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Hillcrest Forest Neighborhood Association

Spring 2021

ANNUAL MEETING

No Annual Meeting This Year

Due to the pandemic, there will be no Hillcrest Forest annual meeting this May.



From President Bruce Wilke

Our annual report:

Membership- We have 687 paid Hillcrest Forest members. Thank you!

Activities this past year were less than in a normal year. However we:

- Sponsored the Northaven Home Tour, benefitting our neighborhood public school, Kramer Elementary. The April tour was cancelled but the school still received the funds.
- Published and mailed a Spring newsletter (for members only), Annual Directory (for members only), and a Fall newsletter (for the entire neighborhood).
- Supported the Northaven Trail with a \$1000 donation for events within Hillcrest Forest boundaries. Those events have been postponed.
- Donated \$2500 and raised an additional \$6000 from generous residents to add police patrols in our tornado-damaged area. The vacant and damaged homes became a magnet for thieves and burglars in the months following the tornado. The extra patrols by the 5 Star ENP in early 2020 really helped.
- Donated \$300 in children's materials to the Preston Royal Library - puppets and floor mats. Our affiliated Preston Royal Book Club, led by Hillcrest Forest vice president Kristin Malmberg, continued to meet by Zoom.
- Managed the Churchill Way patrol service, north of Forest Lane and west of Hillcrest Road. It is funded by St. Alcuin School until 2025 as the outcome of our zoning negotiations with them in 2015. Hillcrest Forest agreed to manage the service.
- Engaged with the developer and city officials regarding a proposed rezoning for a 7 story, 430 unit apartment building on the north edge of our area, Hughes Lane at LBJ. The proposal was withdrawn in light of strong neighborhood opposition.

Treasurer's Report We have \$11,539 in checking and savings. This is before upcoming expenses for this year, such as printing and mailing the fall newsletter, donations, a possible 4th of July parade (not decided yet) and other expenditures that may be approved by our board. This is in line with past years and includes \$5000 we have traditionally kept in reserve.

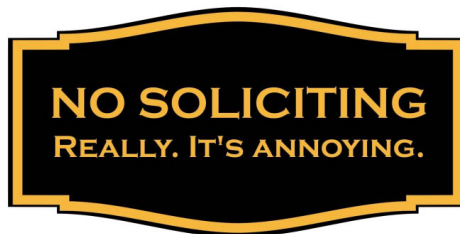


Update: Homeless at U.S. 75

Being homeless is not against the law. However, some related issues can impact quality of life in our area. Director Kevin Oden of the city's Office of Homeless Solutions tells us that the city does a clean-up at Forest Lane and Royal Lane at U.S. 75 each week to keep trash from accumulating.

His office is also meeting with the City Council about possible methods to reduce panhandling, although this is a complex issue due to recent court rulings which treat it as protected free speech. They are also arranging more permanent shelter for homeless individuals.

The City urges Dallas residents to please **NOT** give money to panhandlers or homeless people. Some are not actually homeless but dress the part to make money. Others use the money to buy drugs or alcohol, which is not helping them. Instead, the City asks that you donate to one of the many worthy organizations that are there to help the homeless.



Do you have a **No Soliciting** sign at your front door? If you do, then it's illegal for solicitors to bother you. These signs discourage them from even working in our neighborhood. Amazon has a wide variety of No Soliciting signs available.

Dallas Police Department Online Reporting

How to File Crime Reports Online

If you experience any non-urgent, minor property crime there is no need to call the 911 emergency number. For 13 low-level type incidents, you can file a report online.

Benefits

- May be more convenient for you
- Frees up officers for more urgent crimes
- Doesn't burden the 911 system with non-emergency calls
- More efficient use of our tax dollars.

To find the website, search for "Coplogic Dallas Police Department".

At the website, scroll down and choose a category for filing.

The Dallas Police will review the report. They will send an officer if appropriate, handle minor incidents over the phone, or possibly follow up in another way.

In an emergency, or for serious crimes, always call 911.

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Our 2021-22 Board

Most board members will continue from last year, with two exceptions:

1. Our treasurer, Mac McGinnis, is retiring and John Hebley on Shiremont Drive will take his place.
2. Diana Winkelmann on Helsem Bend has offered to fill the open Newsletter editor position.

We appreciate John and Diana volunteering to help in these two key positions, and we thank Mac for the many hours that he served as treasurer.



2021-2022 Board

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