulevards and generally beautifying our neighborhood. This is a vital committee which needs plenty of input from experts and amateurs alike.

Please attend the July 11 meeting or call Diana Sobey at 328-5977 to indicate your interest in being on the committee.

## Garnseys Selected For Yard of the Month

Tom and Linell Garnsey's yard has been chosen for the June yard of the month. Their home, located at 8516 San Fernando Way, is beautifully landscaped and reflects the amount of effort the Garnseys have put into it. They have done all of the work themselves to create this superb landscape.

During the spring and summer months, the yard-of-the-month award will be presented monthly in order to recognize as many of the beautifully maintained yards in our neighborhood as possible. In fall and winter, awards will be made seasonally.

## Pansy Sale Set For November

The third blooming plant sale, sponsored by the Beautification and Planning Committee, is set for Saturday, Nov. 3. Order forms will be distributed in October.

**All plants will be pre-sold. No plants will be sold the day of pick-up.**

Prices will be \$14 per flat, with 20 four-inch plants in each flat. This is a great bargain! The plant quality is excellent and you are making a great contribution toward the landscaping of our boulevards.

Pansies provide wonderful winter color and tolerate cold weather so they will last from late fall through spring. They will bloom throughout that time unless it freezes. However, they will bloom again after the freeze.

We will be ordering a variety of colors and types, ranging from the pansies with faces (Majestics) to the solid-colored pansies (Crystal Bowl).

Volunteers for this fund-raising project are welcomed—the jobs are easy and not time-consuming. To volunteer or ask questions, call Diana Sobey at 328-5977.

## The Igloos Are Here!

Recycling has begun in earnest in Forest Hills. The City of Dallas delivered three recycling igloos to the White Rock Lake spillway parking lot at Garland Rd. and San Fernando Way the last week in May.

There is one each for aluminum, clear glass and colored glass. The City of Dallas owns and maintains the igloos. The Forest Hills Association receives 60 percent of the proceeds from materials collected, the City receives the other 40 percent.

Signs have been posted to help make recycling easier and to promote our efforts. The following information may help:

- The aluminum igloo has theft-resistant collars that make the igloo appear full, so be sure to push the cans through into the receptacle.
- The igloo holds many more cans if they are crushed or stomped. A can crusher device can be purchased at Western Reclamation Center, 11223 Plano Rd. near Forest, 553-5722, or ordered through the Sierra Club at 512-474-5270.
- Don't worry about the glass breaking—just throw it in—the kids love to do it.
- Pyrex and glass baking dishes **cannot** be recycled in these containers.
- Glass jars and wine bottles **are** recyclable.
- Newspapers can be taken to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 3204 Skillman (behind the church in a large receptacle) or United Paper Recycling, 300 N. Oakland (off Gaston, past Baylor).
- Take computer paper, plastics and all other paper to Western Reclamation, 11223 Plano Rd. near Forest, 553-5722.

The City will leave the igloos in their current location **only** if they are used, so please participate. This is a good project for the entire family!

What a great way to help the neighborhood and save the environment!

## Service League

### We Welcome Your Participation

The Service League is a relatively new group, almost two years old, that is part of the Forest Hills Association, interested in organizing neighborhood activities, greeting newcomers and mainly forming a fun and helpful neighborhood network.

We welcome all Forest Hills neighbors to our meetings held at members' homes the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please call Karen Williams at 321-5490 if you have any questions about the Service League.

## Service League Summer Schedule

- July 17, 7 p.m., Pot Luck Dinner, the home of Diana Sobey, 8372 Garland Rd. at St. Francis.
- Aug. 21, 7 p.m., the home of Laura Devin, 8145 San Benito Way.
- Sept. 18, 7 p.m., the home of Gloria Tarpley, 8378 Forest Hills Blvd.

## Summer Picnic a Success

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keller for the use of their lovely picnic area for our summer picnic June 9. Forest Hills families relaxed under the trees and visited with their neighbors. The children enjoyed seeing a clown magician, marching in a parade and having their faces painted.

If you missed it, plan to attend next year. We will be making this an annual event to celebrate summer.

## Pre-School PTA

### Alex Sanger Pre-School PTA Meets 1989-90 Goals

Members of the Alex Sanger Pre-school PTA put in 150 hours of volunteer work toward projects as diverse as the playground renovation and the school carnival in the group's second year of organization.

Formed to promote and support the neighborhood school, members of the PPTA also served as classroom aides, library workers, and makers of "manipulatives"; wielding crayons and scissors to make educational tools for the kindergarten teachers.

But one of the group's major achievements was raising its membership by almost 50 percent, from 40 to 58. The Texas Congress of PTAs honored the group with two awards: one for increase in membership and the other for successful completion of the leadership course by president Ginger Twichell and other officers.

Other accomplishments included purchasing a wish list of items requested by kindergarten teachers for \$400, as well as approximately \$100 worth of books for the Sanger library, which underwent a major renovation last year. Both were made possible with money raised during a giant garage sale.

In addition, the publicity committee published and distributed a school calendar to promote Sanger, with the help of the Dallas Independent School District's administration. A subsequent grant from DISD's Positive Parents will go toward updating the Alex Sanger brochure.

The president of the Sanger PPTA for 1990-91 is Sherry Johnson. "I'm seeing an increase in neighborhood involvement in the school, and I expect it to grow next year," Sherry says.

— Glenna Whitley

## Officers

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Beautification & Restoration	Diana Sobey	328-5977
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